



The Message

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CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS REPEAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

In a regular meeting scheduled of the Mayor and Council on December 5, 2006 a first reading of Ordinance 18-2006 was on the agenda for new business which proposes the repeal of Chapter 1A Collective Bargaining of the *Mount Rainier Code*. After receiving public comment, the Mayor and Council have set the following schedule for dates for continued discussion of this item:

December 19, 2006 – Council Work Session on the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Public Comment will be heard.

January 2, 2007 - Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

January 4, 2007 – Public Hearing – Collective Bargaining Agreement. Public Comment limited to 3 minutes per individual, and 5 minutes for persons representing a group of three or more.

January 9, 2007 – Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council – Second Reading and Vote on Ordinance 18-2006

MAYOR'S REPORT

Greetings

It is the holiday season again! It is the season when each of us in our own way acknowledges the birth of hope, peace, and rededication of ourselves to loving our neighbors, friends and families.

By the temperatures outside we all know that summer is over, and we are headed directly into winter. All of us will be facing higher utility bills in addition to our regular bills and expenses. As a way to help us cope with some of these issues, I am working with the various utility companies, PEPCO, Washington Gas, Verizon, Comcast, and Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission to host and televise discussions on decreasing our cost and increasing our efficiency in using energy. These dates will be carried on our cable TV channel, our website, and in our newsletter. Please be on the watch for them.

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Some of the items that might be of interest are:

- 1) **Collective Bargaining and the Mount Rainier Police Department** –The dates of the Mayor and Council meetings on whether to retain the Collective Bargaining Agreement are listed on the front page of this Newsletter. Please mark your calendars and come out and voice your opinion. For your consideration, I am providing some facts and statistics that I believe will be beneficial in your deliberations and consideration of this matter.
 - a. *Mayor and Council met and deliberated on this matter prior to negotiations in 2005. In fact, former Councilmember Intisar Haamid was still on the Council. (Keep in mind, elections were held in May 2005)*
 - b. *The Mayor and all four Council members met with the City's Attorney to ensure the legality of the proposed actions and received legal advice.*
 - c. *Based on the information, concerns raised, and the attorney's advice, the Mayor and Council decided to issue a contract that would expire prior to the May 2007 elections.*
 - d. *In addition, Mayor and Council agreed to explore Law Enforcement Officers Pension System (LEOPS) and to determine if it was feasible to provide this benefit. It was during these discussions, concerns, and debates that the former Chief's involvement in negotiations relative to LEOPS was questioned.*
 - e. *Although no further actions were taken, it was the firm consensus of the Mayor and Council that the revocation of the collective bargaining agreement was essential to the continued growth and development of the City. It was also their best judgment that the current legislation needed to be eliminated in light of the newly established Employee Personnel Manual that now addresses all areas of working conditions for ALL employees, not just some as does the collective bargaining agreement. It also provided for fair and equitable payment for services rendered. A straw vote was taken to show consensus and it was unanimous.*

Some Statistics for your consideration

Allegation: Mayor and Council were trying to slip one past the police and residents.

FACT: Ordinance 18-2006 was drafted, distributed and put on the agenda three or four weeks prior to the December 5 meeting. Members of the Mayor and Council were afforded an opportunity to review, comment, and/or solicit input on the document prior to the meeting.

FACT: As far back as 2004/5 this issue was being discussed by Mayor and Council. In fact, in one session, Councilmember Gandee raised the issue of eliminating the police department and the fact that Bowie, at that time, used County Police Officers. Since then, as many of you know, Bowie has implemented its own police department and is in the process of hiring more than 50 police officers. Although no formal or official communication was ever given to the police union regarding these discussions, the police union was aware of the discussion as demonstrated by their response.

Allegation: Crappy, broken down police vehicles

FACT: Since 2003, Mayor and Council have allocated funding for eight (8) new police vehicles, of which two new ones were delivered last week. (@approximately \$25,000 that is a cost of \$200,000 – this number does NOT include financing cost)

Allegation: No comparable compensation

FACT: Although there may not have been a straight cost of living raise, the Mayor and Council in an effort to be competitive with other jurisdictions and the County increased all police salaries across the board, raising the minimum starting salary to \$35,000 during probation, and increasing it to \$37,275. At the writing of this report, the lowest salary is more than \$35,500 and the highest salary is greater than \$64,000. These numbers do not include the Chief of Police or other management employees.

