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Senior Emergency Preparedness Commission

Regina Wardwell, Chairperson; Liza Stein, John Hines, Council Members Haamid and Gandee, have continued to meet regularly and move forward the Senior Emergency Preparedness Commission (SEPC).

The plan involves participation by citizens, churches, schools, and municipal government, to collectively provide supplemental emergency response to our Police and Fire Departments in the event of a disaster or terrorist attack. If in a crisis there were overwhelming needs in the community that could not be attended to by Police and Fire; this plan would be activated to provide manpower, vehicles, food, water, medicines and emergency care.

Currently, the Commission is asking for the names and contact information of individuals with medical, fire and police backgrounds to give us contact information. We are also looking for people who are contractors, have SUV's and trucks who could help with rescue and repair, transporting people, medications, and supplies such as food and water.

We are also asking for contact information for individuals who are housebound or have special needs so volunteers can check on people in the event of a disaster.

Below please note the medical history card. We encourage you to cut this out of the paper and make copies of this for each family member and fill in the pertinent information. Place these cards with a magnet on your refrigerator door where emergency personnel can easily locate them. This information can be

invaluable to administering proper medical treatment during an emergency. Contact information should be sent to:

- Council Member Gandee 301-277-6377
e-mail: cgandee@mountrainiermd.org
- Council Member Haamid 301-864-3418
e-mail: ihaamid@mountrainiermd.org
- Regina Wardwell 301-864-7895
e-mail: rbbe@starpower.net
- Liza Stein
e-mail: lizadirect@hotmail.com

Please indicate if you are a volunteer, and what services you can provide, or if you are an individual with special needs.

Medical History Card (Place on your refrigerator door)

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Allergies _____

Medical Problems _____

Are you wheelchair bound? Yes No

Do you require oxygen? Yes No

Medications _____

Emergency Contact

(Name, address and phone number)

Your Doctor _____

**Deadline for the December/January
Message is November 18.**

Mayor's Report

by Mayor Bryan Knedler

POLICE STATION FEATURED IN WASHINGTON POST. The Oct. 14 Prince George's Extra section of the Post sported a front page photo of our police station (and Officer Toto). The article was about the energy efficient features. Our city website should have a copy if you missed it.

COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. The City Council has been very productive lately with the adoption of a city employee personnel manual, an urban renewal plan, a citywide pay scale, a new collective bargaining agreement with the police association, and new standards for utility company patches to our streets. We met with the City Manager and set her priorities for the next 6 months. Some future agenda items include: changes to the city's dog ordinance; changes to our city election process; appointment of a personnel grievance board; evaluate the city attorney; establish a beautification committee; review of the ethics ordinance.

EXTRA SUMMERTIME TRASH PICKUPS PROPOSED. I will ask the Council to consider providing an additional household trash pickup during the summer months. My proposal is to provide an extra pickup on Mondays only to those homes that request it. This will allow the public works staff to pinpoint where to send the truck.

K-FOOD MART HOURS. The Liquor Board has asked the Council for its opinion on expanding the hours of K-Food Market, 3233 Rhode Island Ave. to be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday of the week (including Sunday). The store sells beer. I will be asking about the sale of single cans that contribute to our litter problems and public urination.

BASS LIQUORS UPDATE. The circuit court hearing on the nonrenewal of the Bass liquor license is Jan. 14. The City has been informed that the two attorneys for the liquor store, Linda Carter and Doug Meister, are asking to withdraw from the case. This may mean a delay, or hopefully the Liquor Board will prevail and the license will not be renewed.

AUDIT. The 2003 financial audit is finally coming to an end and it is reported the city was in the black for that fiscal year (unofficial until we adopt the results). The FY 2004 audit will start in November.

GORGEOUS PRINCE GEORGE'S DAY. Led by Jan Townshend of the Neighborhood Design Center (and her husband), city residents participated in beautification projects on Sat., Oct. 16. With the much appreciated help of three firemen from the Bunker Hill station, Little Friends of Peace planted trees in the park at 30th and Arundel. A Univ. of Maryland sorority; Bernadine Sandy of the Nature Center, and several residents assisted in refurbishing the wildlife garden in front of Mount Rainier E.S. and a tree planting at the Nature Center. The Tool Shed Committee, city staff, and councilmembers did a cleanup operation at the tool library, 3601 Bunker Hill Road.

NEW TREES PLANTED. Special thanks to the Anacostia Watershed Society for providing 38 new trees for the City during a tree planting event on Oct. 2. Volunteers who were led in the planting by city resident Steve McKindley-Ward included: the City Tree Commissioners, AWS staff, several residents, former mayor Fred Sissine, and students from Thomas Stone Elementary with their teacher Ms. Hastings.

The trees were planted mainly along Arundel Road, Chillum Road, 30th St., 31st St., and 36th St. It was gratifying to plant the trees but especially nice to see so many children excited about the planting project.

