



The Message

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Leaf Schedule–November 2006

Full leaf vacuuming is scheduled to start Tuesday, November 2, 2006. The schedule below will be followed weather permitting. In order to have your leaves vacuumed, please follow the schedule and rake your leaves to the curb. Here are a few reminders.

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

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

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT THE LEAF SCHEDULE IS A BEST ESTIMATE OF WHEN LEAVES WILL BE COLLECTED WITH THE CITY'S LEAF VACUUM.

THIS SCHEDULE WILL BE FOLLOWED IF IT DOES NOT RAIN OR SNOW, OR OTHER EMERGENCIES AND/OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS OCCUR BEYOND THE CITY'S CONTROL, (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HURRICANES, TORNADOES, HIGH WINDS), STAFF SHORTAGES, OR EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN.

RESIDENTS ALSO HAVE THE OPTION OF BAGGING LEAVES WHICH WILL BE PICKED UP ALONG WITH YARD WASTE ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

-During the month of November, all bagged leaves will be picked up with regular yard waste each and every Monday.

-During the month of December, the bagged leaves and yard waste will be picked up Monday, December 11, 2006.

-During the month of January, the bagged leaves and yard waste will be picked up Monday, January 8, 2007.

-During the month of February, the bagged leaves & yard waste will be picked up Monday, February 12, 2007. If Monday, February 12, 2007 is a Holiday, the leaves and yard waste will be picked up Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

Area 1 : November 2 & 7

3400 Block of Newton
 3500 Block of 37th St.
 3600 Block of Oak Lane
 3400 – 3500 Block of Otis St.
 3700 Block of 35th St.
 3700 Block 36th St
 3700 – 3800 Block of 37th St
 3500 – 3600 Block of Perry St

3700 Block of Wells Avenue
 3800 Block of 35th Street
 4000 Block of 37th Street
 4000 Block of 36th Street
 Cedar Lane Alley
 3500 – 3700 Block of Shepherd St
 4000 - 4200 Block of 34th St

Area 2

November 9 & 14

3600 Block of Oak Lane
 3200 – 3300 Block of Otis
 3100 – 3300 Block of Perry
 2900 – 3300 Block of Bunker Hill
 2900 – 3000 Block of Shepherd St.
 2900 – 3000 Block of Taylor St

4100 Block of 28th Street
 4000 – 4100 Block of 29th St.
 3800 – 4100 block of 30th St
 3800 – 4100 Block of 31st St.
 3800 – 4000 Block of 32nd St.
 3800 – 4000 Block of 33rd St.

Area 3

November 16 & 21

2800 – 3000 Block of Taylor St
 4100 – 4200 block of 28th Street
 4200 – 4500 of 29th Street
 4200 – to Queens Chapel Road

2800 – 3000 of Upshur Street
 2800 – 3000 Block of Arundel Rd
 31st Place
 4600 of 25th Street

Area 4

November 28 & 30

3100 – 3300 Block of Upshur St
 3100 – 3300 Block of Varnum St
 3100 Block of Webster

3100 Block of Windom
 4200 – 4500 Block of 32nd St
 3100 – 3300 Block of Arundel Rd

DID YOU KNOW???

(See inside for details...)

HAVE YOU VISITED THE CITY'S WEBSITE LATELY?

WWW.MOUNTRAINIERMD.ORG

STAY CONNECTED! STAY INFORMED!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 25, 2006

Public Hearing on proposed re-installation of basketball hoop at the Neighborhood South Park located at the intersection of Otis Street and Wells Avenue - The majority of the public comment was opposed to the re-installation of the basketball hoop at this location

July 25, 2006

Mayor and Council Work Session

Discussion Items

Bulk Trash Review - council reviewed current policy on number of pickups
Employees Days Off- council discussed proper notification to residents
Circle Café Recommendations- discussion on outdoor seating preferences and location
Draft Policy on Accepting Gifts – city manager drafted policy on accepting
Gifts and maintenance and removal of donated street art

