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Deadline for the June Message is May 20.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Voter registration forms are available at City Hall. Remember that registration closes 30 days prior to an election. Download a form from the City's website, www.mountrainiermd.org.

www.mountrainiermd.org

Neighborhood Design Center and Mount Rainier Nature Center to Install Butterfly Gardens

On May 22 from 9-12 noon the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) in conjunction with the Mount Rainier Nature Center will install butterfly gardens at the two Mount Rainier Elementary Schools and a Wetland Planting at Thomas Stone ES.

Volunteers are needed to for all these events. We have volunteers promised from Greater DC Cares and the HIP Artists Housing but would love other

residents of the Town to get involved. Please help us to keep Mount Rainier Beautiful!

Call Jan Townshend at 301-779-6010 or email jtownshend@ndc-md.org for more details

Also on May 22, Brooke Kidd will be organizing a clean-up at the Mount Rainier Roundabout. Please call Brooke at 301-699-1819 X6 to volunteer.

Mount Rainier Community Festival

WHEN: Saturday, June 5, 2004
10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mount Rainier City Hall
One Municipal Place (Rhode Island Avenue Bus Terminal)

WHAT: Food, fun and entertainment for the entire family!

The planning committee is looking for volunteers willing to share their skills, talent and expertise in helping to make this year's festival bigger and better than ever! The committee meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (except Thursday, January 29) at City Hall.

For more information, contact one of the following committee members:

- Ophelia Baxter - 240-393-1187
- Barbara Goliday - 301-537-6046
- Robert Taylor - 301-779-2172

Bass License Challenged

The Board of License Commissioners will hold a hearing in response to the petitions from citizens challenging the renewal of the Bass Liquors license on Wed., May 5 and Thursday May 6, at 7 p.m. 5012 Rhode Island Avenue. If you have testimony to offer regarding your experiences at Bass Liquors or observations about conditions there or its clientele, please contact the leader of the citizens' group, Dale Dayton at 301-277-1833. Testimony regarding loitering on the property (including cars being washed, people standing in the doorway, or drinking alcohol in the parking lot), public urination, noise, or criminal activity is vital to our prevailing in this challenge. Also, please e-mail your complaints to the Liquor Board dmbryant@co.pg.md.us and send copies to your council members.

Mayor's Report

by Mayor Bryan Knedler

Recent property tax bills indicate that home values have leaped on average about 30 percent (phased in over 3 years). The county's newspaper notice of its tax rate hearings showed Mount Rainier as having the largest percentage increase in assessable base (6.7 percent) in the county (and that is with no annexations). Revitalization is upon us.

After being pre-occupied with the short-term issues of financial crisis and city staff turnovers, it's time to begin thinking longer term about the direction we are going. The establishment of the Town Center Parking Task Force is a good example of this longer range planning.

The proposed urban renewal plan is another. The foundation for much of this work was done by citizens and leaders over the last 15 years or so: the historic district, the mixed use town center zoning, new city hall and police station, etc. But we cannot rest on our laurels.

Two long-term issues are of particular importance and should be focused upon. First is the absolute need to annex the Queens-Chillum

Shopping Center. The city's lack of adequate commercial tax base (we rely too heavily on residential property taxes) must be remedied and we can only expand in that direction. Because the owners of those properties currently pay lower taxes by being outside the city, we will need to offer them services like better police patrols as an incentive. The vast improvements in the PD over the past several years under Chief Keeney's management make this an easier sell. The soon-to-be finalized development plans around the West Hyattsville metro rail station include redevelopment of the Queens-Chillum Shopping Center

and the U-Haul parcel. These changes along with the new Queens Chapel Rd. streetscape (the 47th District delegation was able to secure funding for it) will alter the character and look of that entire area.

The other project that I want to focus on is the old city building, 3409 Rhode Island Ave. Currently the library (staffed by the county) and Congressman Van Hollen's staff occupy the street level. The old police department on the second floor remains vacant for lack of funds to renovate it into office space for the 47th District delegation.