RECENT EVENTS. As Mayor, I attend many events. Here are a few of the recent ones: Montgomery County Executive, Doug Duncan, and the Md. Mayors' Ass'n hosted a tour of the National Archives and the new WWII Memorial as well as lunch on Capitol Hill with the state's congressional delegation on Sept. 29. I assisted with the Anacostia Watershed Society tree planting on Oct. 2. I helped judge an art show that afternoon for the MNCPPC. On Tues., Oct. 5, I attended a reception in Upper Marlboro hosted by the Prince George's County Municipal Ass'n. On Oct. 13, I was in Ocean City to witness the installation of our own Chief Keeney as president of the Maryland Police Chief's Ass'n. (congratulations Chief!)

MORE APARTMENTS IN AVONDALE? The County Planning Board approved the preliminary plan for the Avondale Overlook at Queens Chapel Road development. This allows the current lot (made up of the existing apartment building and the vacant lot) to be sub-divided into two lots for development purposes. This is only the first phase of the process required to develop this site. The second and most important phase is the creation of the Detail Site Plan (DSP) which outlines and describes what will be built on the site.

Originally, the project called for townhomes but now includes over 200 multi-family housing units on

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From the Police Chief

HOW TO REACH US

For police service calls (24 hours a day) 301-985-6565/66
 For information/admin offices (M-F, 9A-5P) 301-985-6580
<http://www.mountrainiermd.org/government/mrpd/index.html>
Please cut and place on your phone

TOP TEN MOST STOLEN CARS

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau the ten most commonly stolen vehicles in the United States in 2002 were: (The most popular year stolen—within—each make and model are in parenthesis.)

1. Toyota Camry (1989)
2. Honda Accord (1994)
3. Honda Civic (2000)
4. Chevrolet Full Size C/K Pickup (1992)
5. Ford Full Size Pickup (150/250/350) (1997)
6. Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee (1993)
7. Oldsmobile Cutlass /Supreme /Ciera (1986)
8. Dodge Caravan/Grand Caravan (1994)
9. Ford Taurus (1996)
10. Toyota Corolla (2001)

The top ten cars stolen in **Maryland** are:

1. The Honda Accord
2. Dodge Caravan/Grand Caravan
3. Toyota Camry
4. Chrysler/Dodge/Plymouth Neon
5. Plymouth Voyager/Grand Voyager
6. Honda Civic
7. Dodge Intrepid
8. Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
9. Ford Taurus
10. Dodge Stratus

These vehicles are most often taken for their parts which are no longer manufactured and are too difficult or expensive to obtain. The

crime of auto theft continues to be our number one problem in the City accounting for 40 percent of our reported part I crimes. Do not forget to lock your car! Please follow these steps.

- 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, and
- Use your trunk to conceal gifts.

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

As a public service, you may obtain a steering wheel locking device from the Police Station during normal business hours. The cost is \$10.

SEPTEMBER 2004 CRIME REPORT

Homicide (2)
 3200 Block of Buchanan Street (attempt)
 2200 Block of Varnum Street
Assault (11)
 3300 Block of Rhode Island Avenue
 4300 Block of 29th Street
 3200 Block of Rhode Island Avenue
 3700 Block of 34th Street
 3800 Block of 34th Street
 4000 Block of 36th Street
 3100 Block of Queens Chapel Road
 3200 Block of Chillum Road
 3500 Block of 37th Street
 3700 Block of 35th Street (2)
Breaking and Entering (3)
 4100 Block of 30th Street
 3400 Block of Eastern Avenue
 3200 Block of Chillum Road
Robberies (3)
 3300 Block of Chillum Road

3200 Block of Queens Chapel Road
 3400 Block of Bunker Hill Road
Stolen Autos (12)

3300 Block of Rhode Island Avenue
 2700 Block of Queens Chapel Road
 28th & Taylor Street

2700 Block of Queens Chapel Road
 3200 Block of Queens Chapel Road
 4200 Block of 34th Street

3200 Block of Rhode Island Avenue
 2900 Block of Upshur Street
 3700 Block of 35th Street

3100 Block of Queens Chapel Road
 4300 Block of Russell Avenue
 3200 Block of Queenstown Drive
Theft (21)

3400 Block of Newton Street
 3200 Block of Rhode Island Avenue
 3200 Block of Queenstown Drive (3)

3500 Block of Shepherd Street
 2700 Block of Webster Street
 4200 Block of Russell Avenue

3700 Block of Eastern Avenue
 2300 Block of Arundel Road
 3300 Block of Chillum Road

3300 Block of Rhode Island Avenue
 2300 Block of Varnum Street
 4700 Block of 31st Place

4100 Block of 33rd Street
 Buchanan Street@Queens Chapel Rd.
 4100 Block of 30th Street

3100 Block of Queens Chapel Road
 3300 Block of Otis Street
 3700 Block of 35th Street

2700 Block of Arundel Road
Arrests (22)

HOMELAND SECURITY

We never like to think about the worse case scenario when it comes to everyday inconveniences. What if your car doesn't start, your bike is stolen your heat is out, you probably have an alternative way of dealing with these things. But, are you ready to deal with severe weather, power outages, flooding or other inconven-

