



# Message

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## Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Budget and Tax Rates

*by City Manager, Jeannelle Wallace*

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The proposed Fiscal Year 2005 (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005) city budget has been presented to the Mayor and Council. The budget is balanced with a total projected revenue of \$2,973,004 and total anticipated expenditures of \$2,962,387. A schedule of public presentations appears on page 6. Copies are available at City Hall.

Staff worked very hard analyzing the requests of each department and community group, as well as the priorities of the City Council. There is a modest proposed real property tax rate decrease that is significantly lower than the one proposed for Fiscal-Year 2004, while higher than most concerned citizens and the council would like to see. Our goal is to stagger the tax rate decreases over a 3-5 year period if the economic climate continues to improve for the City. The City's financial condition is contingent upon a continued aggressive approach to collecting business personal property taxes, business occupancy and rental license revenue, conservative projections of annual revenue, development of a strategic plan for replacing aged equipment and vehicles, increasing the City's reserve account, and controlled spending.

The salary level for various positions within the public works department was analyzed and compared to nearby municipalities. Where warranted, salary levels were adjusted and a department wide salary increase of 5% (3.5% merit and 1.5% COLA) is proposed for all staff. These salary increments are also proposed for City Hall and Police staff. No COLA adjustment is proposed for Department Managers. Employment contracts dictate the salary increments for management staff.

The proposed budget includes two new police officer positions. One of the new officers would conduct investigations (now primarily done by the county PD).

This budget proposal also includes an increase of the business personal property tax rate from \$1.34 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$1.98 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

It is proposed that the real property tax rate be decreased from \$0.79 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$.75 which is higher than the constant yield tax rate of \$0.715. Management strongly discourages the Mayor and City Council from seeking further reductions in the tax rate due to the increasing demands on the City's financial resources. If the tax rate were to remain at FY 2004 levels, this would generate an additional \$152,988 in

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## Mayor's Report

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*by Mayor Bryan Knedler*

### VOLUNTEERS STEP FORWARD.

Council recently appointed several residents to our boards and commissions. Please join me in thanking those who step forward and donate their time and expertise to help our city. The Tree Commissioners are Sandra Joseph (Kaywood Apts.), Hannah Grisar (Upshur St.), Ivy Thompson (31st St.), and Juliellen Sarver (Perry St., and a resident for about 3 months). There is still an open slot on the commission. Lyn Lawrence (34th St.) was re-appointed to the Design Review Board. There are two open slots for the Board. Anne Lecuyer (Perry St.) and Terri Giles (35th St.) are assisting Councilmember Miles in setting up the Community Tool Shed.

**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. Wed. May 5, 7 p.m. 5012 Rhode Island Avenue. Contact Councilmember Briones or me for details.

**NEW PORT TOWNS' DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.** City resident, Dana Grabiner, will serve as the new director of the Port Towns Economic Resource Center. She is transitioning from her "circuit rider" position where she worked with both the Port Towns and Gateway community development corporations to her new role, in which she will exclusively work with the Port Towns CDC. See Port Towns Gazette article at [www.gazette.net/200412/porttowns/news/207629-1.html](http://www.gazette.net/200412/porttowns/news/207629-1.html).

**SCHOLARSHIPS** are available for high school students preparing to go to a Maryland college from Delegate Niemann. Call 301-858-3326 for details. April 30 is the deadline. Application form is on the FOL website: [mtrainierfol.org/announcements/announcements/del\\_2.jpg](http://mtrainierfol.org/announcements/announcements/del_2.jpg).

**PEACE ACTIVIST, MARY PARKER** has worked for peace and justice in various countries throughout the world. She was in El Salvador in March to help monitor presidential elections. Parker was with an organization called Community in Solidarity for the People of El Salvador (CISPES). See Gazette article at [www.gazette.net/200410/princegeorgescty/makediff/205190-1.html](http://www.gazette.net/200410/princegeorgescty/makediff/205190-1.html).

**COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION HELP SOUGHT.** Local gardener, Jack Engel, is leading an effort to enter the City into a beautification contest held by America in Bloom, a national campaign to beautify urban areas. He is looking for a committee of people to grow some annuals from seed, plant them in public spaces, and tend to them. Call Jack at 301-779-7956. See the AIB website at [www.americainbloom.org](http://www.americainbloom.org).

**NEIGHBORS OF THE NORTHWEST BRANCH** is a newly formed environmental citizen action group dedicated to protecting and restoring a precious local resource, the Northwest Branch. Website at [www.neighborsnwb.org](http://www.neighborsnwb.org).

**WEST HYATTSVILLE TRANSIT OVERLAY ZONE.** Photos of the proposals for the area surrounding the West Hyattsville Metro station can be viewed on the FOL website.

Thank you to Michelle Sust and Friends of the Library. Go to link below, click community meeting. [mtrainierfol.org/announcements](http://mtrainierfol.org/announcements).

**E-MAIL NOTICES OF CITY EVENTS.** I provide announcements of local events, agendas of council meetings, and updates on important events via an e-mail list. If you would like to receive such information, send your e-mail address to [mtrainiernews@aol.com](mailto:mtrainiernews@aol.com). A separate list is used to send out notices of houses for sale or rent. If you have a house to rent, there are several people looking right now. Send your e-mail address to [mtrainiernews@aol.com](mailto:mtrainiernews@aol.com) and ask for the "housing" list.

### ARTS DISTRICT NEWS

*Compiled by Mayor Bryan Knedler*

Two residents, Dan Covey and Tony Cisek, were nominated for Helen Hayes Awards. Dan is nominated in the category of "Outstanding Lighting Design, Resident Play or Musical" for Slaughter City, Theater Alliance and The Return to Morality, Rep Stage. Including these two, Dan has been nominated seven times and received one previous award. Tony is nominated in the category of "Outstanding Set Design, Resident Play or Musical" for Slaughter City, Theater Alliance. He has won four times previously with seven total nominations including the new one. Announcement of the winners is May 10. The Helen Hayes Awards honor achievement, celebrate, and promote the Washington D.C. professional theatre.

Mount Rainier resident and artist, Vera Hope-Walston has her work

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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

[www.mountrainiermd.org/government/mrpd/index.html](http://www.mountrainiermd.org/government/mrpd/index.html)

*Please cut and place on your phone*

### Community Meeting a Success

Our first quarterly meeting of this year was held on Thursday, March 18. A representative of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Community Policing Institute (MARCPi) at Johns Hopkins University facilitated the meeting. Community discussion groups were held with the officers assigned to their "Team" area. Officers listened to residents concerns and are developing plans to address these concerns.

As part of our follow-up to the December meeting, officers explained to the audience projects that they have been working on for the past several months and provided a status report. A public service announcement (PSA) developed by the Department made its debut at the meeting. Watch the City Cable Channel for this PSA that discusses traffic enforcement and gang activity.

### Seat Belts Enforcement

As part of a nationwide effort to increase seatbelt use awareness during the months of April and May, officers' will setup checkpoints at the intersections of City streets ensuring drivers and passengers are buckled up with their seatbelt. Warning signs will provide notice to drivers of the checkpoints. Drivers and passengers not wearing seatbelts may receive a

ticket and be fined. Our checkpoints will also be looking at child safety seat use. Our goal is to gain 90% seatbelt usage compliance of our drivers and passengers. Remember **CLICK IT or TICKET**; it is your choice!

### Watch Your Car

Residents are encouraged to register their vehicle(s) in the "Watch Your Car" program at [www.mdautotheft.org](http://www.mdautotheft.org). This program authorizes police officers to stop their vehicle between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. and check to see if the car has been stolen. Residents may also register their vehicle(s) at the Mount Rainier Police Station. Walk-in registrants must bring their registration cards.