July 25, 2006

Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Approval of Letter to Sam Parker, M-NCPPC concerning lighting of the bike path
Ordinance 6 -2006 – Revisions to collective bargaining Code referencing Sergeants (Ordinance 13-2006 – Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code (1st reading)
Ordinance 13-2006 – International Property Maintenance Code 2006 (1st reading)
Resolution 6-2006 – Arbor Day Resolution (1st reading/vote)
Resolution 7-2006 - authorizing the FY2007 Line of Credit (1st reading/vote)
Resolution 8-2006 – Municipal Verizon Negotiations (1st reading/vote)
Resolution 9-2006 – FTA Federal Grant Request/Training (1st reading/vote)
Resolution 11-2006 – National Night Out (1st reading/vote)

September 5, 2006

Mayor and Council Meeting

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 11-2006 WMATA lease agreement 2nd Reading/Vote
Ordinance 14-2006 Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code 2nd Reading/Vote
Resolution 10-2006 MOU Mount Rainier Day Festival FY 2007 - 2nd Reading/Vote
Approval of Policy on Accepting Gifts
Approval of Mosaic Bench

New Business

Resolution 12-2006 for surplus vehicles - police dept
Resolution 13-2006 authorizing purchase of vehicle for MRPD through M&T Bank
Resolution 14-2006 for Joe's Movement Emporium
Approval of Support Letter for Joe's Movement Emporium
Council approval of Mosaic Bench

Resolution 15-2006 approving auditor contract for FY 2006

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Prince George's County Weatherization Program

Do you know about the Prince George's County Weatherization Program?

This little known service provides energy assistance to low and fixed-income families. A weatherization specialist contracted by the County will assess your home for energy conservation, such as checking for cold air leaks in your home that can run up heating bills, broken furnaces, or older homes with high heat usage due to poor insulation. Are you Eligible? Families who fall within 200% of the poverty line (ex. Family of 4=\$40,000 approx.) are eligible, with first priority given to the elderly and disabled.

Where to Apply—Prince George's County Department of Social Services (301-909-6300). Ask for an application for Energy Assistance for Low-Income Families, and then check the Box **Weatherization Services**. The phone number for Weatherization Services is 1-866-879-2283.

Winter **Weatherization Tips** that will save on energy:
--Check that ducts work, are sealed and insulated
--Make minor repairs to door knobs that are leaking
--Wrap hot water tanks and hot water pipes (measure diameter—exact sizes available at home improvement stores)
--Change heating filter system on regular basis (dirty filter decreases efficiency)
--Structural Leaks-check for holes/openings where cold air gets in--seal crawl spaces in attics. (Good insulation material is RMAX Foam Board Product)
--Use heavy/insulating drapes, clear plastic on windows, insulation strips around windows and doors (**PEPCO may have free window kits for the elderly**)

Other Conservation Tips:

--“Low flow” shower heads for water conservation
--Replace light bulbs with Compact Florescent Lights (CFL's) and use STAR ENERGY labeled products.

Websites for more info:

--www.energybuilder.com/weatherization.htm
--www.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe_fact.html
--www.peoplesenergy.com/residential

Some Mt. Rainier residents have begun a Cool Cities Campaign to look at ways we can make our community's energy use cleaner, more efficient and sustainable.

For more information, contact Mimi McKindley-Ward at (301) 927- 1720.

FALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM LITTLE FRIENDS FOR PEACE

BY MJ PARK

The Boys Peace Club and children in Peace Classes arrive at 30th Street and Arundel Road each week with wheelbarrow, shovels, work gloves and good energy to cultivate their Peace Garden. While some work planting and weeding their seeds of peace, others take their turn on bicycles. The Prince Georges Gorgeous Day committee provided perennials and a couple of trees. Little Friends for Peace is seeking permission to plant a Peace Pole and put in a peace bench and peace table.