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Council Highlights

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace

October 5, 2002—Mayor and City Council Meeting

Old Business

- Ordinance 7-2004—Adopting the City of Mount Rainier Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (2nd Reading/Vote). Legislation passed

New Business

- Resolution 22-2004 Gateway Arts District Community Legacy Application for the Relocation and Expansion of Joe's Movement Emporium (2nd Reading/Vote) Legislation passed.
- Resolution 26-2004—City of Mount Rainier Community Legacy Application for 34th Street, Rhode Island Avenue, Varnum Street, Queens Chapel Road, and 3601 Bunker Hill Road (2nd Reading/Vote). Legislation passed.
- Dog Hearing Process for public hearing scheduled for October 7, 2004. After discussion and general public comment, the public hearing for October 7, 2004 was cancelled.
- Discussion—schedule date for special work session to discuss 2005 Mount Rainier Day.
- Discussion—schedule a public hearing for variance request by Samuel Meredith. Hearing date scheduled for October 19, 2004.

October 12, 2004—Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Old Business

- Resolution 28-2004—Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Mount Rainier and the Mount Rainier Police Association (2nd Reading/Vote) Legislation passed.

- Ordinance 8 - 2004—FY 2005 Budget Amendments (2nd Reading/Vote) Legislation passed.
- Ordinance 9 - 2004—establishing Fiscal Year 2005 Compensation Schedule (pay scale) (2nd Reading. Vote) Legislation passed

October 12, 2004—Mayor and Council Work Session

Discussion Items

- City Dog Permit Ordinance—Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2004, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
- Personnel Grievance Board process
- 3409 Rhode Island Avenue Planning Charette—Scheduled for December 15, 2004, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
- Council Committee Appointments
- November/December Mayor and Council Meeting Schedule (Please refer to November/December Calendar next to last page)
- City Election Procedures Process
- City Attorney Evaluation Process
- Council adjourned to go into closed session with the City Attorney to discuss personnel matters. No votes or action was taken by the Mayor and Council.

October 19, 2004 Public Hearing—Fence Permit Variance Request for 3600 Bunker Hill Road—variance request approved.

October 19, 2004—Mayor and Council Meeting

- Presentation—America in Bloom Contest—Citizen Jack Engel presented to the Mayor and Council comments from the judges concerning the City of Mount Rainier participation. The

City received special recognition by the American In Bloom Planting Pride in Our Communities program for its Urban Forestry program. Acknowledgments were given to Mayor Bryan Knedler for his horticultural expertise and to Council Member Malinda Miles for her innovative Community Tool Shed Lending Library.

- Mayor Knedler gave an oral report on the closed meeting with the City Attorney held on October 12, 2004.
- Minutes of July 20 and September 7 were approved. Corrections to be forwarded immediately.
- Official Reports—City Manager gave an oral report of current accomplishments including meetings held with WMATA concerning the bus terminal traffic and replacement of damaged lights; meetings were also held with code enforcement and the Department of Public Works for the District of Columbia concerning abatement of overgrown vegetation along Eastern Avenue. Mayor Knedler and Council member Briones read statements; Council members Miles, Gandee and Haamid provided ward reports.

Old Business

- Ordinance 4 - 2004—adopting Prince George's County Policy for Utility Installation and Maintenance Permits (2nd Reading/Vote) Legislation passed.
- Ordinance 11-2004—Council accountability and fiduciary responsibility (2nd Reading/Vote). Legislation passed.

America in Bloom Contest Results

In July, the City participated in a national competition called *America In Bloom (AIB)*. AIB is a national contest that promotes enhancing communities through beautification. Communities are matched by population and evaluated on their efforts related to floral displays, urban forestry, landscaped areas, turf and groundcover, tidiness, environmental awareness, heritage conservation, and community involvement. Jack Engel, 34th St. resident and community activist, led the effort that resulted in a massive cleanup and beautification effort in Mount Rainier. He traveled to Indianapolis in October to hear the results. While the City was not a top winner in the population-size category, it was awarded a "special mention" for the urban forestry efforts. The award plaque is at City Hall. For more information on AIB, go to: www.americainbloom.org. Also of value are the observations of objective outsiders like the AIB judges. The full review will be made available on the city website, and a synopsis of their comments follows:

Mount Rainier has turned around from a declining population with a dropping tax base to a city where property values are increasing and people are moving in to restore historic homes. We applaud the city for its many accomplishments to date in a remarkable turnaround in a relatively short time. The ongoing persistent efforts of the past and present council, mayors, and city staff is evident in all the successful projects and many awards.