### February 2004 Statistics

Burglaries-(9)  
4000 block of 36<sup>th</sup> St.  
3200 block of Varnum St.(2)  
2500 block of Allison St.(2)  
4700 block of 31<sup>st</sup> Pl.  
4200 block of 30<sup>th</sup> St.  
4000 block of 36<sup>th</sup> St.  
4200 block of Eastern Ave.

Assaults-(4)  
4300 block of Russell Ave.  
3700 block of 35<sup>th</sup> St.  
3200 block of Rhode Island Ave.  
4500 block of Russell Ave.

Robberies-(4)  
2400 block of Chillum Rd.  
3300 block of Buchanan St.  
3100 block of Queens Chapel Rd.  
3200 block of Chillum Rd.  
Stolen Autos-(16)  
2900 block of Upshur St.  
2400 block of Arundel Rd.  
3100 block of Windom Rd.  
2700 block of Webster Rd.  
3400 block of Rhode Island Ave.

3200 block of Rhode Island Ave.  
3500 block of Perry St.  
3300 block of Buchanan St.(2)  
3300 block of Chauncey Pl.(2)  
3500 block of Otis St.  
4000 block of 33<sup>rd</sup> St.  
4200 block of Russell Ave.  
2700 block of Upshur St.  
4600 block of 27<sup>th</sup> St.

Thefts-(9)  
3100 block of Queens Chapel Road  
3200 block of Rhode Island Ave.(2)  
3300 block of Rhode Island Ave.  
3200 block of Queenstown Dr.  
2300 block of Varnum St.  
4200 block of Kaywood Dr.  
3700 block of 37<sup>th</sup> St.  
4700 block of 31<sup>st</sup> St.

### Events for FY 2005 Budget Process

**Tuesday, Apr. 6.** Presentation and public comment, proposed FY2005 budget for all City programs except for police dept. (including parking enforcement), public works (including code enforcement). Summary available.

**Thursday, Apr. 8.** Notice in *Port Towns Gazette* about budget presentations April 13 and April 20.

**Tuesday, Apr. 13.** Council meeting moved to Thursday, April 15.

**Thursday, Apr. 15.** Special meeting before work session. Presentation and FY2005 budget for police department. Summary available.

**Thursday, Apr. 15.** Notice in *Port Towns Gazette* about budget presentations, April 20.

**Tuesday, Apr. 20.** Presentation and public comment, proposed FY2005 budget for public works and code enforcement. Summary available.

**Tuesday, Apr. 27.** Worksession on the proposed budget.

**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.

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## Gateway Arts District Zoning Changes Proposed

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The PG County Council and Planning Board invite you to attend a joint public hearing on the preliminary sector plan and proposed sectional map amendment for the PG County Gateway Arts District on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, 7 p.m. at the County Administration Bldg., Upper Marlboro.

The sector plan area encompasses Mount Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood and Hyattsville, but excludes the Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville Transit Districts. The public hearing is part of a process leading to the approval of a new sector plan and sectional map amendment which will amend the 1994 Approved Master Plan for Planning Area 68 and the 2002 Prince George's County Approved General Plan.

Free copies of the plan will be available at City Hall, One Municipal Place, after March 12.

Individual speakers and representatives from a group or groups will be limited to three (3) minutes. Persons desiring to speak may register in advance or fill out a registration card available that night at the hearing site. Written testimony and/or exhibits will be accepted in lieu of, or in addition to, oral testimony. The record will be kept open for 15 days after the public hearing for written comments. To register to speak, contact the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Public Affairs Office at 301-952-4584 / TTY 301-952-3796.

The hearing is important to persons owning land in the area because the plan establishes policies, which will help define the type, amount, character and location of future development. Approval of a new sectional map amendment,

concurrent with the sector plan approval, could result in rezoning of your property which could then affect property values and your tax liability. Proposed zoning changes are identified in the Sectional Map Amendment portion of the plan document.