On Gandhi's 100th Birthday, October 2, Peace Kids dressed up in outfits from other countries and had a parade down to Rainier Manor for seniors on Queens Chapel Road. We visited Joyce and her friend in her 80's. The kids sang and said their Peace Pledge. The ladies shared what brought them peace. One said, "seeing the children practicing being peacemakers and being so nice."

Peace Teens are helping at the classes as mentors and role models with the children. They practice using I CARE language and go to the Peace Table to help children work out conflicts.

Best of all for the adults is seeing our circles of peace expanding and filling up with HOPE. We help the children to discover their gifts, plant seeds of peace to grow and create circles of Peace at home, school, and neighborhood.

Eleanor Roosevelt said: "It isn't enough to talk about peace, one must believe in it, and it isn't enough to believe in it, one must work for it".

To join a Peace Class or Club or for more information about Little Friends for Peace:

Call MJ & Jerry Park, 301-927-5474, e-mail mjpeace@gmail.com, or visit www.LFFP.org.

MOUNT RAINIER XTREME TEEN CENTER

Saturdays, 12pm - 7pm

(Located at Mt. Rainier Christian Church-Lower Level, 33rd St/Bunker Hill Rd)

The XTreme Teen Center has gotten off to a very good start. The children who have attended have been very mindful of the Centers regulations and rules. We are proud of them, and it is wonderful watching them peacefully competing in decent games. Last weekend the Center rewarded the winners in thee competitions five or ten dollar gift cards. They loved it! We are now including many things that girls like, such as, jewelry making, decorating your own nails, tee shirt art. The Center has provided all supplies. So, young ladies, please come and create something beautiful for yourself.

Because of the current late school schedules that many children have, the Center will not open on Fridays until further notice. Many children have extra after school sport, and other activities.

The adult residents who are volunteering their time to supervise the youth are launching a vigorous campaign to alert more teens and parents of this wonderful resource in our City, made possible by the City of Mount Rainier government.

Setting up the Mount Rainier XTreme Teen Center has been a very fulfilling experience for me. It is rewarding to offer a safe and interesting environment off the sometimes mean streets, even for only several hours. By next spring, I hope we are in a position to expand the number of days that this type of establishment will be available to our young.

Thank you,
Intisar Haamid, Director - XTreme Teen Center

REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF MIKE SCOTT

Home Fire Safety

At the risk of infringing on the Fire Chief's turf, I want to alert those of you with children to a CNN report that discusses children's response to the traditional fire alarms most of us have installed in our homes.

(<http://www.cnn.com/2006/HEALTH/10/02/smoke.alarms.ap/index.html>)

The study found that, although most children were awakened by the sound of the traditional smoke alarm, it took the majority of them *3 minutes* or longer to do so. Since fires are the leading cause of death in the home for children under age 15, and most fires start between midnight and 6 a.m., experts will tell you that every second counts when it comes to getting you and your family to safety in case of a fire. Three minutes is really stretching the limits of being able to get everyone out safely. A new type of alarm, which uses a recording of a parent's voice in place of the traditional tone, awakened children in the study in a median time of *20 seconds*. That extra time could be the difference between replaceable property damage and a tragedy.

With the coming of the holiday season, fire safety should be a priority in every home. Experts say there is no one solution. Instead, they recommend you make sure your family has a fire plan and that you *practice that plan*. One of the cheapest and easiest ways to keep your family safe is to close bedroom doors when you and your children go to bed. The more barriers between you and the fire, the greater your chances of being able to get out safely. Smoke detectors should be installed in every bedroom, one in the hallway and at least one on every floor. That way, in case of fire you can hear the alarm even if a certain area is blocked. The cost of a traditional smoke alarm ranges from \$5 to \$40. A pre-recorded voice or parent voice alarm ranges from \$40 to \$60. Hardwired vocal detectors should be available in stores later this year. Regardless of which one you choose, remember to demonstrate the alarm to members of your family, particularly the children, so they will recognize the sound when it activates. If you choose a battery-powered alarm, be sure to test it on a monthly basis and change the battery at least twice a year. A good way to remember is when you change the clocks (Spring forward, Fall back) change your batteries.

