

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 16 for 2018



August 10, 2018

To Mayor Thompson and Town Council,

The goal of the Status and Information reports is to share relevant information in a timely fashion. The Status and Information Reports are distributed to the Town's elected officials, residents, and employees. Status and Information Reports are also available to businesses and visitors through the Town website. The reports are published in English and Spanish. The next Status and Information report will be published on August 24, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Work Session	August 27, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	September 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m.	TBD
Legislative Meeting	September 10, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

- Employee Recognition: Please join me in extending a sincere thank you to the following team members for their years of dedicated service to the Town's residents:
 - Andrew Powell 16 Years of Service
 - Janice Euell 10 Years of Service

Best wishes on your work anniversary and thank you for your dedicated service!

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Community Engagement

- Town Crier Submission Deadline Approaching: Submissions for the September edition of the Town Crier are due on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Please send any items that you would like to have included to jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov or towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov. Advertising opportunities are also available!
- Walking the Community: A community walk was held on Wednesday, August 8th. A special thank you to members of the community who joined the walk.
- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>



Environment

- Mosquito Spraying: The Town's scheduled night for spraying is Tuesdays after 7:30 pm. As a reminder, spraying begins after dark and may continue until midnight or later. MDA will not conduct spray activity during daylight hours.

Residents should take the usual steps to reduce the presence of mosquitoes on their property. For example, residents must keep their property free of mosquitoes breeding containers, stagnant water, bird baths, wading pools, pet watering dishes, tin cans, old tires, clogged gutters or flower pots. Other water holding containers should be stored upside down.

Complaints about mosquitoes can be faxed to the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 301-422-0502 or call 301-422-5080 with questions or concerns.

- Recycling Reminders: Staff have observed that residents continue to put their recycling in plastic bags. In 2014, the Waste Management Division of the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources required that ALL recycling be placed in the blue totes or in collection cans/containers (i.e., trash cans), clearly marked "RECYCLING" or with an "X." NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER (i.e., plastic grocery bags, plastic wrappers on soda or water containers). For additional information, please call 311 or 301-883-5810.
- Trash Tote Repair/Replacement: To coordinate the replacement of damaged trash totes, residents should call the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803. The Town's contracted trash service provider will replace the damaged totes. Please note that a replacement tote will not be delivered if the damaged one is not there for pick-up. Replacements will take place on Thursdays.

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Development

- Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Playground: Starting today, PGCPS will replace the existing playground at Riverdale Elementary School. This project will take 7-10 business days, depending on the weather. Once completed, County officials and Town staff will participate in an event to celebrate the opening of this playground and the new playground installed by Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) that is nearby. This event is scheduled for August 30th.
- Wells Runs / Anacostia Watershed Meeting: On Tuesday, August 7th, staff met with residents and representatives from the Anacostia Watershed Society to discuss and explore options to make environmental upgrades in the redesign of the channel at Wells Run Park.
- Come Grow with Us! Economic Development Programs and Initiatives Officially Launched! On Tuesday, August 7th, staff launched the Town's economic development programs and initiatives. These programs and initiative provide incentives to business to encourage investment and attract, retain, and expand businesses. The application forms (both English and Spanish version) will be available on the Town's website.
- Celebrating Businesses! Jersey Mike's Grand Opening Event: On Wednesday, August 1st, the Mayor and staff attended the grand opening event for Jersey Mike's, which is located at 6761 45th Street in Riverdale Park Station. This event was part of the Town's Celebrating Business Initiative.



- Prince George's County Historic Property Grants: In April 2019, the Prince George's County Planning Board will award grants of up to \$50,000 for the acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, or restoration of historic properties. For more information about the grants, visit <http://pgplanning.org/466/Grants>. The grant application deadline is October 29, 2018. A grant

workshop will be held on Saturday, September 15th from 10:30 a.m. to 12noon at Riversdale House Museum (4811 Riverdale Road). To RSVP for the workshop call 301-952-3680 or e-mail historicpreservation@ppd.mncppc.org.

- **Riverdale Park Station News:** For more information on store openings, events and development news, check out the Riverdale Park Station website and social media pages:
 - Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station
 - Twitter: @RDPStation
 - Instagram: rdpstation

- **Purple Line Construction Notices:** Purple Line construction is underway. The next twelve (12) months of construction will focus on utility relocation work. Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit purplelinemd.com, find “Construction” and click on “Subscribe for Updates”. The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.