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Under the FY 2005 financial audit, it was noted that \$1,169,636 or 47.3% of all City expenses were on public safety. In FY 2007, 49% of salaries and benefits are allocated to public safety. These numbers do not include our parking enforcement officers, police liability and vehicular insurance, or capital outlay expenditures for the police department.

Allegation: Not enough over time.

FACT: In addition to the base salaries, our police officers have been paid over time, night differentials and other financial requirements. In fact, during FY 2004, the City paid \$74,000 in over time; in FY 2005, the City paid \$49,116 in over time; in FY 2006, the City paid \$30,316. Although we are only five months into our current fiscal year, the City has paid \$26,670 in over time.

On another level, it is unfair to compare the budget of Mount Rainier (\$3,018, 651) with that of Hyattsville (\$9,129,500), Greenbelt (\$19,067,200), Laurel (\$15,715,936), and Bowie (\$26,157,700). Bladensburg with its \$3,493,353 comes closest to that of the City's and it spends \$1,632,343 on public safety with 17 officers and actual salary cost of \$1,439,136.

In addition to financial compensation, the City paid over the past three fiscal years the following amounts: FY 2005 \$6,927; FY 2006 \$13,354; and for FY 2007 the City has allocated \$9,500 for uniforms and cleanings.

Allegation: City cannot hire police officers or can't get police offices to come and work for the City.

FACT: Since December 2005, the City has recruited, hired and trained at least six (6) new police officers. In the past two years, the City has had more than a 50% turn over. Obviously, the collective bargaining agreement is NOT a retention tool, and of those with whom I have personally spoken, the collective bargaining agreement was not a factor in their decision to come and work for the City.

FACT: Retention is an issue, and most of the officers that have left the employ of the City have NOT cited the Mayor and Council as a reason for their leaving.

FACT: At least one officer does NOT belong to the bargaining unit and chooses not to do so as one of his rights.

FACT: Some of the Police Officers that have left the ranks of Mount Rainier's Police Force have done so under duress as well as for better pay.

FACT: Medical plan offered by City is considered one of the better ones in the County

FACT: City currently offers a retirement plan to its officers, and is exploring LEOPS. The following chart shows what is currently being paid by the City, and the cost to the City should it decide to offer LEOPS (ONLY TO POLICE OFFICERS):

NOTE: LEOPS payments are based on the total salaries of the police department. Therefore, if you assume the total salaries to be \$675,000 annually, the State Retirement and Pension premiums would be the following.)

CURRENT PLAN		ACPS*	LEOPS**
Rate	8.1%	9.8%	33.18%
Amt	\$54,675	\$66,150.00	\$223,965.00

The difference between the current Plan and ACPS premiums: \$11,475.00

The difference between the current Plan and LEOPS premiums: \$169,290.00.

*Alternative Contributory Pension Selection (ACPS) This is a retirement plan that was presented to the Union and other City employees that would require a 1% match by the employees while requiring the City to also pay 1.8% per employee. The Police Union decided not to take a position on this matter. This new plan was adopted and approved during the last legislative session, and was promoted by the Maryland State Teachers Association.

**Currently only a few of the larger cities with much larger budgets than that of the City of Mount Rainier offer LEOPS to their police officers. This has been true because of the high cost associated with LEOPS.

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FACT: The current tax rate is 0.79 per \$100.00 of the assessed valuation of the property. This rate has been in affect for the past three or more years.

FACT: To cover/implement LEOPS in the City for just the Police Officers will require an additional \$113,000 assuming the City will receive a \$55,000 credit from the State Retirement Agency. (NOTE: This figure can change. However it is our best estimate based on information received to date.)

FACT: To generate the funds necessary to pay this rate, the City would need to raise taxes at least four (4) cents. This would translate into a tax increase to 0.83.

FACT: These numbers do NOT include any raises, adjustments to benefits or other compensation for other employees.

Allegation: The Police Union has adhered to the bargaining agreement and properly requested to enter into negotiations.

FACT: At the writing of this report, the Police Union has NOT requested to enter into negotiations with the City.