The town made an effort to improve landscaped areas in anticipation of AIB judging. However the lack of adequate numbers of volunteers limited the scope of the project. Every project should consider the needs for continued maintenance before it is implemented. Energy spent planting annuals should be redirected to caring for existing areas by including low maintenance perennials and shrubs. The judges were impressed that local artists were invited

to become involved in the improvement of landscaped areas. The mayor personally planted a public area demonstrating the involvement, dedication, and leadership of the governing body.

URBAN FOREST: Community leaders both past and present recognize the importance of trees, their care and the effect they have on a community. They have had an active urban forestry program in place for nearly a decade and have made tree plantings a priority as money becomes available. The judges recommend that trees be pruned when they are small to encourage proper shape and growth, and prevent future problems. The town might enter into a relationship with the National Arboretum where plants can be tested in an urban environment. The town has created a comprehensive and well researched tree inventory and has an active and well-informed tree commission. More crape-myrtles should be planted. The reconfiguration of several streets to increase the tree box area will have a long term beneficial effect on the trees while also acting as a traffic calming measure.

COMMERCIAL AREA: Businesses should be encouraged to sponsor or underwrite various programs and activities. The commercial sector needs to get involved in landscaping and beautification of their properties. We suggest the use of window boxes, hanging baskets, and colorful planters in front of businesses to entice clientele. The flower shops should become involved in AIB. Bass Liquors should be approached to sponsor a recycling effort for bottles and cans. The judges applaud the efforts of Joe's Movement Emporium in sponsoring cleanup days. The town should consider incentives to attract a good family restaurant.

PRIVATE YARDS: The judges saw many neat and tidy yards. Some residents have included the sidewalk treebox strip into the design of their gardens, enhancing the streetscape. The

judges visited several noteworthy private gardens and thank the owners for their hospitality. The judges recommend that chain link fences be prohibited in front yards. The formation of a garden club would enable more people to be exposed to garden techniques and plant materials. Large apartment complexes were well maintained.

HISTORIC DISTRICT: The judges were very impressed with the town's historic district. The value of buildings has increased and residents have become eligible for tax credits for restoration. A historic society should be reinstated. A new library needs to be built to act as a repository for historical artifacts.

STREETSCAPE: The judges were impressed with the transformation of the "asphalt lake" into an attractive roundabout which still offers potential for further beautification. The judges advocate that future developments put utilities underground. The town should also pursue underground utilities for the town center plaza. The City does a wonderful job of communication via its newsletter and website. To encourage further community involvement, the judges suggest the installation of kiosks at the city hall and bus shelters where notices can be posted.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS: The town should be congratulated for its green buildings initiative and advocacy. The addition of the rain water storm drain catch basins into development areas is applauded. The Call-a-Bus cuts down on the need for personal cars. The nature center is a wonderful addition to the community and provides needed curriculum to children. The public works employees should be commended for their overall trash pickup program. Home composting should be encouraged to decrease the costs of green waste pickup. The town should consider the purchase of a mobile mulching machine.

Revised Leaf Vacuuming Schedule

Full leaf vacuuming is scheduled to start Tuesday, October 26, 2004. 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 on your block

AREA 1

Nov. 16 & 18, Dec. 14 & 16
3700 34th St.
3700 35th St.
3700 36th St.
3700-3800 37th St.
3400-3600 Eastern
3500 37th St.
3200 Varnum St.
3400-3600 Perry St.
Wells Ave.
Newton St.
Oak Lane

AREA 2

Nov. 8 & 9, Dec. 7 & 9
4000-4200 28th St.
4000-4500 29th St.
2800-2900 Shepherd St.
2800-2900 Taylor St.
2800-2900 Upshur
2800 Webster St.

AREA 3

Oct. 26, Oct. 28
3800-4600 30th St.
3800-4500 31st St.
3000-3100 Perry St.

- 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

2900-3100 Bunker Hill Rd.
3000-3100 Shepherd St.
3000-3200 Taylor St.
3000 Upshur St.

AREA 4

Nov. 2 & 4, Dec. 21 & 23
3800-4500 32nd St.
3800-4100 33rd St.
3200-3300 Perry St.
3200-3300 Bunker Hill Rd.
Rainier Ave.
3100-3200 Upshur St.
3100-3200 Varnum St.
3100 Webster St.
3100 Windom Rd.
3100-3200 Arundel Rd.

AREA 5

Nov. 30, Dec. 2, Dec. 28 & 30
3800-4200 34th St.
3800-4000 35th St.
4000 36th St.
4000 37th St.
3400-3700 Bunker Hill Rd.
3400-3700 Shepherd St.
3400 Taylor St.
3400 Tilden St.

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niences caused by thunderstorms, heavy snow, rain or hail. Are you prepared in case the Country or more specifically our area comes under an attack from terrorists? No one has all the answers when it comes to dealing with these emergencies, however the below websites offer an extraordinary amount of information on personal emergency preparedness.