- **Notice received by Town:**
 - A Stormwater Management Concept Plan application for 5402 Kenilworth Avenue (Concept Plan #34338-2018-0, CDDI Project #18-008) was filed on 7/11/18 for review by Prince George’s County Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement. For more information, contact the applicant’s engineer of record at 301-883-5710.
 - A Site Development Concept Plan (Stormwater Management Concept Plan) for Dewey Property (Site Development Concept Plan #34347-2018-00) located on an existing parking lot and undeveloped area near Prince George’s Medical Center in Hyattsville was filed on July 31, 2018 with Prince George’s County Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement. For more information, contact Benjamin Mosier at 301-794-7555.

- **Upcoming Meetings:** This feature in the Status and Information reports is provided to ensure awareness of upcoming meetings that may have information or agenda items related to development in or near the Town. Below please find links to the agendas for the Board of License Commissioners, the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. Please visit the links for additional information.
 - **Board of License Commissioners:** *No information available at time of report.*

 - **Planning Board:** *The Planning Board will be in recess from August 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018. The next meeting will be held on September 13, 2018.*

 - **Historic Preservation Commission:** *No information available at time of report.*

Development Activities from July 26, 2018 to August 8, 2018

Business Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Licenses Issued	19	67
Notices Issued	0	253
Fines Issued	0	0

Rental Licenses:

Description	Bi- Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	10	64
Licenses Issued	3	19
Notices Issued	0	77
Fines Issued	0	0

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	34	41
Permits Issued	4	17
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	2

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Costs
2019-B-08	5311 Taylor Road	Garage replacement	\$20,000
2019-B-09	5307 Taylor Road	1-story addition	\$65,000
2019-B-10	56147 54th Avenue	Replacement and Realignment of Storm Drain	\$115,000
2019-B-11	5422 Powhatan Road	Residential Parking Pad	\$3,100
Est. Costs Bi- Weekly Total:			\$203,100
Est. Costs FYTD 2019 Total:			\$507,810

Neighborhood Improvement Activities from July 26, 2018 to August 8, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	13	27
Exterior Conditions	19	27
Interior Conditions	8	65
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	5	6
Safety	47	135
Sanitation	1	16

Services Provided:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	30	47
Fines Issued	1	1
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	2	13
Violation Notices Issued	11	21
Warnings Issued	11	15

Note:

1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.*
2. *“Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish” includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.*
3. *“Exterior Conditions” include, but not limited to; chipping, flaking, and peeling paint, graffiti, storage of inoperable vehicles, damaged accessory structures, driveways, doors, overhangs, roofs, stairways, walls, windows, and other exterior components.*
4. *“Interior Conditions” include, but not limited to; cracks and holes in ceilings, floors, and walls, missing stair railings, water-damaged surfaces, and lack of proper ventilation.*
5. *“Overgrown Weeds” include grass or weeds more than 10 inches in height.*
6. *“Safety” includes, but not limited to; damaged / missing electrical outlets, covers, light fixtures, carbon monoxide and /or smoke detectors, lack of escape windows in bedrooms, missing address numbers, major structural damage, and unsafe buildings.*
7. *“Sanitation” includes, but not limited to; insect / rodent infestation, mildew / mold on surfaces, uncleanliness, and storage of hazardous waste.*

Public Works

Activities:

- **Summer Intern Program** – The Town participated in the county’s Student Youth Empowerment Program again this year. The DPW was able to work with six (6) interns , who completed their internship on August 3rd. Certificates were issued, and lunch was provided for them. All of them did an outstanding job.

- **National Night Out** – DPW will assist the RPPD in the logistics for the upcoming National Night Out on August 7th - road closures, table set up and removal, tents.

Operations:

- Field of Dreams – removed the baseball backstop from the field.
- Curb Painting – started repainting curbs yellow (ongoing)
- Sign Replacements/Straighten Poles – continuing to replace old signage in the community and make sure that the poles are upright.

Trash Toter Repair/Replacement – Residents should call the Department of Public Works for the repair or replacement of damaged trash toters, i.e., broken lids, missing wheels, cracked toters, etc. When repairs or replacements are needed, a list will be provided to Bates Trucking and they have been instructed to pick up the damaged toter when they deliver the replacement. They will NOT LEAVE the replacement if the old one is not there. Replacements will take place on Thursdays, the usual trash collection day.