FACT: In accordance with the current Police Union contract agreement Article XVI the FOP MUST provide written notice to the City of their desire to renegotiate the agreement by November 1, 2006. If no notice is provided to the City by November 1, the City is under no obligation to renew or negotiate with the Police Union. (**Exact wording of ARTICLE XVI, Effective Date and Duration of the Union Contract -- This agreement is effective on January 1, 2006 and all articles and addendum and terms and conditions within will remain in full force and effect for a period not to exceed February 28, 2007. The FOP must provide written notice of their desire to renegotiate the agreement by November 1, 2006. If no notice is provided to the City by November 1, the City is under no obligation to renew or negotiate.**) Note the word "must" provide written notice of their desire to renegotiate the agreement by November 1, 2006. This did NOT happen.

FACT: After missing the contractual notification deadline of November 1, on November 2 around 10:30am the Police Union delivered a letter to the City requesting an extension of the current contract. The current contract language also addresses this issue under ARTICLE XVI which states that: **"If notice is provided by November 1, 2006 negotiations for a succeeding agreement will begin on January 15, 2007. In the event that both parties are unable to reach an agreement this agreement may be extended at the discretion of the City Manager, for a period not to exceed three (3) additional months."**

FACT: Article XVI is the last article of the Union Contract and appears just before the signatures which include Victor Kenworthy who was then the Union's State Trustee, and is currently the Union's Trustee. Everyone was aware of the terms and conditions of the Union Contract

As you can see from all of the above, this Mayor and Council have been prudent, yet lenient in its appropriations for our Police Officers. Provisions have been made to make sure that the City can compete with surrounding jurisdictions. The MOU with Brentwood was another way to expand our police department while increasing our public safety.

All of our (Mayor and Council) actions have been with an eye toward the future, the safety of our City, the well being of our officers, and within our budgetary constraints.

Therefore, the statements made on last Tuesday were in many ways erroneous, and given in a manner that would generate a public outcry without the facts being heard. These are the facts. Check our budget. Request a copy of the Union Contract. Check the information for yourself.

Before you loose faith in the Mayor and Council, look at the information you have been provided. I am sure that the information and record will speak for itself.

I will not participate in any name calling or other hypocrisy. Mayor and Council arrived at its decision based on a lot more information than was shared via email, the Yahoo Group etc. We did make one

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serious error in judgment by not having brought the issue to a work session prior to putting it on the agenda for a first reading. It has been read. It is on the December 19 work session. It is scheduled for a hearing on January 4, and a second (2nd) reading and vote on January 9, 2007.

However, according to the mutually negotiated contract, the City has NO OBLIGATION to renew or renegotiate a collective bargaining agreement with the Police Union who still has not stated a desire to renew or renegotiate with the City. Check the records including all correspondence. NOTE: A letter has been received by the City to reopen negotiations to address the issues of salaries and health benefits as required by the current contract relative to LEOPS. Since the City is still investigating the cost of LEOPS and has not taken a vote on this issue, there is still no final answer, and the request to reopen this contract is some what premature. In addition, the delay in response and/or the City asking to reopen this section of the contract was caused by its wait on the State to provide the information regarding cost to the City. (See above information on LEOPS.)

- 2) **Partnering with our Apartment Owners/Managers** -- *Since the month of August the Mayor, City Manager, Chief of Police (and/or his designee) have met with representatives from the various apartment complexes in the City. The purposes of these meetings are to develop partnerships and consensus on various issues, i.e., safety, matching funds for grants, purchasing police vehicles, and in general open channels of communications. Both meetings were well attended. The group agreed to meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 10:00am to continue our dialogue. The ultimate purpose is to bill a relationship with the owners, managers, and the City and to eliminate surprises, and make Mount Rainier a truly livable community for everyone. Issues that have been addressed include an agreement that the City will work in partnership with the apartments to issue parking stickers to their residents to help the City identify cars that are illegally parking in the City and have not registered with the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) – this program is to begin on January 1 with warnings issued, then followed with real citations on March 1. The issue of poor lighting in and around the City has also been addressed with Mr. Ernie Baker from PEPCO attending the last meeting to talk about lights, rate increases, and the impact of the decreased use of mercury vapor lights starting January 2008. In addition, the issue of waste haulers being registered with the City was addressed, and determined that many of them were not in compliance with the County or City. This resulted in the City working with the apartment managers/owners in enforcing the new ordinance which has resulted in the City collecting more than \$2815. Other issues being addressed is the purchase of a police vehicle for the City by the apartment owners/managers. Finally, the City discussed the issue of trees, streets and other work that is being done or has been done by the apartment managers/owners that was the responsibility of the City. The next meeting will be held on January 23 at 10:00am. Meetings are held at Artmosphere Cafe. All Council members are invited.*

Chief's Report

Safe Shopping Tips

By the time this issue of *The Message* gets to your door, there will be less than 20 shopping days left before Christmas. If you're anything like me, you still have a lot of shopping to do!

