Riverdale Park Hosts Reception for Sister Cities International Program

Riverdale Park, Maryland – The Town of Riverdale Park will host a reception for its Sister Cities program on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD.   In July 2012, Mayor Vernon Archer led eight teachers from the Prince George's County Public School District on a volunteering trip to Ipala, Guatemala. The teachers spent 10 days teaching English and distributing needed supplies, such as back packs, books, and school supplies. Following the reception, the Town Council will present plaques honoring the teacher participants at the beginning of its Legislative Meeting starting at 8 PM.

"This is my fifth trip to Ipala," stated Riverdale Park Mayor Vernon Archer, who also works as a Prince George's County public school teacher. "The exchange between these two municipalities is mutually beneficial because it promotes cultural awareness, develops language skills, and explores the exchange of ideas. Many of my students at William Wirt Middle School are from Guatemala and other Central American countries. I look forward to incorporating my rich experience in Ipala into my classroom and the whole Riverdale Park community."

Riverdale Park has been a member of Sister Cities International since 2008. Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, *Sister Cities International* is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities, promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation.

About the Town of Riverdale Park
Incorporated in 1920, the Town of Riverdale Park sits just outside of Washington, D.C. The small-town atmosphere of Riverdale Park makes it an ideal town in which to live, and its proximity to the Riverdale Park MARC station and nearby College Park Metro station provide easy access for work.

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