

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 10 for 2020



May 15, 2020

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 May 29, 2020.

Upcoming Meetings

<p>Special Legislative Meeting, Work Session and Public Hearing for Charter Amendment</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Virtual Meeting. To participate visit: https://zoom.us/j/93082526906?pwd=T0ZFSngxVklRZW0yaWhMeTBXOVhJUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 930-8252-6906 Password: 081450</p>
<p>Legislative Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 2, 2020 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Virtual Meeting. To participate visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83404286059?pwd=dIErc1VBd0hiUnVyZHNiYW42QThDdz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 834-0428-6059 Password: 575512</p>
<p>Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review Committee (M-UTC)</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Virtual Meeting.</p>
<p>Ethics Commission Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Virtual Meeting. To participate visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85884658531?pwd=bTIRV3Q5cDhndjdZWdDhWW5ZalRVQT09 Or call: 301-715-8592</p>

		Meeting ID: 858-8465-8531 Password: 035634
Work Session	Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting. To participate visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85197500069?pwd=WEgzU3YrWHpRTEFjNW8vOFNlV0NzUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 851-9750-0069 Password: 759784
Legislative Meeting	Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting. To participate visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82963697714?pwd=NvhSMzdZTXlvRjR0SEp a0ZJMlV0xQT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 829-6369-7714 Password: 913226

Employee Recognition

- COVID-19 Response: The staff team has and continues to demonstrate dedication to the community, resourcefulness, creativity, and resilience as we work together through this difficult time. Kudos, for a job well done, as we continue to hope for a timely resolution!

Council Direction Summary

The Mayor and Council provided direction to staff through the following Legislative Actions:

1. Fence Permit Request: 6-foot wooden fence at 4710 Ravenswood Road - ***Approved***
2. Motion to send a letter to the Planning Board regarding the Town’s position on Special Permit Application SP-190001 for McDonald’s - ***Approved***
3. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with A.K.J., Inc. for Municipal Center Project - Roof Replacement - ***Approved***
4. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-05 regarding Chapter 53 Police Department – ***Introduced***
5. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-09 regarding the FY2021 Budget and Tax Rates – ***Introduced***
6. Motion to approve the extension of contract with Bates Trucking for residential trash collection services for a period of three (3) years - ***Approved***

Community Engagement

- Community Input: Input from the community is welcomed and encouraged as we navigate a new medium for holding public meetings. The public is invited to join the meetings virtually or e-mail comments to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov. The internet or a smart phone are not the only ways to join in. You may also call from a landline to listen to the meeting and provide comments or call Town staff prior to the meeting and we will assist you with submitting your comments. We look forward to hearing from you!
- 2020 Census Forms: Riverdale Park households received their invitations to respond to the 2020 Census in mid-March. It is imperative that everyone responds as soon as possible online at www.2020census.gov, by phone at [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020), or by mail. The Town currently has a response rate of 57.4%. The State's current response rate is 63.1%. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to complete their 2020 Census forms today!
- International Property Maintenance Code: Currently the Town follows the Prince George's County Property Maintenance Code which is based on the 2000 International Property Maintenance Code. The County's code is only applicable to residential structures. The 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) applies to both residential and commercial structures and has been discussed at Council meetings over the last several months. Community Input is encouraged and welcomed. Comments may be e-mailed to Community_Input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

- Trash Concerns App Streamlines Process: In partnership with Bates Trucking and Trash Services, the Town has launched a dedicated Trash Concerns app on our website! The Trash Concerns app can be used to order a new trash can, report missed recycling, and any other trash related concerns.
http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/ho.../trash_concerns/index.php.



- Social Media Outreach: The Leadership Team, along with key team members from the Office of Administrative Services, continues to review and improve the Social Media Outreach initiative to expand our reach in sharing information. The Town's website remains the primary source for electronic information. Facebook and secondary Twitter accounts will expand efforts to amplify our messaging. At this time of great change, it is important that residents and businesses assist the Town in growing our social media outreach. We established a goal to have 1,500 Facebook followers by May 31, 2020 and we met and surpassed our goal! As of today, you have increased followers to 1,617. We now know that 2,000 is possible. If you haven't visited, liked, and followed our Facebook page please do so. If you already have, encourage your neighbors, friends, and business associates to do the same. Link:
<https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>



- The Town of Riverdale Park (TRP) is also active on the following social media platforms and ask that you join us:
 - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
 - Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber

Environment

- **ALERT – Change to Bulk Trash Pick-up Services:** Bulk Trash Pick-up from Bates has been suspended until further notice. Bates Trucking has suspended all municipal curbside bulk trash services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents are asked to store materials appropriately until regular services resume.