Crime peaks during the holiday season, so it's important that you learn how to keep yourselves and your loved ones out of harm's way. Criminals look for the easiest opportunity when deciding where and when to commit a crime. Shoppers, particularly women, can be vulnerable to crimes such as theft, robbery and assault. The following crime prevention tips and recommendations will help you make your holiday shopping a safe and happy experience.

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. Knowing what is around you can keep you from being surprised, and it also allows you time to react if something appears suspicious.

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- Display confidence. Criminals tend to choose a victim who looks like an easy target. That choice is partially based on their perception about your ability to react to an attack. If you walk with purpose, scan the area around you, and make casual eye contact with others around you, you are displaying confidence.
- Trust your instincts. Your body will tell you when someone or some thing is suspicious. If you have an intuitive feeling that something is wrong, do not second-guess yourself. React immediately and take action to reduce your risk.
- Keep a close eye on your children while shopping. Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard if they ever get separated from you in a store or mall. Make sure they know their first and last name so they can tell someone who they are. It's best to keep children under four in a stroller. Children in shopping carts should be properly belted and seated in the child carrier area at all times —never let your child stand in or push a shopping cart. If possible, leave your children with a baby-sitter while you are shopping. For holiday shopping, consider making arrangements with family or friends/neighbors, and take turns baby-sitting.
- Carry only what you need. Extra cash, credit cards, checks, jewelry and other items should be left at home. If it is necessary to carry a purse, keep it in front of you and close to your body. Men should keep wallets out of back pockets where they can be easily stolen. Carry wallets in a front coat or pants pocket, or use a money clip as an alternative.
- Don't be overburdened with packages. Carrying several shopping bags makes you look vulnerable. Request a store to hold your merchandise until you're finished shopping. If the store does not offer that service, put excess packages in the trunk of your car before you continue shopping.
- Shop with others. The chance of being victimized drops off dramatically when with you are with a companion. If there are three or more people together, the chance of being targeted for crime is 90% less than when you're alone.
- Ask for an escort. Most retailers and shopping malls have private security personnel on duty, especially during the holidays. Ask them for an escort to your vehicle if you are uncomfortable venturing into the parking lot alone.
- Be prepared. Have your keys in hand when walking to your vehicle. The keys can be used as a defensive weapon and you will not waste time trying to find them while standing outside your vehicle. Carry a whistle or a personal alarm. These devices can alert security personnel and other persons around you that something is wrong.
- Plan ahead. Choose parking areas where lighting is good and activity is high. Keep valuables inside your car out of view, preferably in the trunk or other secure compartment. Make sure you lock your car, and use a Club or other anti-theft device. Most thefts from auto occur on cars that are left unlocked.

Holiday Safety Tips

Christmas Trees

When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label is not a guarantee that the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate that the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches when bent between your fingers, and needles do not break. The cut base of the tree's trunk is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the fresh tree should not lose many needles. Wholesale Christmas tree growers generally harvest their mass-market trees in mid to late October. If you buy a tree from your local garden center (Lowe's, Home Depot), nursery store, high volume discount store or from a lot operated by a service club, you are most likely getting a tree that can be as much as two months old before it gets to your home. You should ask the seller when his/her trees were cut and shop around for the freshest cut tree possible. Older cut trees are dryer and are more susceptible to catching fire than a fresh cut tree. They will also leave fewer needles in your carpet to be vacuumed up after the holidays!