In the FY 2005 budget proposal, you will see thousands of dollars going toward repairs to the old city building. My concern is that repair bills will continue to mount as the building deteriorates.

In the long term, we need to decide what will become of that property. I personally see a two or three story building on that site, with the street level (about 2500 square feet) being designed to expand the size of the current library. The upper floors could be leased out to help defray the expense of the construction.

We have no guarantee, however, that the county will continue staffing and supplying our small library, and for that reason, the new space should be designed to be easily converted to other uses. Fortunately, a library space can consist of a large room for the shelves and a couple of offices. Much has been said about the need for "youth programming" in the city and the library in my mind is essential for our youth and everyone else. I support keeping a library in Mount Rainier especially because our working class families need a library that can be walked to, children need

a safe place to go after school, and the Internet access provided there is not found in every home.

This project has a five (or more) years timeframe. Making a decision on the use of the site should be done through a public hearing process, and then designs developed for that use. Once that is done, we should have a ballpark cost estimate and could then begin looking for funds.

Or, we may decide to do nothing, or to renovate the current building. But we need to make that decision so we can make future plans.

The county itself is very unlikely to build a new library for us because the large Hyattsville library is a few miles away and because the circulation numbers are low (the library is only open part time and the book collection is weak). So how would such a project be funded? That is an open question, but once we have made a decision and have a concrete plan, then we can approach the county, state, and feds for grants and loans. For example, we recently received a county grant of \$20,000 for a tool library. \$150,000 of federal money was provided to help with the move of Joe's Movement Emporium to the Direct Mail warehouse. Many of you are aware that I am a fiscal conservative. I am not asking the city taxpayers to foot this entire bill.

Every long journey requires a first step. I will be proposing to the Council that we set a public planning session to hear ideas in July.

Essential to this would be an assessment of the current condition of the building and whether it is better to salvage what is there, or raze it and start over.

From the Police Chief

March 2004 Statistics

Robbery-(6)

3100 block of Webster St.
3800 block of 38th St.
3200 block of Rhode Island Ave.
3700 block of Rhode Island Ave.
3800 block of 34th St.
1 Municipal Place

Breaking and Entering-(7)

2900 block of Arundel Rd.
4700 block of 31st St.
3300 block of Perry St.
3400 block of Rhode Island Ave.
3300 block of Rhode Island Ave.
4600 block of 27th St.
4100 block of 32nd St.

Assault-(5)

3300 block of Bunkerhill Rd.
3300 block of Chauncey Pl.
3200 block of Queenstown Dr.
3700 block of 34th St.
3200 block of Arundel Rd.

Stolen Auto-(13)

3200 block of Chillum Rd.
3100 block of Queens Chapel Rd.(2)
4500 block of 32nd St.
3700 block of 37th St.(2)
2800 block of Shepherd St.
3800 block of 34th St.
3300 block of Buchanan St.
2700 block of Webster St.
3200 block of Queens Chapel Rd.
3100 block of Queenstown Dr.
4500 block of 29th St.

Theft-(21)

3500 block of 37th St.
4000 block of 31st St.(2)
3300 block of Rhode Island Ave.(2)
2300 block of Varnum St.(2)
3200 block of Rhode Island Ave.(2)
3600 block of Perry St.(2)
3200 block of Chillum Rd.
4000 block of 35th St.
3400 block of Rhode Island Ave.
3300 block of Chillum Rd.
4000 block of 36th St.
3700 block of 37th St.
2700 block of Upshur St.
3100 block of Queens Chapel Rd.(2)
3800 block of 34th St.

Beware of Home Repair Scams

Some residents have been victims of a man who is promising to do home repairs in the area. He collects a deposit and then never comes back. Please be aware that ALL home repair contractors must have a Maryland Home Improvement Commission (MHIC) license number (usually found on their business cards and advertisements). If you have a problem with a properly licensed contractor, the MHIC will help you get your project completed, or your money refunded. Always ask for referrals. You may also report unlicensed contractors to the MHIC or ask about prior complaints against your contractor. 1-888-218-5925 (toll free). Or, www.dllr.state.md.us/license/home_improv/index.html.