The U.S. Fire Association web site (<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/safety/>) has much more information on family fire safety, and the Mount Rainier Fire Department is always willing to assist with information and fire safety inspections. Information on voice alarm smoke detectors can be found at: www.Signalonesafety.com

What To Do If A Police Officer Stops You

Police officers must continually engage citizens during the course of their daily duties. Law enforcement officers receive considerable training in how to do this safely, efficiently and effectively, and the courts and police departments have established guidelines for officers to use when confronting individual citizens. The average citizen, however, does not have the benefit of being trained how to react when approached by a police officer acting in the course of his/her duties and responsibilities, and sometimes problems do occur. This lack of knowledge can result in fear, nervousness, anger or even aggressive behavior on the part of the citizen.

Over the years, law enforcement agencies have developed guidelines and recommendations about what to do if you are stopped by a police officer. The goal of these guidelines is to educate the public about their rights and responsibilities, and to reduce the probability of conflict between police officers and the citizens they serve.

In this month's issue of *The Message* I will discuss some of the reasons why a Mount Rainier police officer may want to question you. In future editions I will include additional information about what to do if an officer stops you on the street, stops you in your vehicle, or comes to the door of your residence.

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DID YOU KNOW???

Chief Mike Scott has a blog that provides details on crime stats, informative references to county and state resources, and other information about MRPD. Go to: <http://www.mrpdchief.blogspot.com>

POLICE CHIEF REPORT (continued from page-4)

Why would a police officer want to question you?

When law enforcement officers question a person, there are underlying reasons. They may be checking out a complaint phoned into police by someone in the community. They may have received a report of some type of criminal activity that has just occurred in the area. Your presence might indicate that you may be a potential witness who may be able to provide valuable information in an investigation. In some cases, the officers' observations may lead them to think you are having trouble and need assistance.

The best way for them to clarify the situation is to ask questions. With all due respect to citizens' rights, officers have a responsibility to properly investigate matters that may threaten public safety or involve breaking the law. Their questions are not necessarily accusatory, and your cooperative and respectful response can alleviate potential conflict.

Remember, when you are stopped by a police officer, generally they will:

- Provide their name upon request
- If the officer is in plain clothes, he/she will identify themselves when taking action
- Inform the person who has been stopped about the reason for their being stopped or questioned
- Only use the amount of force necessary to effect the arrest of a subject, if an arrest is warranted. The MRPD *does not* tolerate or condone the use of excessive force.

MAYOR'S NOTE

Students in grades (9-12) that attended the "Back to School" Conference held at St. John's Church in Mount Rainier on Saturday, August 18th, 2006 and did not receive their PDA, please contact Mayor Malinda Miles at City Hall at

(301) 985 – 6585 or via email at mayormiles@malindamiles.com

Please leave your name, address, telephone number and the name of the school that you attend.

Mount Rainier Cable Television – Channel 71

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

4PM

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
(Repeat of videotaped meetings, events, etc.)

7PM

Tuesdays (1st and 3rd)
City Council Meetings, Work Sessions, Public Hearings, Live Cablecasts
Programs subject to change without notice

Watch the Channel 71 Community Program Bulletin for program updates, schedules, city services and announcements. To place an announcement, submit the information in written form to City Hall or email:

gcarbonell@mountrainiermd.org

"Shoot it, Share it" – Mount Rainier Cable TV is offering area residents and community groups the opportunity to cablecast any self-produced videos that might be of interest to the rest of the City. If you have attended a city event or captured something interesting on video...give us a call. Contact the City of Mt. Rainier Cable TV Department for more information or call (301) 985-6585 and leave a message.