When setting up a tree at home, place it at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents and other sources of heat. Be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Make sure your tree stand holds at least 1 gallon of water. As a general rule, stands should provide 1 quart of water per inch of stem diameter. The average 6-foot tree has a 4-inch diameter trunk and can consume as much as 4 quarts or 1 gallon of water per day. Clean water is all that is needed to keep the tree fresh. Do not use additives in the water, such as floral preservatives, molasses, sugar, bleach, soft drinks, aspirin. When selecting a location for the tree, try to avoid heavy traffic areas and do not block doorways. HINT: before bringing the tree into the house, cut ½" to 1" off the bottom of the trunk before putting it in its stand, then use *hot* water when to fill the stand for the first time. The hot water will help dissolve any sealing pitch open up restrictions so the tree can better "drink" water and transpire that water to its leaves.

Decorative Lighting

Indoors or outdoors, use only those lights that have been tested for safety and are UL approved. Check each set of lights, old or new, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets.

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Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights and a person could be electrocuted by touching a branch.

Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports. Do not use staples or nails to hang strings of lights. Use hooks or clips designed for hanging light strings.

Turn off lights when you leave the house or go to bed.

For added electric shock protection, plug outdoor electric lights and decorations to a protected ground fault circuit (GFCIs). Portable outdoor GFCIs can be purchased where electrical supplies are sold.

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near evergreens. Always place candles where they will not be knocked down or where small children can reach them.

Decorations

If you have small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are breakable. Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of pets and small children to prevent them from swallowing or inhaling them. Avoid tree trimmings that resemble food that may tempt a child or your pets.

Use only non-combustible or flame resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or non-leaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested.

Follow container directions carefully when using snow sprays to avoid lung irritation.

Wear gloves to avoid eye and skin irritation while decorating with spun glass.

Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire could result as wrapping paper burns suddenly and intensely. If you plan to hang stockings over your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.

What You Should Do If A Police Officer Stops You

Michael E. Scott, Police Chief

In my November *Message* article I discussed some of the reasons why a police officer would want to question you. This month's *Message* continues with information about what you should do if a police officer stops you on the street.

Sometimes, problems arise when it seems as if a police officer has stopped to question you for what appears to be no reason at all. There are many factors that officers take into consideration in determining if they have reasonable suspicion to stop and question someone. Every situation is different, but some factors the officer may consider are:

- Police may have a minimal description of a suspect that you may resemble
- You may be in an area where a crime has just occurred
- Your actions appear to be suspicious (i.e., running from an area where a crime has just occurred) and you act even more suspiciously when you see the police officer
- Someone may have pointed you out as a possible suspect

Your forthright responses, if an officer does stop and question you, will usually quickly resolve the situation. If the officer hasn't told you why you have been stopped, you may inquire. If, despite these considerations, you feel you do not want to respond, the officer must respect your right not to answer. However, your cooperation could be most helpful in aiding a police investigation.

It is my expectation that all Mount Rainier police officers treat each individual with whom they come into contact with dignity and respect. Dignity and respect transcend those physical or other descriptors that too often unfairly label human beings. I also believe that my officers should be treated with the same dignity and respect they show the public. Just as ordinary citizens have the right to expect to be free of violence, assaults, and verbal abuse, so do police officers as they carry out their daily duties and responsibilities. If we practice this mutual respect and cooperation, we will have come a long way towards increasing our quality of life, and making Mount Rainier a safer place to live.