Events for FY 2005 Budget Process

Tuesday, May 4. Worksession on budget; decide proposed tax rate.

Friday, May 7. *Port Towns Gazette* deadline for submission of May 14 display ad on constant yield tax rate, public hearing Tuesday, May 25.

Tuesday, May 25. Public hearing on constant yield tax rate and on FY2005 budget; first reading of FY2005 budget ordinance.

Tuesday, June 1. Second reading and vote, FY 2005 budget ordinance.

Smoke Detectors and Insurance Reminders

Have you checked the smoke detector batteries lately? And, with the greatly increased value of our homes, please think about the sufficiency of your insurance coverage. Hide your small valuables (jewelry, credit cards, etc.) instead of leaving them readily available for a burglar.

And, leave the porch light burning at night!

Council Highlights—Legislation

Ordinance 2 - 2004 - Increasing the fee assessed for late payment of personal property taxes (First Reading)

The following Resolutions were passed by the Mayor and City Council:

- Resolution 5 - 2004 Appointing Juliellen Sarver to Tree Commission - resolution passed
- Resolution 6 - 2004 Approving surplus vehicle in the Mount Rainier Police Department
- Resolution 7- 2004 Appointing Lyn Lawrence to Design Review Board
- Resolution 8 -2004 Appointing Scott P. Krajenta to the Design Review Board
- Resolution 9- 2004 Approving June 5, 2004 as Mount Rainier Day
- Resolution 10-2004 Accepting the Police Mediation Report and authorizing release to the public
- Resolution 11-2004 Proclaiming April 24, 2004 as Arbor Day
- Resolution 12-2004 Supporting the citizen protest of the Bass Restaurant and Liquor Store Renewal License
- Resolution 13-2004 Supporting May 15, 2004 as Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Day in honor of Federal, State, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.
- Resolution 14-2004 establishing a Seniors' Emergency Preparedness Commission (SEPC)
- Resolution 15-2004 Accepting the Livable Sustainable Communities Grant (Mount Rainier Tool Shed) Proclamation - Introduced by Councilmember Miles proclaiming the week of April 26-30/2004 as Municipal Government Week.

Additionally, the City of Mount Rainier Property Maintenance Code Appeals Panel (consisting of Lyn Lawrence, Presiding Chair, City Manager Jeannelle Wallace, and Assistant City Manager James Booth) in conjunction with the City of Mount Rainier held a Public Hearing on March 24, 2004 in response to a request from Douglas Meister, Attorney for Bass Liquors in protest of the City of Mount Rainier Violation Notice issued by the Department of Public Works—Code Enforcement Division. The Panel in a 3-0 ruling, upheld the Violation Notice with minor modifications.

Copies are available for review at City Hall.

Gateway Arts District's Artist Directory

Gateway Community Development Corporation is updating its database of local artists and arts organizations to be used for a directory. The Gateway Arts District has as a goal to support and create community development through local artists. The Gateway Arts District Directory will be a vital communications link among artists, students, educators, and the community. If you are an artist who lives or works in Mount Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood, or Hyattsville, please contact Gateway CDC at 301-864-3860 or visit the website for a copy of the form, www.gateway-cdc.org. **Deadline is May 18, 2004.**

Odd Jobs

Need your lawn mowed? Need odd jobs done around the house or yard? Well you've just stumbled upon a gold mine! John and David McKindley-Ward of 30th street in Mt. Rainier are now at your service. Give us a call at 301-927-1720 or e-mail us at johnnamw@verizon.net or at steveandmimi1@verizon.net.

Handy Helper Tim

Lawn Mowing, Yard Work, Errands, Grocery Shopping, House Cleaning, Party Set-Up & Clean-Up. Timmy Park, 301-927-5474.

Little Friends for Peace

This summer Little Friends for Peace will add a 3-evening Family Peace Camp over ethnic suppers: July 19-21, 5:30-8 p.m. at Cora B. Wood Center (3500 Taylor St.). Up to eight seniors invited free!