The public hearing is a part of a process leading to the approval of a proposed Development District Overlay Zone and its underlying zones, which will replace existing zones on certain properties within the sector plan area. Application of the proposed Development District Overlay Zone and its underlying zones may result in a change(s) to the intensity, land use, design standards permitted in current zones.

For further information, please contact the M-NCPPC Community Planning Division at 301-952-4225 or e-mail at [joseph.chang@ppd.mncppc.org](mailto:joseph.chang@ppd.mncppc.org).

### Drainage Nuisances

The Mount Rainier City Code Sec. 3-114 forbids draining roof or surface water in a manner that creates a structural or health hazard, or any other nuisance to the adjacent properties. The National Building Officials and Code Administration (BOCA) Code Sec. 304.7 also forbids draining roof water onto adjacent properties. Please check your downspouts, sump-pump drainage tiles, and other water that flows from your property to make sure they are not creating a problem for your neighbors.

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## Mount Rainier Community Festival

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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 3406 Rhode Island Avenue, across the street from the bus terminal.

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

NOTA IMPORTANTE 1 DE FEBRERO DEL 2004

MARCA EN TU CALENDARIO EL FESTIVAL DE LA COMUNIDAD DE MOUNT RAINIER

CUANDO: Sabado, 5 de Junio del 2002,  
A las 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.  
DONDE: Frente a la Municipalidad de Mount Rainier (Rhode Island Avenue, Terminal de Buses) Mount Rainier, Maryland

El comite esta buscando residentes quienes quieran compartir sus habilidades, talentos y destrezas para ayundar a hacer este ano el festival mas grande y mejor que nunca !! El comite se reune cada Jueves a las 6:30 p.m. en 3406 Rhode Island Avenue, frente a la terminal de buses.

Para mas informacion, communicate con los miembros del comite:

- Ophelia Baxter - 240-393-1187
- Barbara Goliday - 301-537-6046
- Robert Taylor - 301-779-2172
- Dale Dayton - 301-277-1833
- Luis Sierra - 301-779-7505 LINEA EN ESPANOL

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revenue. Reducing the tax rate by \$.04 will generate \$66,684 in tax revenue. Management took a critical look at other revenue sources that at this writing will remain at FY 04 levels, be somewhat reduced, or totally eliminated in Fiscal-Year 2005.

*Commercial Trash Fees.* Historically, the City has not fared well in terms of collecting fees owed for commercial trash service. It was revealed during discussions with the City council and department manager, that approximately 1/3 of the public works staff was consumed with commercial trash service. It was determined that the amount of time it took to provide this service, the administrative process involved in collecting the fees, the labor intensive efforts of both the public works and finance departments, resulted in this service being cost prohibitive. The service is being eliminated prior to the conclusion of fiscal year 2004. To date, through a more consistent and time-consuming effort, the City has collected \$22,649 in commercial trash fees.

*Business Personal Property Tax.* The City has experienced much difficulty in collecting business personal property tax revenue. One reason for this has been associated with the fact that the City charges a minimal late fee assessment of 0.67% per month. This translates to a relatively low incentive for property owners to pay the assessment on time. As a result of this, management is proposing a substantial increase in late fee assessments. The State charges a maximum 25% penalty on unpaid taxes in this category; management proposes a maximum 20% late fee penalty for assessments

*GASB 34.* In preparation for GASB 34, the public works director is

assessing the condition of the City's infrastructure, i.e., streets, roadways, bridges, and streetlights. Management has reallocated grant revenue to the department group, and eliminated the special revenue category. Management is currently reviewing the chart of accounts to ensure compatibility with the Maryland Uniform Financial Report Form. The City will also move from a modified accrual to a straight accrual accounting format. This simply means that revenue will be posted in the fiscal year in which it is received.<sup>1</sup>

Depending upon economic trends, management intends to phase in property tax reductions over the next five years. Given the fact that the Mount Rainier is a full service municipality with big city problems and a small city budget, it is virtually impossible to reduce revenue and increase spending due to additional priorities. Many requests for fiscal year 2005 were not honored due to the fiscal impossibility without reducing staff and cutting other City services. It is felt however, that the most crucial recommendations were acknowledged.