Selected Crimes – October 2006

Date	Offense	Location			
20-Oct-06	Animal Bite	4000	BL	34TH	ST
31-Oct-06	Aggravated Assault	3400	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
23-Oct-06	Aggravated Assault	2400	BL	ARUNDEL	RD
21-Oct-06	Aggravated Assault	2900	BL	ALLISON	ST
17-Oct-06	Aggravated Assault	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
03-Oct-06	Aggravated Assault	4200	BL	RAINIER	AV
28-Oct-06	B & E - Residential	4100	BL	RUSSELL	AV
24-Oct-06	B & E - Residential	4300	BL	28TH	PL
15-Oct-06	B & E - Residential	3500	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
30-Oct-06	B & E - Commercial	3400	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
16-Oct-06	B & E - Commercial	3400	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
16-Oct-06	B & E - Commercial	3400	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
06-Oct-06	B & E - Commercial	3400	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
05-Oct-06	B & E - Commercial	4000	BL	34TH	ST
05-Oct-06	B & E - Commercial	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
03-Oct-06	B & E - Commercial	3400	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
19-Oct-06	Rape	3600	BL	OAK	LN
23-Oct-06	Robbery - Citizen	4200	BL	28TH	ST
22-Oct-06	Robbery - Citizen	2700	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD
19-Oct-06	Robbery - Citizen	3800	BL	34TH	ST
19-Oct-06	Robbery - Citizen		BL	36TH	ST
16-Oct-06	Robbery - Citizen	3400	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
15-Oct-06	Robbery - Citizen	4100	BL	30TH	ST
11-Oct-06	Robbery - Citizen	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV
08-Oct-06	Robbery - Citizen	4300	BL	28TH	PL
06-Oct-06	Robbery - Citizen	4100	BL	RUSSELL	AV
09-Oct-06	Robbery - Carjacking	3000	BL	ARUNDEL	RD
07-Oct-06	Robbery - Carjacking	2200	BL	VARNUM	ST
29-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	3300	BL	BUCHANAN	ST
29-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	2700	BL	ALLISON	ST
26-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	3600	BL	34TH	ST
24-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	3200	BL	CHILLUM	RD
16-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	3200	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD
15-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	3200	BL	CHILLUM	RD
14-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	4100	BL	RUSSELL	AV
14-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV
13-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	2900	BL	ALLISON	ST
11-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	2700	BL	ALLISON	ST
08-Oct-06	Stolen Vehicle	2800	BL	SHEPHARD	ST
31-Oct-06	Theft - From Auto	3700	BL	34TH	ST
23-Oct-06	Theft - From Auto	4100	BL	RUSSELL	AV
20-Oct-06	Theft - From Auto	100	L	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD
17-Oct-06	Theft - From Auto	4300	BL	KAYWOOD	DR
10-Oct-06	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV
03-Oct-06	Theft - From Auto	3100	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD
13-Oct-06	Theft - Identity	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV

31-Oct-06	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4200 BL	KAYWOOD	DR
23-Oct-06	Theft - Vehicle Tags	3200 BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR
17-Oct-06	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4200 BL	28TH	ST
12-Oct-06	Theft - Vehicle Tags	2900 BL	ALLISON	ST
03-Oct-06	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4100 BL	28TH	ST
20-Oct-06	Theft < 500	3500 BL	37TH	ST
14-Oct-06	Theft < 500	4500 BL	30TH	ST
12-Oct-06	Theft < 500	3300 BL	CHAUNCEY	PL
05-Oct-06	Theft < 500	3300 BL	CHILLUM	RD
01-Oct-06	Theft < 500	3400 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
23-Oct-06	Vandalism	3300 BL	33RD	ST
12-Oct-06	Vandalism	3100 BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD
31-Oct-06	Vandalism to Auto	4200 BL	RUSSELL	AV
29-Oct-06	Vandalism to Auto	3100 BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD
29-Oct-06	Vandalism to Auto	3200 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
25-Oct-06	Vandalism to Auto	3300 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
23-Oct-06	Vandalism to Auto	3100 BL	WEBSTER	ST
20-Oct-06	Vandalism to Auto	4100 BL	30TH	ST
17-Oct-06	Vandalism to Auto	4300 BL	28TH	PL
17-Oct-06	Vandalism to Auto	3700 BL	WELLS	AV
15-Oct-06	Vandalism to Auto	3300 BL	ARUNDEL	RD
02-Oct-06	Vandalism to Auto	4300 BL	RUSSELL	AV

Scheduled pick up dates for trash in the City of Mt. Rainier for January and February 2007.

DATE	PARTICULARS	DATE	PARTICULARS
January 1	New Years Day(Public Works and City Hall Closed)	February 2	Recyclables Pick Up
January 2	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558)	February 5	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558)
January 3	Regular Trash Pick Up	February 7	Regular Trash Pick Up
January 5	Recyclables Pick Up	February 9	Recyclables Pick Up
January 8	Yard Waste Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558)	February 12	Yard Waste Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558)
January 10	Regular Trash Pick Up	February 14	Regular Trash Pick Up
January 12	Recyclables Pick Up	February 16	Recyclables Pick Up
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (Public Works and City Hall Closed)	February 19	Presidents day (Public Works and City Hall Closed)
January 16	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558)	February 20	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558)
January 17	Regular Trash Pick Up	February 21	Regular Trash Pick Up
January 19	Recyclables Pick Up	February 23	Recyclables Pick Up
January 24	Regular Trash Pick Up	February 28	Regular Trash Pick Up
January 26	Recyclables Pick Up		
January 31	Regular Trash Pick Up		

Yard Waste Pick Up is by appointments only every 2nd Monday.. Please have all bulk trash and yard waste out by 7:00 am on the respective pick up day and all appointments made before 12 noon on the Friday preceding pick up day.