<http://www.mema.state.md.us/>

<http://www.ready.gov/>

<http://www.co.pg.md.us/Click on Government then Homeland Security>

<http://www.fema.gov/>

<http://www.redcross.org/>

<http://www.gov.state.md.us/homelandsecurity.html>

<http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>

DEPARTMENT SELECTED TO PILOT DC AND MARYLAND PROJECT. The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention has selected us to pilot a joint police and parole and probation effort in our City. Under the auspices of our CSAFE Grant (Collaborative Supervision and Focused Enforcement), our officers will work closely with Maryland Parole and Probation Agents as well as Parole and Probation Agents from DC to follow up on their clients and see if there is a relationship to crime and persons on parole or probation. Two meetings have already been held and the Joint Team will be breaking new ground in a few weeks.

Applicants Sought for City of Mount Rainier Personnel Appeals Board

City Manager Jeannelle B. Wallace

The Mayor and City Council on October 5, 2004 passed the City of Mount Rainier Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual (Ordinance 7-2004). Chapter 11, of the manual sets forth the procedures for the establishment of a Personnel Appeals Board to hear employee appeals on personnel grievances. The Personnel Appeals Board shall be composed of five (5) members who are residents of the City.

The board members shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council for terms of three years with the exception of the initial appointments.

Chapter 11, section 11.1 B. states, "Initially, the Mayor and Council shall appoint one member for a term of one year, two members for a term of two years, and two members for a term of three years. The terms shall begin on October 1st and end on September 30th. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be appointed only for the remainder of the term."

Section 11.2 Meetings. states, "The Board shall meet in October or as soon as possible thereafter for the purpose of electing a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the ensuing year."

All non-probationary classified employees may file a grievance. Bargaining unit employees may file a grievance over a matter unless the employee is required to or has elected to pursue the matter under procedures provided in the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Bargaining unit employees who file a grievance pursuant to [Chapter 10, Grievance Procedures, Section 10-

102. Employees Eligible of File a Grievance] may not grieve the same matter pursuant to the procedures established in the collective bargaining agreement.

The Personnel Appeals Board may hear grievances pertaining to an alleged:

1. Violation, misinterpretation or improper application of established statutes, regulations, procedures or policies;
2. Improper or unfair act by a supervisor other other employee, which may include coercion, restraint, reprisal, harassment or intimidation;
3. Improper, inequitable or unfair act in the administration of employees which may include promotional opportunities, selection of or training, duty assignments, work schedules, transfers and reductions in force;
4. Improper, inequitable or unfair application of compensation policies and employee benefits, which may include salary, pay differentials, awards, overtime pay, leave, insurance, retirement and holidays; or
5. Improper or unfair application of a disciplinary action [described in Chapter 9, Progressive Disciplinary Actions].

The following issues are not grievable and will not be heard by the Personnel Appeals Board:

1. Position descriptions, classifications, or pay grade;
2. Performance evaluations rating an employee's performance as satisfactory or higher, unless the performance evaluation violates the City's policies or procedures;

3. Termination of probationary employees;
4. Termination of contract employee at the end of term of employment or the completion of work the employee was hired to perform;
5. An employee award or bonus;
6. Any counseling or oral admonishment;
7. Lateral transfers, work assignments, and schedules;
8. Any other matter clearly identified as not grievable by ordinance, regulation or court or administrative decision.

The Mayor and Council will accept letters of interest and resumes from persons with a background in Personnel and/or Human Resource Management who are willing to serve. Please forward correspondence to the attention of Mayor and City Council, City of Mount Rainier, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712 as soon as possible.

Cora B. Wood Senior Center

Programs for seniors 60+

3601 Taylor St.

301-699-1238; TTY 301-445-4512

Spanish line: (301) 445-4509

Activities at the center include theme parties, educational programs, bingo, exercise and dance programs, cultural events, day trips, billiards, tax preparation, and college classes. Amenities include a computer lab, treadmill, and a library. Lunch and transportation are available through the County Dep't of Family Services. The center is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact staff at the number above.

Youth Recreation Programs

Compiled by Mayor Bryan Knedler

Below are opportunities for young residents who are looking for recreation and after-school programs. If you know of other programs, please let me know and I will add them to the listing next month.

Hyattsville-Mount Rainier-Brentwood Boys & Girls Club

The Prince George's County Boys & Girls Club offers boys & girls ages 5-18 opportunities to participate in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer, softball, and track.

- 301-864-1112
- Carrol McLaurin, 301-422-3141
- Basketball: Jeffrey Lindsey, 301- 559-0602
- <http://www.pgsparks.com/things/pgcbgc/contacts.html>

Boys Scouts Troop 224

Meets in St. Jerome's Church, Hyattsville

- Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m.
- <http://users.erols.com/wthomas/troop224.html>

Girl Scouts

- Mt. Rainier E.S., Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
- Thomas Stone E.S., Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
- Hyattsville Middle Sch., Fridays, 6 p.m.
- Tiffany Lathan, 301-449-5690

Boys and Girls Club, Northwestern H.S.

- 301-985-1423
- M-F, 3:30 to 8 p.m.