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## **Mount Rainier Cable—B71**

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### **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.

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## **Public Works News**

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*34th Street Improvements.* Repaving work is scheduled to begin on 34th Street in April. NZI Construction Corporation will be milling away the old asphalt pavement, repairing the concrete base where necessary, and installing a new asphalt surface with striping and road way marking. The work will start at 4010 34th Street and end at Webster Street. Also, 33rd Street between Perry Street and Bunker Hill Road will have curb, gutter, and sidewalk repair performed.

*Public Works Employee Recognition Program.* The Public Works Department has started an employee recognition program as a morale boosting and productivity maintenance strategy. The program began in January 2004 and the first employee of the month award was issued to Charles Stewart who has demonstrated outstanding performance in self-improvement and conscientious behavior on the job.

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## **Code Enforcement News**

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*Business Licenses Due.* All Mount Rainier businesses were required to renew their business and occupancy license by Feb. 28, 2004. If you have not renewed, please do so as soon as possible in order to avoid late charges.

*Commercial Trash Collection Stopped.* Commercial trash collection will cease at the end of March 2004. All businesses will be required to arrange trash collection with a private hauler and show evidence of such arrangement. The Public Works Department has a list of private haulers.

*Building Permits.* Six building permits have been issued this year.

*Impending Litigation.* The following addresses will be scheduled for Request for adjudicator with the District Court of Maryland if their respective violations are not corrected and citations paid:  
3210 Perry Street—water damage  
3502 37th Street—fire damaged structure  
3715 35th Street—illegal junk yard

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## Tree Commission News

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To notify the Tree Commission of any trees that need pruning or removal, please send an e-mail to [treecommission@yahoo.com](mailto:treecommission@yahoo.com).

ARBOR DAY. April 24 is Mount Rainier's Arbor Day. Residents are encouraged to adopt one or more neighborhood trees. Notify the Tree Commission and fellow adopters via the new Yahoo group, Mount Rainier Trees ([http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MR\\_Trees/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MR_Trees/)), by e-mailing Mount Rainier Trees at [MR\\_Trees@yahoo.com](mailto:MR_Trees@yahoo.com), or, at the very least, by e-mailing the Tree Commission at [treecommission@yahoo.com](mailto:treecommission@yahoo.com). If you do not have access to e-mail, you can leave a message for the Commission at City Hall 301-985-6585.

Information about tree care and urban foresting will be posted on Mount Rainier Trees and e-mailed to subscribers. Information about the Arbor Day celebration will be posted in the Mount Rainier Trees group, the Mount Rainier City Website, and on the city cable channel.

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## State Income Tax Reminder

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The City of Mount Rainier shares in the state income taxes paid by residents ONLY if you write in "Mount Rainier" as your municipality in the appropriate box on your state tax return. This does not increase your taxes; it assures that a share of your tax dollars will help fund city services like police, public works, etc. All of Kaywood and Queens Manor, as well as most of Queenstown are within the borders of Mount Rainier.

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displayed as part of the "New Visions: Emerging Trends in African American Art," at the Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum (through April 25). She says she was commanded during her dreams to make the pieces, four chairs thematically decorated with fabric, leather, wire, wood and found objects. See photo at [www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A19756-2004Jan15](http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A19756-2004Jan15).

Photos of the Artspace building demolition and construction: [mtrainierfol.org/urban\\_renewal/artspace\\_project\\_mt\\_rainier/index.html](http://mtrainierfol.org/urban_renewal/artspace_project_mt_rainier/index.html). Artspace Project: [www.artspaceusa.org/inprogress/rainier\\_gateway/](http://www.artspaceusa.org/inprogress/rainier_gateway/).