Did you know???

City Building Permits Are Required For:

- Structural changes to property
- Additions
- Changes to roof, walls, windows, doors
- Building a deck, garage, shed
- Concrete driveways
- Demolition, etc.

Failure to obtain a city or county building permit prior to beginning any work requiring a permit will result in a Notice of Violation (NOV), Stop Work Order, and a subsequent Citation (fine). For further information regarding permits, please call (301) 985-6585 or stop by City Hall to pick up a building permit form.

Selected Crimes – September 2006

The statistics I report each month in *The Message* represent those crimes that one, have been designated by the FBI as Part I offenses for Uniform Crime Report purposes, and two, that have been verified by an officer and a report has been written to document the circumstances of the crime. This list also includes selected UCR Part II offenses such as vandalism. Miscellaneous incident reports, accident reports, field interview reports, and those incidents when an officer responds to a call for service and no report is required are not included.

Date	Offense	Location		
06-Sep-06	Assault - Aggravated	3500 BL	NEWTON	PI
21-Sep-06	Assault - Simple	3600 BL	PERRY	ST
18-Sep-06	Assault - Simple	4600 BL	27TH	ST
21-Sep-06	B & E - Residential	3100 BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR
18-Sep-06	B & E - Residential	3400 BL	EASTERN	AV
17-Sep-06	B & E - Residential	4400 BL	28TH	PL
15-Sep-06	B & E - Residential	4100 BL	30TH	ST
09-Sep-06	B & E - Residential	4200 BL	EASTERN	AV
17-Sep-06	B & E - Commercial	4000 BL	34TH	ST
17-Sep-06	B & E - Commercial	4000 BL	34TH	ST
16-Sep-06	B & E - Commercial	3700 BL	34TH	ST
29-Sep-06	Robbery - Citizen	4500 BL	34TH	ST
27-Sep-06	Robbery - Citizen	3000 BL	ARUNDEL	RD
26-Sep-06	Robbery - Citizen	3400 BL	NEWTON	PL
19-Sep-06	Robbery - Citizen	3200 BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD
08-Sep-06	Robbery - Citizen	3400 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
06-Sep-06	Robbery - Citizen	BL	34TH	ST
09-Sep-06	Robbery - Carjacking	3400 BL	NEWTON	ST
03-Sep-06	Robbery - Carjacking	3400 BL	OTIS	ST
21-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	3000 BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD
20-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	4200 BL	KAYWOOD	DR
15-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	4000 BL	30TH	ST
15-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	3500 BL	BUNKER HILL	RD
13-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	3000 BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD
11-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	4600 BL	29TH	ST
10-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	4100 BL	34TH	ST
10-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	4100 BL	34TH	ST
08-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	2900 BL	ALLISON	ST
07-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	4300 BL	28TH	PI
06-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	4300 BL	KAYWOOD	DR
05-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	2700 BL	UPSHUR	ST
02-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	4200 BL	RUSSELL	AV
02-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	3800 BL	31ST	ST
01-Sep-06	Stolen Vehicle	2700 BL	ALLISON	ST
29-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	4400 BL	32ND	ST
29-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	3500 BL	PERRY	ST
26-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	3700 BL	37TH	ST
21-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	4300 BL	KAYWOOD	DR
20-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	3300 BL	BUCHANAN	ST
19-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	3300 BL	BUCHANAN	ST
14-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	4200 BL	28TH	ST