Joe's Movement Emporium

- After-School Programs
- 3802 34th St.
- 301-699-1819
- <http://www.worldartfocus.org/youth.html>

Mount Rainier Nature Center

- 31st and Arundel Rd.
- 301-927-2163; TTY 301-699-2544
- <http://www.pgsparks.com/places/nature/rainier.html>

Located inside the Capital Beltway, the Nature/Recreation Center is a unique facility which operates as both a nature center and a recreation center. The facility hosts a variety of nature-related, interpretive programs for visitors of all ages.

["Non-resident" means not a resident of Prince George's County.]

Latino, Africano, Caribeano Dance Workout

- Saturdays, 10-11:15 a.m.
- Ages 16 & up
- Join us for a workout to keep the heart pumping.
- Reservations required.
- Fee: \$40/8-week session; Non-Resident \$45/8-week session

Nature Discovery: A Thanksgiving Story

- Thurs. Nov. 18, 1-2 p.m.
- Ages 3-5
- Listen to a story and create a craft about Thanksgiving.
- Reservations required. Fee: \$1; Non-Resident \$2

Special Nature Event: Bats

- Fri. Nov. 19, 7-8 p.m.
- Learn about these misunderstood flying mammals.
- Reservations required.
- All ages welcome.
- Fee: \$1; Non-Resident \$2

Craft-a-Rama: Thanksgiving Table Center-piece

- Sat. Nov. 20, 2-4 p.m.
- Create a lovely centerpiece to place on your Thanksgiving table.
- Reservations required.
- All ages welcome.
- Fee: \$6; Non-Resident \$7

North Brentwood Community Center

4012 Webster St., North Brentwood
Information: 301-864-0756

The Xtreme Teens Program (ages 13 to 17), offered every Fri. and Sat. evening 7-10 p.m., provides a safe haven for teens and replaces idle time with positive experiences.

Basketball—Competitive Skills

- Saturdays, 12 noon
- *Creative Dance*
- Saturdays, 11a.m.

Flag Football

- Saturdays, 9 a.m.

Open Gym Basketball

- Mondays & Wednesdays, 6-7p.m.

Drop-In Soccer

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.

City Seeks Business Members for Town Center Design Review Committee

The City is currently seeking two business and/or property owners to be members of the Town Center Design Review Committee. The Committee is composed of two resident members, two municipal members, and two business and/or property owner members. Business and/or property members must own either a business or property within Mount Rainier's Mixed-Use Town Center Zone.

The members review all new development projects and exterior renovations in the Mixed-Use Town Center Zone. This Zone extends along Rhode Island Avenue from the City limits into the 3400 block, and along 34th Street from the 3700 block into the 4000 block. The Zone also includes part of Bunker Hill Road.

Each Committee member receives a copy of the Mount Rainier Town Center Development Plan, which contains the design guidelines that the Committee uses to review applications, as well as a copy of the Committee Rules of Procedure and other relevant documents.

The City is looking for participants who have a sense of fairness in reviewing applications and who are interested in the ongoing revitalization of the downtown business area. Committee members should be willing to encourage appropriate building construction, alterations, and signage among business and property owners and to help educate rather than regulate applicants.

To obtain an application to be on the committee, please call Assistant City Manager James Booth at 301-985-6585. Applications should be accompanied by a resume and a brief cover letter stating your interest in joining the committee. Please mail or deliver all materials to Mr. Booth at City Hall, 1 Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712.

Public Design Forum

Join with the Neighborhood Design Center to discuss future uses for the old police station at 3409 Rhode Island Avenue.

- When: Weds., December 15 at 7 p.m.
- Where: Mount Rainier City Hall, One Municipal Place

For further information, please contact: Jan Townshend, Neighborhood Design Center at 3010-779-6010 or send an e-mail to jtownshend@ndc-md.org or James Booth, Assistant City Manager at 301-985-6585 or send an e-mail to JBooth@mountrainiermd.org.

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Queens Chapel Rd. near Russell Ave. Avondale Citizens Ass'n president Janice Hall said the organization does not support the new proposal. Hall said residents were not properly notified of the change in the proposal, which initially included 72 luxurious townhomes and now includes 244 multifamily housing units. I will be asking the City Council to consult with the Avondale residents and send a letter to the Planning Board on this issue.

ARTSPACE NOW LEASING. Mount Rainier Artist Lofts 3301 Rhode Island Ave. Units ranging in size from 800-1,400sf; rents \$600-\$800/month. Contact Theresa Hammonds at Edgewood Property Management for an application at 301-927-3586, or Angela Blocker at Gateway CDC 301-864-3860 (angela@gateway-cdc.org) for information about commercial leasing.

RAINIER RIDERS, a local bicycling group have adopted Mile 0-4 of the Northwest Branch Trail. Special thanks to Joe Robbins, MNCPPC Ranger Sweet, and the "Fall Cleanup" crew: Steve Lerch, Karen Mixon, and Betty Scholten.