The Gazette newspapers ran several articles about the Arts District in the March 19 issue. See [www.gazette.net/200412/porttowns/news/207624-1.html](http://www.gazette.net/200412/porttowns/news/207624-1.html). Coverage of the artist in the schools program: [www.gazette.net/200412/porttowns/news/207633-1.html](http://www.gazette.net/200412/porttowns/news/207633-1.html).

Laura Schandelmeier presented a free solo concert with guest pianist, Reed Robins, on the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage on March 31. She performed works by the late Pola Nirenska, and by Clara Gibson Maxwell in addition to the world premiere of the full-length version of *Their, Then, Now / Doin' the Shorty George* with video by visual artist Richard Carlyon. Video archived at [kennedy-center.org/millennium](http://kennedy-center.org/millennium).

The Washington Post business section (front page) took note of the growing arts district on March 22. Gateway CDC's executive director, Nick Francis, is quoted: "Ours is unique because we're starting with virtually nothing, You drive through and [ask], "This is an arts district?" We're sort of starting with nothing and trying to make something happen from nothing. . . This is economic restructuring of a commer-

cial strip, and it takes some time to do that." See article at [www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A13827-2004Mar21.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A13827-2004Mar21.html).

Local sculptor, Alan Binstock, will be displaying his work at the Elizabeth Roberts Gallery, 2108 R Street NW, from April 1-30.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES. I have noticed several dark streetlights around the city. Please take the initiative and check your block. If there is a nonworking street light, call Pepco and report it at 1-877-737-2662. Give the number of the pole (on the metal plate on the pole) and the nearest address. The streetlights in Kaywood are repaired by the City, so report those to Public Works. Lights along Eastern Ave. belong to D.C. (contact a councilmember about those). If the light is not repaired in 4 or 5 days, please call me, or a councilmember. We can call Pepco's municipal liaison to expedite matters.

POLICE/COMMUNITY MEETING. Councilmember Briones and I attended the MRPD's quarterly community meeting in March. See Chief's Report on page 3 for details. Meeting facilitator, Kent Smith of the Montgomery Co. PD, complimented our department for its innovative approach to the community meetings and said he did not know of any other dept. doing citizen surveys to evaluate police effectiveness.

**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](http://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.

# April–May calendar

April 2	Recyclable Collection	May 17	Regular Yard Waste Collection and Scheduled Bulk Trash Collection
April 5	Regular Yard Waste Collection and Scheduled Bulk Trash Collection	May 19	Regular Residential Trash Collection
April 6	Presentation and public comment, proposed FY2005 budget for all City programs except for police dept. (including parking enforcement), public works (including code enforcement). Summary available.	May 21	Recyclable Collection
April 7	Regular Residential Trash Collection	May 24	Regular Yard Waste Collection
April 9	Recyclable Collection	May 25	Public hearing on constant yield tax rate and on FY2005 budget; first reading of FY2005 budget ordinance.
April 12	Regular Yard Waste Collection	May 26	Regular Residential Trash Collection
April 13	Public hearing on Art Sector Plan, Upper Marlboro, 7 pm Council meeting moved to April 15	May 28	Recyclable Collection
April 14	Regular Residential Trash Collection	May 31	MEMORIAL DAY—CITY HALL CLOSED
April 15	Special council meeting for presentation and comment on the proposed FY2005 police department budget, 7 pm.		
April 16	Recyclable Collection		
April 19	Regular Yard Waste Collection and Scheduled Bulk Trash Collection		
April 20	Council meeting for presentation and comment on proposed FY05 public works budget, 7 pm.		
April 21	Regular Residential Trash Collection		
April 23	Recyclable Collection		
April 24	ARBOR DAY		
April 26	Regular Yard Waste Collection		
April 27	Worksession on the proposed budget.		
April 28	Regular Residential Trash Collection		
April 30	Recyclable Collection		
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		
May 14	Recyclable 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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**Deadline for the  
May Message  
is April 19.**

# 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  
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301-206-8000  
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