Disposal of Christmas Trees



Election Board Members Needed

The City will hold an election for the council seats currently held by Council members Carol Gandee and Pedro Briones. If you are interested in serving as an Election Board Member please contact City Hall at (301)-985-6585.

City of Mount Rainier Businesses

*Eat. Shop. Dance. Teach Learn. Share. Heal. Socialize. Play.
Coffee. Tea. Ice Cream. Pastries. Snacks. Great Food. And More.....
Come for a Visit and Choose To Live in Mount Rainier*

Arts and Crafts; Antiques; Arts and Entertainment

Bazaar San Antonio, 4010 34th Street
Community Vision, 3808 34th Street
G&A Discount, 3813 34th Street
Joe's Movement Emporium, 3802 34th Street
Kaywood Unisex Salon, 2309 Varnum Street
Latin American Folk Institute-LAFI, 3800-A 34th Street
Ms. Cee's Beauty Parlor, 2307 Varnum Street
Nisey's Boutique, I Got It At Nisey's, 4006 34th Street
Odd and Even Thrift Shop, 3400 Rhode Island Ave
Phil Y's Barber Shop and Salon, 2319 Varnum Street
Shear Creation Salon, 3201 Rhode Island Av
Tre Chic Coiffeures Hair Salon, 3705 Rhode Island Ave
Virgo Company Dollar Store, 3221 Rhode Island Ave
World Arts Focus, 3810 34th Street
VSCJ Antiques and Collectibles, 3225 Rhode Island Ave

Auto Services; Gas/ Fuel; Supplies

A&P Wholesalers, 3501 37th Street
Advance Auto, 3191 Queens Chapel Road
Bunker Hill Laundermat, 3846 34th Street
Eastern BP Amoco, 4501 Eastern Avenue
LaCasita Furniture and Bedding, 3235 Rhode Island Ave
Thrifty Car Rental, 3210 Rhode Island Ave

Barbershop, Hair Salon, Beauty and Spa Supplies

Beauty Depot, 3171 Queens Chapel Road
Colors By Tangie, 3800-B 34th Street
Crown of Glory Salon, 4004 34th Street
First Beauty Nail Salon, 3215 Rhode Island Ave
Hands on Barber, 3811 34th Street
Tracey's Hair Studio, 3848 34th Street
Urlyana's Hair Studio and Spa, 3237 Rhode Island Ave
DeMone's House of Hair, 3316 Perry Street

Books; Natural Healing; Coops

Dar Es Salaam, House of Healing, 3830 34th Street
Brenda's Healthy Skin Solutions, 3830 34th Street

Dry Cleaning and Laundry

Queens T. Custom Cleaners, 3111 Chillum Rd

Convenience, Beverage, Grocery, and Dollar Stores

7-11 Convenience Store, 3310 Chillum Road
7-11 Convenience Store, 2310 Varnum Street
Check Cashing Services, 3211 Rhode Island Ave
Chuck's Liquors, 3416 Rhode Island Ave
El Palenque Disco Centro, 3414 Rhode Island Ave
Ericka's Grocery, 3237 Rhode Island Ave
Family Dollar, 2201 Varnum Street
Family Dollar, 3179 Queens Chapel Road
Habesha International Market, 2311 Varnum Street
La Pequenita Grocery Store, 3840 34th Street
Marie's Variety Store, 4002 34th Street
Money Marts, Checks Cashed, 3213 Queens Chapel
Mount Rainier Antique Shop, 3815 34th Street
Party Time Liquors, 3307 Rhode Island Ave
K' Food Mart, 3223 Rhode Island Ave
Kaywood Supermarket, 2303 Varnum Street
Varietas Blanqui, 3402 Rhode Island Ave
Glut Food Coop, 4000 34th Street