SUMMER READERS RECOGNIZED. Prince George's County public libraries this year continued their tradition of entertaining and educating children through a summer reading program. Offered annually since 1981, the effort is designed to foster good reading habits. The following children were recognized at our local Mount Rainier branch. Raynice Caudler, Sabrina Mitehener, Stephanie Mitehener, Rhesa Sandy, Jephthe B. Cadet, Jochebed F. Cadet, LaShae Hunter, Astrid McCall, Daniela Richardson, and Dexter Sandy.

Mount Rainier Police Chief Named President

Colonel H. Frederick Keeney, Chief of Police, was sworn in as President of the MD Chiefs of Police Association during the Association's 40th Conference in Ocean City, MD on October 13. In addition to providing training and networking for MD's police chiefs, the Association represents the interests of all police chiefs in the State before the State Legislature in Annapolis. Chief Keeney previously served as the Association's First Vice-President.

Chief Keeney is the first Chief of Police from a small police agency to lead the MD Chiefs of Police Association in 6 years. Previous Presidents have come from Chiefs of Police in Howard County, University of MD, MD Transportation Authority, MD State, Baltimore County and the Baltimore City Police Departments.

Chief Keeney began his law enforcement career in 1977 with the MD-National Capital Park Police, rising through the ranks from police officer to

Assistant Chief of Police, while serving in both Montgomery and PG Counties. Chief Keeney also served as the President of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Lodge 30 for 5 years, Vice President of the MD State FOP and served as a lobbyist for the State and National FOP representing the interests of police officers to state and congressional representatives. He has also served on the legislative committee for the MD Municipal League Police Executives, successfully passing legislation effecting law enforcement in MD.

Chief Keeney retired from the Park Police in 1997 to accept the Chief of Police position in District Heights, MD. Although he was Chief of Police at District Heights for only two years, then Mayor Jack Sims awarded to him the Mayor's Leadership Award for his successful efforts in revamping the Police Department.

Chief Keeney left District Heights in 2000 when he was named Chief of Police

in Mount Rainer. Since coming to Mount Rainier, Chief Keeney has led the effort in redirecting the agency's effort toward greater community service by implementing their "Team Policing" program. This program was recently named one of 15 finalists out of 135 international entries for the 2004 International Association of Chiefs of Police Community Policing Award. The agency will be recognized for their efforts at the IACP Conference in Los Angeles, California in November.

The Mount Rainer Police Department has 20 employees including 15 police officers. The City is located in northern PG County, borders the northeast section of Washington D.C. at Rhode Island Avenue and has a population of 8,500 residents.

Chief Keeney has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of MD, and completed the Advanced Police Executive Leadership Program at Pennsylvania State University.

Notice of Public Forum/ Charette

Discuss on Existing and proposed usage of 3409 Rhode Island Avenue

- Date: Wed., Dec. 15, 2004
- Time: 7:00 p.m.
- Location: City Hall, Upper Level, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Discussion facilitation by: Jan Townshend, Program Manager
Neighborhood Design Center

The City strongly encourages residents, property owners and business owners to attend this forum. The City is actively seeking community input on current and proposed usage for city property located at 3409 Rhode Island Avenue.

A survey form will be available at City Hall during the period November 15 through December 3, 2004 for community members to complete and submit.

For further information, please contact: Jan Townshend, Neighborhood Design Center at 3010-779-6010 or send an e-mail to jtownshend@ndc-md.org or James Booth, Assistant City Manager at 301-985-6585 or send an e-mail to JBooth@mountrainiermd.org.

Notice of Public Forum

*Presented by the Parking Task Force
Committee*

Discussion on Existing and Future Parking Issues in the City of Mount Rainier

- Date: Wed., Nov. 17, 2004
- Time: 7:00 p.m.
- Location: City Hall, Upper Level, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Presentation by: H. Wesley Pollard,
Worldwide Parking Incorporated Parking
Systems Consultant Company

- Company has consulted to and provided service for the District of Columbia and National Park Service
- Provided consulting and parking management services to several international cities

Invited to attend: Roy Sawamura,
Parking Division Revenue Authority of
Prince George's County

We strongly encourage residents, property owners and business owners to attend this forum.

For further information, please contact the Parking Task Force Committee: Chairperson, Dana Grabiner, grabiner1@aol.com or contact Assistant City Manager, James Booth at 301-985-6585 or send an e-mail to jbooth@mountrainiermd.org.

City of Mount Rainier Public Hearing on Dog Ordinance, Tuesday, November 9, 2004

The Mayor and City Council will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, November 9, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on Mount Rainier Code of Ordinances 14-119 which adopts the County's animal control regulations except where a conflict exists with the Mount Rainier City Code. The Prince George's County Code section 3-148.01 and 3-148.02 sets out the County's requirements for permits to keep more than four animals larger than a guinea pig (excepting fish and birds). The Mount Rainier City Code is much stricter than the County Code in this regard. The Mayor and Council will hear testimony as to the enforcement, repeal or amendment to the current Mount Rainier City Code.