14-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	2700 BL	RUSSELL	AV
14-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	4200 BL	30TH	ST
14-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	4200 BL	RUSSELL	AV
13-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	3300 BL	BUCHANAN	ST
09-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	4200 BL	28TH	ST
08-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	3500 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
07-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	4000 BL	32ND	ST
07-Sep-06	Theft - From Auto	2400 BL	ARUNDEL	RD
21-Sep-06	Theft - Vehicle Tags	3800 BL	37TH	ST
07-Sep-06	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4200 BL	28TH	ST
05-Sep-06	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4200 BL	28TH	ST
02-Sep-06	Theft - Vehicle Tags	3700 BL	34TH	ST
01-Sep-06	Theft - Vehicle Tags	2700 BL	WEBSTER	ST
29-Sep-06	Theft < 500	2700 BL	ALLISON	ST
21-Sep-06	Theft < 500	2300 BL	VARNUM	ST
20-Sep-06	Theft < 500	3300 BL	BUNKER HILL	RD
10-Sep-06	Theft < 500	4200 BL	31ST	ST
06-Sep-06	Theft < 500	3300 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
24-Sep-06	Theft > 500	3200 BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR
23-Sep-06	Vandalism	4300 BL	RUSSELL	AV
05-Sep-06	Vandalism	3200 BL	OTIS	ST
26-Sep-06	Vandalism	3300 BL	BUCHANAN	ST
18-Sep-06	Vandalism to Auto	3200 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV
18-Sep-06	Vandalism to Auto	4300 BL	RUSSELL	AV
18-Sep-06	Vandalism to Auto	4200 BL	34TH	ST
15-Sep-06	Vandalism to Auto	3800 BL	31ST	ST
14-Sep-06	Vandalism to Auto	3300 BL	OTIS	ST
09-Sep-06	Vandalism to Auto	3500 BL	NEWTON	ST
07-Sep-06	Vandalism to Auto	4000 BL	32ND	ST
07-Sep-06	Vandalism to Auto	4200 BL	RUSSELL	AV
05-Sep-06	Vandalism to Auto	4600 BL	29TH	ST

What Happens When You Call The Police?

Your police department goes to great lengths to serve the community and respond promptly to all calls for police service or assistance. When a citizen calls for police service of any kind, day or night, the dispatchers at the Bladensburg Police Department (our contracted dispatch service provider) will ask you for all the necessary information. This includes the circumstances for the call, location, name of the caller, and what assistance is needed. The dispatcher will also ask for additional details such as the description of any vehicle(s) involved (make, color, license plate number), descriptions of people involved (gender, race, age, height, clothing description), direction(s) of travel, etc. The dispatcher will want to know if the situation is currently in progress or if it occurred sometime prior to you calling in, and if there are any weapons involved. The dispatcher will then relay all this information to the responding officer(s) so that they have the proper information to safely and effectively handle your complaint. When multiple calls for service come in at or around the same time, the calls are prioritized based on established protocols of urgency. Even if we must delay response to your particular call, we *always* answer all calls for service.

Dispatchers will also ask for your personal contact information so that we are able to follow up with you about the outcome of the call or get additional information if it becomes necessary. You always have the option of remaining anonymous and declining to give the dispatcher your personal information. Anonymity is, of course, relative in the modern age. The dispatcher will know the phone number from which you are calling, and probably your name from the caller ID information. This information is entered in our computerized dispatch system. Your information will not be given out over the radio or given to the responding officers unless it becomes necessary to do so to protect your safety. If you do not want an officer to come to your residence you must tell the dispatcher that you do not want to be seen.

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POLICE REPORT (continued from page-7)

Over the past month there has been some confusion in the community on how to contact us for routine, non-emergency calls, and for emergencies. The main (and best) way to contact us is to call the Bladensburg Police Communications Center directly at 301-985-6565, or 301-985-6566. The numbers will connect you directly to a dispatcher and in an emergency will ensure the fastest police response. You should however always call 911 in the case of a violent crime in progress. If you call 911 for non-emergency calls and those incidents that occurred earlier, and you give a Mount Rainier address or location, the 911-call taker will transfer the call to Bladensburg Communications and this could possibly delay police response.