Eating Places

Artmosphere Digital Café, 3311 Rhode Island Ave
Caribbean Market, 3213 Queens Chapel Road
Frances Salvadorean & Mexican Food, 3852 34th St
Grand China Restaurant, 2300 Arundel Road
Island Style Ice Cream Parlor, 3856 34th Street
Joe's Carryout Restaurant, 3185 Queens Chapel Rd
Joe's Seafood Carryout, 3183 Queens Chapel Rd
Mannie's Carryout, 2305 Varnum Street
Pan Lourdes Latin Bakery, 3237 Rhode Island Ave
Potomac Fish House, 3221 Rhode Island Ave
Terminal Snack Bar, 3405 Rhode Island Ave
Tortilla Kitchen, 3231 Rhode Island Ave
PD Systems, 3808 34th Street
Reynold's Real Estate Academy, 3239 Rhode Island Ave
EXIT Crown Realty, 3615 Rhode Island Ave

City of Mount Rainier Businesses (continued)

Books; Natural Healing; Coops (continued)

WWCG Books, 3847 34th Street

Flower Shops

Margaret's/Mount Rainier Flower, 3407 Perry St

Oscar's Flower and Gift Shop, 4006 34th Street

Child Care Services

Gateway Child Development, 3833 34th Street

Mount Rainier Child Development Center, 3407 Perry St.

Mount Rainier Early Learning Center, 4001 33rd Street

Insurance, Tax, and Accounting Services

Anchor Finance Company, 3200 Otis Street

Crown Insurance Agency, 3615 Rhode Island Av

Jackson Hewitt, 3207 Rhode Island Ave

Capricorn Tax Service, 3237 Rhode Island Ave

General Contractors; Real Estate; Other Services

Built Up Roofing, 3711 Wells Ave

Charles K. McConkey & Sons, 3314 Perry Street

Reynold's Real Estate Academy, 3239 Rhode Island Ave

EXIT Crown Realty, 3615 Rhode Island Ave

Health/ Medical Services/ Counseling

Dr. Sukumaran Arqangat, 3308 Perry Street

Dr. Suresh Gupta, 3503 Perry Street

Dr. Raman Tuli, 3503 Perry Street, Suite B

C.A. Mayo and Associates, 3403 Perry Street

Security, Printing, and Other Services

Abacus Corporation, 3501 Perry Street

H&W Printing, 3616 Oak Lane

Standard Pressing Company, 3299 Queens Chapel Road

Financial Empowerment, 3830 34th Street

Department of Public Works Leaf Schedule Pick-up for December 2006

Area 2 Dec 12 & 14

3800 – 4100 block of 30th St.

3800 – 4100 Block of 31st St.

3800 – 4000 Block of 32nd St.

3800 – 4000 Block of 33rd St.

4000 – 4100 Block of 29th St

4100 Block of 28th street

2900 – 3000 Block of Taylor Street

2800 – 3000 Block of Shepherd St.

2900 – 3300 Block of Bunker Hill

3100 – 3300 Block of Perry

3200 – 3300 Block of Otis

3600 Block of Oak Lane

Area 3 Dec 26 and 28

3000 Blk Taylor – Rainier

4100-4200 Blk 28th Street

4200-4500 29th Street

4200 Blk of Queens Chapel Rd

2800-3000 Blk Upshur Street

2800-3000 Blk of Arundel Rd

4600 Blk of 25th Street

31st Place

Area 4 Dec 19 & 21

3100 – 3300 Block of Upshur Street

3100 – 3300 Block of Varnum
Street

3100 Block of Webster

3100 Block of Windom

4200 – 4500 Block of 32nd Street

3100 – 3300 Block of Arundel Road

4200 – 4500 Block of 31st Street

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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

City Hall

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

City Police Department

Acting Chief Lieutenant Michael Scott

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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 Executive

Jack Johnson

301-952-4131

County Councilman

Will Campos

301-952-4436

Energy Assistance

301-422-5110

Family Services

301-699-2680

Fire Department

301-985-5406 (non-emergency)

911 (emergency)

Gateway CDC

4102 Webster Street

301-864-3860

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

Pepco

Lights Out

1-877-737-2662

(you must give the 10-digit phone number or 10-digit account number for location of outage)

Live Wire, Other Emergency

202-872-3432

Post Office

301-864-5168

Public Defender

301-699-2760

Public Schools

301-952-6000

State's Attorney

301-952-3500

Washington Gas Light

703-750-2500

WSSC

301-206-8000

301-206-4002 (emergency)

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