Peace Camps for Kids ages 5-11 will be July 26-30 at Cora B. Wood Center and August 16-20 at Mount Rainier Nature Center (31st and Arundel) Check www.Lffp.org or call 301 927-5474.

Jerry Park will describe adventures of Peacemaking Heroes he met in Palestine on a delegation with Christian Peacemaker Teams. Come to hear and to sing with folksinger Monica Perz on Friday, May 7, 7:30-10 p.m. at Potters House cafe, 1658 Columbia Road NW in Adams Morgan, DC.

Mount Rainier Cable—B71

Program Schedule

Tuesdays (1st and 3rd)
City Council Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays (2nd and 4th)
City Council Worksessions, 7 p.m.

Thursdays
Repeat taped meetings, 6 p.m.

Watch the B71 Community Bulletin for program updates, schedules, city services, and announcements. To place an announcement on the B71 Community Bulletin, call City Hall at 301-985-6585.

Call-A-Bus

Mount Rainier Call-A-Bus offers curb to curb bus service to medical appointments, shopping centers, recreations centers, libraries, beauty and barber shops.

Services are also available for field trips, special outings, and after school special events. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For reservations and additional information, call 301-985-6586.

Streetlights and Tree Branches

Please notify Public Works at 301-985-6583 or a councilmember if your streetlights are being blocked by tree branches. Trimming away the foliage may greatly increase the effectiveness of the lights.

Tree Planting and Stream Cleanup

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, The Neighbors of the Northwest Branch, the Anacostia Watershed Society and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is sponsoring a Northwest Branch Tree Planting and Stream Cleanup Event, Saturday, May 1, 2004; Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Location: Queens Chapel Road behind Queenstown Apts, along the river. Interested persons can contact Steve McKindley-Ward at 301-699-6204.

Mount Rainier Parent's Group

Do you have children? Do you live in Mount Rainier? Are you looking for ways to meet your neighbors and their children?

Well, look no further. The next meeting of the Mount Rainier's Parent Group will be May 1 at the Nature Center. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have questions or need more information (yes, you can bring the children), please do not hesitate to contact Ivy Thompson at 301-277-3329 or mtrainierc@aol.com or Kirsten Slade at kirsten@pinkpricklypear.com.

The Mount Rainier Nature Center is a wonderful place to bring your children and we have the place from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m. each Saturday.

So come on out and join us.

How to Deal with the Mosquito Population

With summer here so is the all too familiar nuisance of mosquitos. Mosquitos can be transmitters of encephalitis, malaria, and yellow fever to humans, and heartworm to pets. Please clear your property of any potential breeding sites for mosquitoes. You can take steps to reduce this menace right at home, since many generations of mosquitoes can breed right in your own yard.

- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles, or and water holding containers.
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard
- Keep drains, ditches, and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water

- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets
- Empty plastic wading pool at least once a week and store it indoors when not in use
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once a week
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there

Rat Management

Rat Control

If you think you have rats in your neighborhood, there are steps you can take to help get rid of them. Rats need three things: food, water and harborage (shelter).

Poor sanitation and the presence of garbage allows rats to exist in residential areas. Good sanitation will effectively limit the number of rats that can survive in and around the home. This involves good housekeeping, proper storage and handling of food materials and refuse, and elimination of rodent harborage. Remove piles of wood and debris. Rats will find food and water from bird feeders, fountains and ponds, uncovered trash cans,



food scraps dropped along the sidewalk, pet droppings, pet food dishes, open restaurant grease drums, and exposed plastic or paper garbage bags.

The most successful form of rat control is to "build them out" by making their access to structures impossible. All places where food is stored, processed or used should be rodent-proof. Store bulk foods, bird seed, and dry pet food in metal trash cans or similar containers. Seal any building openings larger than

1/4 inch to exclude both rats and mice.

Trapping is an effective method of control. It is the preferred method in homes, garages, and other structures where only a few rats are present. Poison baits can be used to treat major infestations. It is recommended that you hire a professional exterminator if you are planning to use rodenticides.