A NOTE OF CAUTION:

If you want to report a crime, it is *never* a good idea to call the Mount Rainier police station directly. Our administrative offices are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday *only*. After five and on weekends you will be transferred to voice mail and it could be up to three days before someone returns your call.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (continued from page -2)

DRB Recommendations for proposed additions to 3728 Wells Avenue, and 4204 Rainier Avenue

Council vote to go into closed session to discuss possible real estate acquisition.

September 19, 2006

**Mayor and Council work session
Closed session to discuss property acquisition**

Discussion Items

Recommendation for Tree Commission – applicant Mary Parker
Discussion with Bunker Hill Fire Department concerning council support of acquisition of new fire apparatus

Website Update – Assistant City Manager James Booth discussed the new look of the City's website

GASB34 Update – Finance Director Vijay Manjani updated the council on the progress of the FY 2006 audit and the city progress on compliance with GASB 34 Capital Asset Valuation

Vacant Building Inspections Code Enforcement provided council with an update on vacant building registrations and fees

3409 Rhode Island Avenue Update – Council member Knedler asked for council opinion on next steps on this project

GS Proctor and Associates – Council member Knedler discussed his concerns with the current contract and asked to pursue consideration to revise payment terms on a project by project basis; Council member Briones expressed concerns about contract expense and limited results

Committee assignments – Mayor Miles asked the council to commit to committee assignments and to report to the council body the results of meetings attended on behalf of the council

Attendance at council meetings – Mayor Miles addressed the absenteeism of some members of the council

October 3, 2006 Mayor and Council Meeting

Unfinished Business

Discussion focused on the WMATA Property Purchase and a letter the city expects to receive concerning a county grant to purchase the property. Minutes were tentatively approved for July 2006.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (continued from page -8)

New Business

Mary Parker appointed to the Tree Commission

GS Proctor and Associates lobbyist contract was discussed and priority lists for the upcoming legislative year. This matter was deferred for further discussion at the next council work session. Mayor and City manager will meet with lobbyist representative Cheryl Harrington about contract concerns of the council.

Council tentatively approved realtor contract with Urbane Realty pending City Attorney review.

October 17, 2006

Mayor and Council Work Session

Discussion Items

G.S. Proctor and Associates - discussion on renewal and concerns on reporting and establishing project priorities.

Kiosks location - council approved the location of the message boards; City Hall, Varnum St, and 34th /Bunker Hill Rd

Check Cashing Business - discussion focused on status of County permit issued in error, and hearing date.

Urbane Realty Contract - city manager gave an update on City attorney's review

Corn Grain Proposal - review and discussion on possible location and whether use is permitted

WMATA Update- letter is forthcoming regarding grant funding for purchase

Verizon Update – Mayor gave an update of current negotiations with municipalities for competitive service

ATHA Banners - review of possible banners that will be posted in the city's downtown

Mercury Vapor Lights/PEPCO- Mayor gave an update on the status of this issue per the Energy Conservation Act of 2005, these lights will no longer be available after January 2008; thus the City will have to determine the most cost effective method for converting to high or low pressured sodium vapor street lights.

Ordinance 15-2006 amends chapter 6 and 7 of the Mount Rainier Code to prohibit the use of dumpsters in the City for normal household refuse, yard waste, and bulk trash to require a permit for the placement of construction dumpsters within the City. – City manger and City attorney drafted legislation which will have a first reading at the November council meeting

Ordinance 16-2006 amends chapter 9 and 13 of the Mount Rainier Code authorizing parking enforcement officers and code enforcement officers to issue parking citations.

Closed Session to discuss possible property acquisition and Contract Negotiations

Employee Benefits and Healthcare Expo

The City of Mount Rainier held its first in a series of workshops on employee benefits and healthcare. The event was held during the City's Quarterly Staff Meeting at City Hall. The City's healthcare provider (CareFirst Blue Cross/ Blue Shield), the Meltzer Group, and APS Healthcare attended the event and provided a presentation of their services. Local healthcare professionals attended the event and provided free chiropractic screenings, back massage, and discussions on alternative health and preventive health options.