- **Yard Waste Mondays:** Yard waste collection is every Monday. Yard waste should be at the **curbside by 6:00 a.m.** Residents are responsible for the following items:
 - Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or reusable bins that are clearly marked "Yard Waste"
 - Branches and limbs need to be bundled with rope or string (do not use wire), additionally all branches, limbs, and bundles must be:
 - less than 4 feet long,
 - individual branches less than 3 inches in diameter
 - weigh less than 60 pounds

- **Recycling Collection – important note:** The Recycling Collection Program is provided by Prince George’s County. Items will not be collected if the items to be recycled are placed in any type of plastic bag. Town staff continue to receive reports that recycling items placed for pick-up are in plastic bags. Prince George’s County requires that recycling be placed in a blue tote or in a reusable collection container that is 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.

Development

- **Purple Line Updates:**
 - Southbound Traffic Shift onto Permanent Bridge: Beginning on or about June 20, 2020, southbound traffic will shift onto the permanent Baltimore-Washington Parkway bridge over Riverdale Road. This work may take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., until the shift is complete. Flagging operations and temporary lane closures will occur.
 - Traffic Shift at Regents and Campus Drive: Beginning on or about June 22, 2020, the Purple Line will implement a traffic shift at the intersection of Regents Drive and Campus Drive for utility relocations and installation of track. This work will be ongoing for approximately 7 months. The traffic shift can be viewed here: <https://plmdnews.com/srn>

- **Purple Line Construction Notices:** Purple Line construction continues. 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.

- **TRP-RPS - Riverdale Park Station News:** For more information on store openings, events, and development news, check out the Riverdale Park Station transit and general websites and social media pages:

- Transit Website: <http://www.rpstransit.com/>
 - General Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station: <https://www.facebook.com/TheStationRP/>
 - Twitter: @RDPStation: <https://twitter.com/RDPStation>
 - Instagram: rdpstation: <https://www.instagram.com/thestationrp/>
- Development Activities from April 30, 2020 to May 13, 2020

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	0	53
Building Permits Issued	0	37
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	20

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from April 30, 2020 to May 13, 2020

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	2	109
Exterior Conditions	4	135
Interior Conditions	0	445
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	2	53
Safety	1	134
Sanitation	0	42
Total Violations Found:	9	918

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	10	222
Fines Issued	0	36
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	47
Violation Notices Issued	7	131
Warnings Issued	2	161
Total Services Provided:	22	597

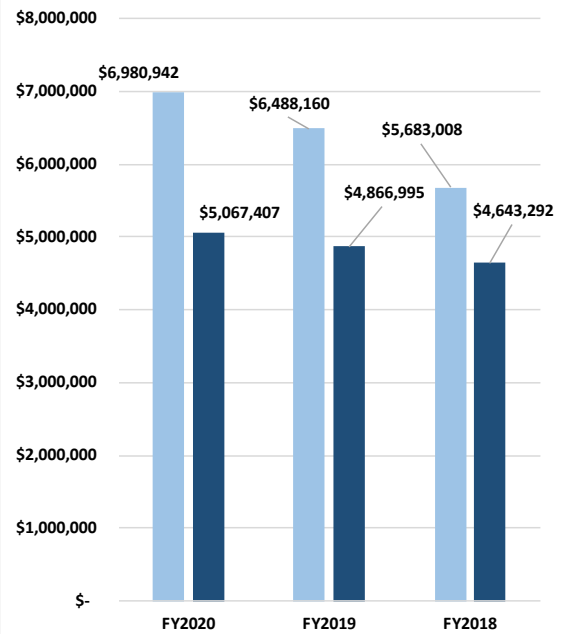
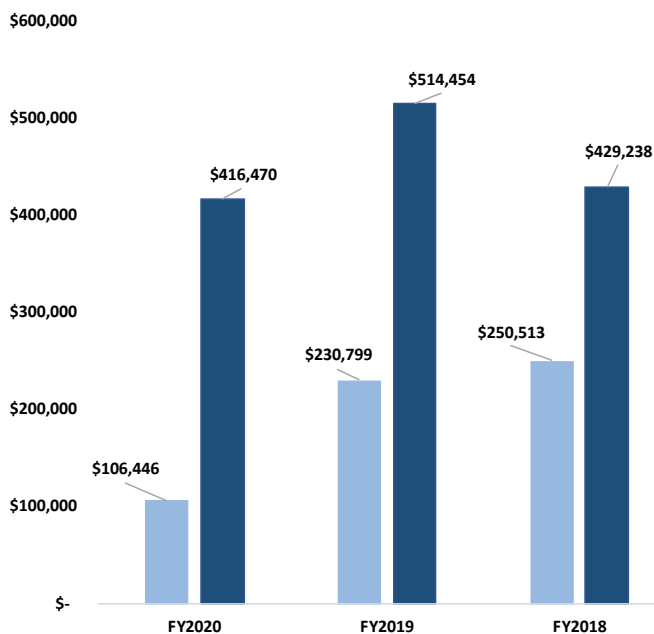
Note:

1. "FYTD" means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

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.

Finance

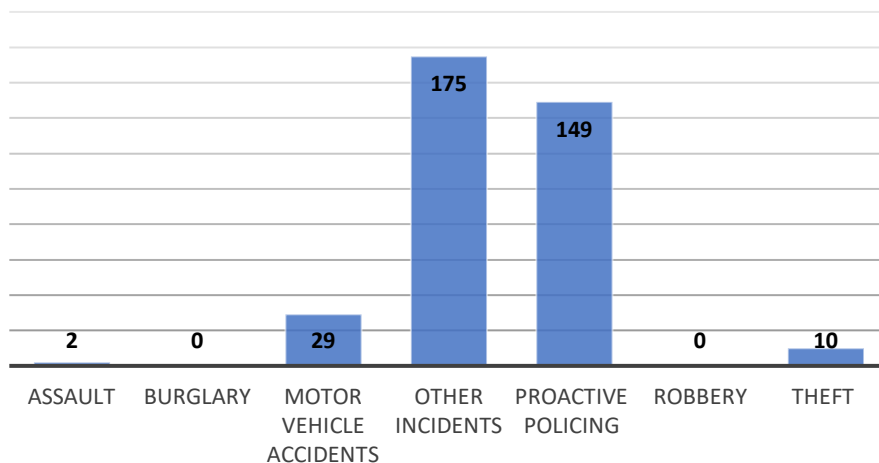
Apr			YTD Total		
FY2020	FY2019	FY2018	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018
\$ 106,446	\$ 230,799	\$ 250,513	\$ 6,980,942	\$ 6,488,160	\$ 5,683,008
\$ 416,470	\$ 514,454	\$ 429,238	\$ 5,067,407	\$ 4,866,995	\$ 4,643,292
\$ (310,024)	\$ (283,654)	\$ (178,725)	\$ 1,913,535	\$ 1,621,165	\$ 1,039,716



Revenue =	
Expense =	

Public Safety

365 Calls for Police Service 04/30/2020 to 05/13/2020



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, 149 or 41 percent 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 assisting individuals.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to the 5600 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the vehicle and removed two credit cards. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a check on welfare. Responding officers located two individuals under the influence of PCP. Due to their levels of intoxication both individuals were transported to the hospital for evaluation. The individuals were charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance via the District Court Commissioner.

- Officers responded to the 5300 block of East-West Highway for a suspicious vehicle. Responding officers located the driver of the vehicle intoxicated and passed out in the driver's seat. The driver failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated. Further investigation resulted in the operator being charged with violating the Governor's Executive Stay at Home Order.
- Officers responded to the 4700 block of Longfellow Street for a theft. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) removed a bicycle from the victim's front porch. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the vehicle and removed a purse. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 4600 block of East-West Highway for a hit and run motor vehicle accident. Responding officers located the striking vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The operator of the striking vehicle was charged with leaving the scene of a property damage accident.
- Officers responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue. The operator of the striking vehicle failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated. Further investigation resulted in the operator being charged with violating the Governor's Executive Stay at Home Order.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a stolen vehicle. The investigation revealed the victim left their vehicle running and unattended. The vehicle has been entered into NCIC as stolen and the investigation is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,



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