Please make every effort to ensure that your property is kept clear of all trash, animal defecation, and wood piles. This is a great home for rats. Rats will live within 100 feet of a food source, so if you remove their food source, they will move on.

**City of Mount Rainier
Resolution 12-2004
(Drafted by Councilmember Briones)
(adopted April 14, 2004)**

Introduced by Mayor Knedler, Councilmember Briones, and Councilmember Haamid

A resolution stating the position of the City of Mount Rainier in regards to the 2004 challenge to renewal of the liquor license for the business known as Bass Restaurant & Liquor, 3208 Rhode Island Avenue, Mount Rainier, Maryland.

Whereas, the Mayor and Council are committed to the economic revitalization of Rhode Island Avenue; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council are responsible for providing protection to our citizens and their property; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council make the following findings:

- Clean and safe neighborhoods increase property values and community pride;
- Citizens' eyewitness reports and police incident reports and arrest records indicate the Bass premises are unsafe, attract users of illegal drugs, disorderly persons, and persons with active arrest warrants;
- The continued operation of the business has a strong detrimental impact on surrounding businesses and overall revitalization efforts on Rhode Island Avenue;
- Citizens have witnessed numerous disorderly acts, offerings of illegal narcotic drugs, the presence of known prostitutes, public urination, loitering, public consumption of alcohol in the parking lot, and other disturbances of the peace on the premises of Bass Restaurant & Liquor;
- Citizens have been making similar complaints for over 20 years and a prudent, diligent and conscientious business owner should have proactively taken steps to correct these problems decades ago;
- The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene closed the Bass Restaurant & Liquor Carryout on November 6, 2003 for critical violations including, among other things, roach infestation, lack of an effective hand washing and a hand washing sink, food held at improper temperatures and facility in poor repair;
- Alcoholic beverage sales have dwarfed the sale of food even though the liquor license depends on the restaurant's existence; the community desires a family-friendly, clean full-service restaurant, and the existing carry-out is not an adequate substitute for such a restaurant;
- The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners found on December 19, 2001 that the customers of Bass Restaurant & Liquor loiter in the immediate vicinity of the premises and habitually engage in disorderly acts such as urinating in public, panhandling, obstructing the free passage of citizens of the neighborhood sidewalks and generally making nuisances of themselves and that conditions previously placed upon have not prevented these disturbances. The business continues to disturb the peace.
- While the Circuit Court for Prince George's County overturned the County Board of License Commissioners 2000 denial of Bass Restaurant & Liquor's license on a procedural violation on June 7, 2001, the court also felt "that there was substantial evidence to support the Board's decision;"
- Bass Restaurant & Liquor does not primarily serve the Mount Rainier community and the extended hours of operation (to 2am most days and to 3am Fridays and Saturdays) attract thousands of non-resident customers during "quiet hours" (10 pm to 8 am) as legislated by the City's Noise Ordinance, because the District of Columbia liquor stores close before 10 pm each night.
- The Mayor and Council have received few complaints about the other liquor stores in the area and these less problematic licensees are more than sufficient to satisfy the demand for alcohol sales and tangential financial services for members of the Mount Rainier community;
- Uniformed off-duty police officers as security guards have not eliminated complaints of loitering, drugs, public urination, and excessive noise; and the parking lot is not patrolled regularly to prevent disorderly conduct;
- The business continues to use 3705 Eastern Avenue as a parking lot in violation of zoning regulations;
- The entrance to the business parking lot is outside of the Maryland border, preventing effective enforcement by Mount Rainier Police and Prince George's County Police;
- Bass Restaurant & Liquor continues to sell alcoholic beverages in small quantities, commonly called "single sales" (defined as units sold in volumes of one (1) pint or less for hard liquor and forty (40) ounces or less for beer and wine), even after the Mayor and Council expressed its displeasure of this practice in Resolution 11-2000 and citizens have previously asked for these sales to cease;
- The contents of the Bass Restaurant & Liquor parking lot trash cans indicate that consumption of alcoholic beverages regularly occurs onsite and Bass continues to sell small packets of cups that assist in the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot and surrounding areas;
- No live entertainment is currently occurring at the restaurant to justify keeping the liquor store open to 3 a.m.
- The promised \$200,000 in renovations has not occurred after several years of promising and the blighted appearance of the business continues; these renovations were a condition on the current license and that term has been violated. Renovations have been promised since 1998.
- Numerous area businesses and former businesses that have moved out of Mount Rainier support revocation of Bass' liquor license;
- The business plan promised to the Board of License Commissioners in 2001 has never been produced; and
- The licensee has been promising, according to our records, since 1996 to sign a long-term lease with the property owner and has failed to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND, that the continued operation of the business adversely impacts the peace, safety, and good order of the City; that the business is not needed to accommodate the needs of our public with several other businesses in the immediate vicinity providing the same services; and therefore, the City supports non-renewal of the Bass Liquors' license; and

Whereas, a challenge to the license was instigated by a petition of our citizens to the Board of License Commissioners, and the Mayor and Council wish to support and cooperate with the petitioners' challenge, we hereby direct the city's corporate counsel, Susan Silber, to assist in the preparation of testimony and represent the city during hearings; and our city staff is to assist Ms. Silber as she directs; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council recognizes that when the Board of License Commissioners refuses to renew the license, that the licensee will likely appeal this decision and remain open for many months until a judge can make a ruling, request that the Board:

- continue its policy of forbidding the licensee from employing our city employees;
- prohibit the licensee from employing security personnel who do not have misdemeanor and felony arrest powers in Mount Rainier;
- because of ongoing problems in the rear parking lot, require that a security officer be assigned specifically to patrol the rear parking lot from 7 pm until closing daily, and in addition on Saturdays and Sundays, be assigned duty on the rear parking lot from noon until closing; and
- order the licensee to cease using 3705 Eastern Avenue as a parking lot.

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

May–June calendar

**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.

May 3	Regular Yard Waste Collection and Scheduled Bulk Trash Collection
May 4	Worksession on the budget.
May 5	Regular Residential Trash Collection
May 7	Recyclable Collection
May 10	Regular Yard Waste Collection
May 12	Regular Residential Trash Collection
	The Mount Rainier Mixed-Use Town Center Design Review Committee, City Hall at 6:15 p.m.
May 14	Recyclable Collection
May 17	Regular Yard Waste Collection and Scheduled Bulk Trash Collection
May 19	Regular Residential Trash Collection
May 21	Recyclable Collection
May 24	Regular Yard Waste Collection
May 25	Public hearing on constant yield tax rate and on FY2005 budget; first reading of FY2005 budget ordinance.
May 26	Regular Residential Trash Collection
May 28	Recyclable Collection
May 31	MEMORIAL DAY—CITY HALL CLOSED
June 2	Regular Residential Trash Collection
June 4	Recyclable Collection
June 7	Regular Yard Waste Collection and Scheduled Bulk Trash Collection
June 9	Regular Residential Trash Collection
June 11	Recyclable Collection
June 14	Regular Yard Waste Collection
June 16	Regular Residential Trash Collection
June 18	Recyclable Collection
June 21	Regular Yard Waste Collection and Scheduled Bulk Trash Collection
June 23	Regular Residential Trash Collection

June 25	Recyclable Collection
June 28	Regular Yard Waste Collection
June 30	Regular Residential Trash 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.

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.

Yard Waste Policy

During and between the months of December through February, yard waste pick up is by appointment only on the second Monday of each month. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 301-985-6558. Leaves and grass clippings must be placed in bags. Branches no longer than four feet and no thicker than three inches in diameter must be tied up in manageable bundles. No more than three cubic yards of yard waste will be collected per resident on any collection day.

www.mountrainiermd.org

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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
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

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
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

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Lights Out
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Post Office
301-864-5168

Public Defender
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Public Schools
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