The City has held several meetings with representatives from the State, County and other local governments in regards to the constantly rising costs of providing healthcare to employees. The City is committed to providing the best possible healthcare to all its employees. As a result of its diligence, Mount Rainier has managed to receive a very competitive healthcare package in comparison to neighboring municipalities and the County.



Healthcare Expo presenters (Left to right: Njideka Olatunde, Reflexologist-Focus on Healing; Dr. Doug Sims, Chiropractor; Cassandra Heagy, EAP Program, APS Healthcare; Mike Trebbe, CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield; and Adele Fenwick, The Meltzer Group, Benefits Representative)

Mayor and Council Meetings

November 2006

Council Meeting

- Tuesday, November 14, 2006 – 7PM

Council Work-session

- Tuesday, November 28, 2006 – 7PM

Mayor and Council meetings are usually held on the 1st and 3rd

Tuesdays of the month at 7PM unless otherwise posted.

Please check the City's website or contact City Hall to verify or confirm if a meeting will be held on a particular date. Meeting notices are posted at City Hall prior to the scheduled meeting.

Committee Meetings

Mount Rainier Business Association (MRBA)
2nd Wednesday; 6:30pm – Mount Rainier Police Station

MUTC Town Center Design Review Committee
3rd Wednesday; 6:30pm – City Hall
Applications due three weeks prior to meeting date

Design Review Board (DRB); 3rd Wednesday; 7PM – City Hall

Tree Commission; 2nd Thursday; 7PM – City Hall

Cable Commission; 2nd Monday; 6PM – City Hall

Gateway CDC; 2nd Thursday – 7PM – 9PM
4102 Webster Street, North Brentwood, MD

Friends of the Library; Monday; 7:30PM
Community Vision, 34th Street (www.mtrainierfol.org)

Contact City Hall for the meeting dates and times of the following:
Beautification Committee/ Tool Shed Committee
Youth and Recreation Committee

Calendar: November 2006 – December 2006

DATE	PARTICULARS	DATE	PARTICULARS
November 1	Regular Trash Pick Up	December 1	Recyclables Pick Up
November 3	Recyclables Pick Up	December 4	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558)
November 6	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	December 6	Regular Trash Pick Up
November 8	Regular Trash Pick Up	December 8	Recyclables Pick Up
November 10	Veteran's Day (Public Works and City Hall closed)	December 11	Yard Waste Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558)
November 13	Yard Waste Pick Up Yard	December 13	Regular Trash Pick Up
November 15	Regular Trash Pick Up	December 15	Recyclables Pick Up
November 17	Recyclables Pick Up	December 18	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558)
November 20	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	December 20	Regular Trash Pick Up
November 22	Regular Trash Pick Up	December 22	Recyclables Pick Up
November 23	Thanksgiving Day (Public Works and City Hall closed)	December 25	Christmas Day (Public Works and City Hall closed)
November 24	Employee Appreciation Day (Public Works and City Hall closed)	December 27	Regular Trash Pick Up
November 27	Yard Waste Pick Up	December 29	Recyclables Pick Up
November 29	Regular Trash Pick Up		

Starting December 2006, every 2nd Monday will be Yard Waste Pick Up, by appointments only. 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.

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Important Numbers

City Hall open: Mon.–Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Police Department admin. offices open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Public Works open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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
Mscott@mountrainiermd.org
301-985-6565 (emergency calls)
301-985-6566 (nonemergency calls)
301-985-6590 (administrative)

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

Child Abuse
and Neglect Hotline
301-699-8605

Congressman Chris Van Hollen's Mount
Rainier Office Information:
3409 Rhode Island Avenue
301-927-5223 (voice)
301-927-6122 (fax)
Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Consumer Affairs
301-470-7534

County Animal Control
301-499-8301

County Building Permits
301-883-5784

County 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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