Written testimony will be accepted prior to the Public Hearing at Mount Rainier City Hall, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712.

Community Tool Shed/Lending Library

Volunteers Needed

The City of Mount Rainier, through the Prince George's County Livable Communities Initiative (LCI), has created the Community Tool Shed/Lending library. The Tool Shed is located at 3601 Bunker Hill Road. Various tools for landscaping, carpentry, home repair and improvement, and gardening are available for use by residents starting in late November 2004. The program will provide tools and training.

*****GRAND OPENING CEREMONY PLANNED*****

The tentative date for the Grand Opening of the Community Tool Shed/ Lending Library is scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 2004.

The Committee is in the process of scheduling training workshops on topics of interest to the community. Please contact the committee with your recommendations for suggested training workshops.

The Tool Shed Committee plans to meet the second Monday of every month at City Hall.

The next scheduled meeting is Mon., Nov. 8, 2004 at 7 p.m. Please contact Peter McGahey, Committee Chairperson, at 301-277-7460 or send an e-mail to petermcgahey@yahoo.com.

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., 8:30 am

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.

November–December calendar

Nov. 1	Bulk Trash Pick-up By Appointment and Yard Waste.		
Nov. 2	ELECTION DAY		
Nov. 3	Regular Trash Pick up		
Nov. 5	Recyclables Pick Up		
Nov. 8	Yard Waste Pick Up		
Nov. 9	PUBLIC HEARING—DOG ORDINANCE 7:00 p.m. City Hall/Mayor and Council Meeting		
Nov 10	Regular Trash Pick Up		
Nov 11	VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY—City Government Closed		
Nov 12	Recyclables Pick Up		
Nov 15	Bulk Trash Pick Up By Appointment and Yard Waste Pick UP		
Nov 16	Mayor and Council Work Session 7:00 p.m. City Hall		
Nov 17	Regular Trash Pick Up		
	Parking Task Force Forum 7:30 p.m. City Hall		
Nov 19	Recyclables Pick Up		
Nov 20	GRAND OPENING—Mount Rainier Tool Shed 3601 Bunker Hill Road		
	GATEWAY CDC Membership Meeting 1:00–3:00 p.m. (Location to be announced)		
Nov 22	Yard Waste Pick Up		
Nov 24	Regular Trash Pick Up		
Nov 25	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—City Government Closed		
Nov 26	City Hall Closed—SPECIAL RECYCLING PICKUP No recycling pickup will occur on Fri. Nov. 26. A special		
			pickup will occur on Mon. Nov. 29, so please recycle those cans and bottles from Thanksgiving.
		Nov 29	Yard Waste and Recyclables Pick Up
		Nov 30	Mayor and Council Work Session
		Dec. 1	Regular Trash Pick Up
		Dec. 3	Recyclables Pick UP
		Dec. 6	Bulk Trash Pick Up
		Dec. 7	Mayor and Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. City Hall
		Dec. 8	Regular Trash Pick Up
		Dec 10	Recyclables Pick Up
		Dec 13	Yard Waste BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
		Dec 14	Mayor and Council Work Session 7:00 pm City Hall
		Dec 15	Regular Trash Pick-up
			Planning Charette 3409 Rhode Island Avenue 7:00 p.m. City Hall
		Dec 17	Recyclables Pick Up
		Dec 20	Bulk Trash Pick Up
		Dec 22	Regular Trash Pick Up
		Dec 24	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—City Government Closed NO RECYCLABLES PICK UP
		Dec 29	Regular Trash Pick Up
		Dec 31	NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY—City Government Closed NO RECYCLABLES PICK UP

Bulk Trash Policy. Bulk trash may be picked up by appointment only on the first and third Monday of each month. Appointments are made by calling 301-985-6558 and leaving your address and telephone number any time up until **12:00 noon** on the Friday before the Monday bulk trash collection. Only three cubic yards of trash are allowed per resident. Demolition spoils from building renovation and hazardous materials or chemical are not allowed.

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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

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301-985-6585; fax: 301-985-6595

City Police Department
FKeeney@mountrainiermd.org
301-985-6565 (emergency calls)
301-985-6566 (nonemergency calls)
301-985-6590 (administrative)

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

Child Abuse
and Neglect Hotline
301-699-8605

Congressman Chris Van Hollen's
Mount Rainier Office Information:

3409 Rhode Island Avenue
301-927-5223 (voice)
301-927-6122 (fax)

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Consumer Affairs
301-470-7534

County Animal Control
301-499-8301

County Building Permits
301-883-5784

County Council
Distric 2 Office
301-952-3700

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 10-6:30 (closed 2-2:30)
Sat. 10-5

Landlord-Tenant Commission
800-487-6007

Mt. Rainier Nature/Rec Center
4701 31st Place
301-927-2163

M-National Capital
Park and Planning,
Park Permit Office
301-918-8111

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

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Lights Out
1-877-737-2662
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for location of outage)

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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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