DISPOSAL TOTALS – provided on the first report of each month.

Department of Public Works

Trash
5.52 tons

Recycling
1.98 tons

Contractor Disposal

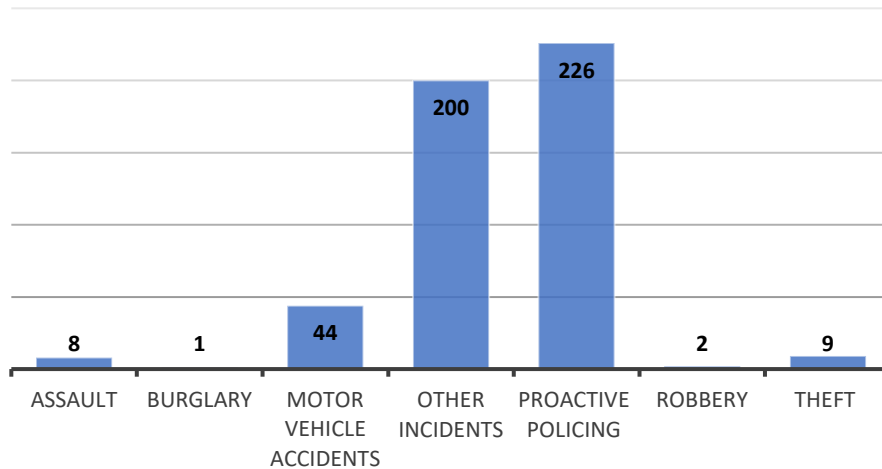
Trash
69.86 tons

Recycling
14.91 tons

Bulk
16.3 tons

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Police
Calls for Service - 490
07/26/18 to 08/08/18



Calls for Service defined: A call for service is any activity performed by a sworn police officer in the performance of their assigned duties. Calls for service covers both proactive activities such as area checks and traffic enforcement; as well as a portion of field investigative reports, traffic accidents, and response to various incidents. Calls received for dispatch are also included in the calls for service total.

Staff are working to enhance reporting capabilities to more accurately differentiate between proactive police actions and responding to dispatched incidents. The above chart illustrates that at a minimum, 226 or 46% of calls for service were proactive actions on the part of the Town’s police officers.

Proactive Policing includes: traffic safety, business and residential checks, field interviews, and quality of life issues.

Other Incidents includes: disorderly complaints, fights, suspicious subjects/vehicles, parking complaints, traffic complaints, and citizen assists.

Highlighted reports:

Officers responded to the 5300 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a citizen robbery. The investigation revealed that the suspect approached the victim in the parking lot and demanded property. The suspect displayed a weapon, and the victim relinquished their personal belongings. The victim was not injured during the incident and the investigation is ongoing.

Officers observed a person acting suspiciously in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. Officers talked with the person. A records check revealed that the individual had an active arrest warrant through the Prince George’s County Sheriff’s Office for failure to appear for disorderly conduct. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a domestic dispute. The investigation revealed the victim and suspect were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical. The suspect grabbed the victim by the arm and pushed her against a vehicle causing bruising. The suspect was placed under arrest for 2nd degree assault. A Domestic Violence Lethality screening was conducted with the Family Crisis Center.

Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a theft complaint. The store employees reported the suspect removed several bottles of laundry detergent and fled the store without paying for the merchandise. Officers reviewed the security camera footage and obtained images of the suspect. During a canvass the suspect was located and arrested without incident. The suspect was charged with theft under \$1000.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for a citizen robbery. The investigation revealed the suspects approached the victim in the parking lot and demanded property. The suspects threatened to assault the victim and in for his safety he relinquished his personal belongings. The victim wasn't injured, and the investigation is ongoing.

Officers observed a motor vehicle stopped, blocking the travel lanes in the 5000 block of East-West Highway. Upon contacting the driver, a records check was conducted. The driver was found to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for indecent exposure. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the department of Corrections.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6600 block of Kenilworth Avenue for the operator driving with a hand-held cellular device. A records checked revealed the driver to have active arrest warrants through local and federal authorities. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Update:

Recently, RPPD met with compliance monitors from the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission and Local Government Insurance Trust. The auditors reviewed RPPD's Annual In-Service Training Program, Selection and Hiring Standards, Use of Force training, and Critical Incident Stress Management. Documentation was provided to verify successful compliance. The positive results are an indication of our staff's hard work and commitment.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager