

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 12 for 2020



June 12, 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 June 26, 2020.

Upcoming Meetings

<p>Board of Code Appeals Administrative Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Virtual Meeting. To participate visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89857773150?pwd=dExFc2pMN3BBdUd0am9OOU1jTWVrUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 898-5777-3150 Password: 136437</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=bTIRV3Q5cDhndjdZWDdhWW5ZaIRVQT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 858-8465-8531 Password: 035634</p>
<p>Special Session</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Virtual Meeting. To participate visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85197500069?pwd=WEgzU3YrWHpRTEFjNW8vOFNFV0NzUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 851-9750-0069 Password: 759784</p>

6. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with PEPCO regarding Electric vehicle charging stations - *Approved*
7. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-15 regarding the Go Green Initiative - *Adopted*
8. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-16 regarding the Redevelopment Zone Initiative - *Adopted*
9. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-17 regarding Ethics Commission Appointments – *Adopted*
10. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-18 establishing a commitment to policies, programs and initiatives that aim to undo the effects of systemic racism and unequivocally support and defend African Americans and Black people – *Adopted*

Community Engagement

- Happy Birthday Riverdale Park! The Town turns 100 years old on June 14, 2020! Help us celebrate the Town's centennial by participating in our town-wide photo and video contest. We are looking for photos or videos of your favorite places in town, a favorite memory, your old neighborhood, or a fun time you shared with others. We will be sharing the submissions across our social media accounts. Members of the Town's Centennial Committee will be choosing 3 winners from the entries. First place winner will receive a \$50 gift card to a restaurant in Town of their choice (so long as the restaurants have gift cards available). Second place winner gets a \$25 gift card. Third place winner gets a \$10 gift card. BONUS: 20 randomly selected entries will receive a We Love Town Life t-shirt! The end date for submissions is June 30, 2020. Only Town resident entries will be eligible for the prize drawings; all others can submit photos/videos for sharing on our accounts. Please send us a DM via our Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, or email your photos/videos to TRPsocialmedia@riverdaleparkmd.gov. We look forward to celebrating our 100th birthday with you!
- Volunteers Needed to Serve on Committees: The Town of Riverdale Park is seeking volunteers to serve as an alternate member of the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission meets several times throughout the year and meeting days/times are flexible. For more information about the Ethics Commission, visit <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/EthicsCommission.cfm>. Please contact Town Clerk Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov if you are interested in serving on these important committees.
- Meetings with Staff: Staff are also available for virtual meetings while the Town buildings are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual meetings can be scheduled by phone or by e-mail. If you need assistance with scheduling a virtual meeting, please call 301-927-6381.
- 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 telephone 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 59.3%. The State's current response rate is 65.3%. 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. As of today, you have increased followers to 1,647. 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

- **Cancellation of 2020 Adult Mosquito Spray Program:** The Town has received notice from the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) that their adult mosquito spray program, which the Town has participated in for many years, has been cancelled for this year due to budget constraints related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Town staff are working to identify possible options to continue this highly valued service.

MDA has reported that they anticipate being able to respond to complaints and conduct larviciding activity until they run out of the insecticide that they have in stock. Complaints

regarding mosquitos may be submitted via their online form:

<https://www.doit.state.md.us/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=740K154#>.

- **Bulk Trash Pick-up Services Resume:** Bulk services were suspended since April 1st due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Bates Trucking will resume bulk services on June 17th. Bulky Trash Collection is provided by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 301-773-2069. Appointments can also be scheduled online by filling out the [Bates Request Form](#). Only 3 bulk items are permitted per week.
- **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

- **New Addition to Town Center:** Gangster Vegan had a soft opening on May 21st and is preparing to hold their grand opening in July. The new restaurant serves an all-vegan, 100% organic, 100% gluten-free, 100% soy-free, and refined sugar-free menu and is currently open Thursday through Sunday between 1 pm and 8 pm for both takeout and delivery. For more information about Gangster Vegans vegan burrito bowls, meat-free burgers, and other local and fresh plant-based cuisines, please visit their website at <https://gangstervegandmv.com/>.
- **Purple Line Updates:**
 - **Overnight Closure of Riverdale Road:** Beginning on or about July 9, 2020, the Purple Line will implement a closure of Riverdale Road at the intersection of Baltimore-Washington Parkway for removal of the temporary northbound bridge. Work will take place from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for approximately one night. The detour can be viewed here: <https://plmdnews.com/an6>
 - **Pedestrian Safety:** As work continues along the alignment, the Purple Line construction team is committed to keeping everyone safe. Pedestrians are advised to follow any construction signs and use the open sidewalk(s). Pedestrians are not allowed in the construction work zones. This is for your safety as well as our construction team.

- Open for Business: Throughout construction the Purple Line will maintain access to all businesses along the alignment for customers as well as business deliveries.
- Work Hours: Construction work hours alignment wide are 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. unless night hours are noted. Lane closure hours are included in notifications specific to each area as permitted.
- Quintana Street Road Closure: Beginning on or about June 22, 2020, crews will be closing Quintana Street at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue for road reconstruction. This work will last for approximately one month. The detour can be viewed here: <https://plmdnews.com/1p2>
- 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.
- Northbound Traffic Shift onto Permanent Bridge: Beginning on or about May 30, 2020, northbound 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.
- Long-Term Lane Closure on Kenilworth Avenue: On July 8, 2019, the Purple Line implemented a long-term closure of the right-hand southbound lane on Kenilworth Avenue between River Road and Riverdale Road. Barriers will be used to delineate the work zone. Pedestrians and bicyclists are required to stay outside of the construction zone at all times. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends.
- Lane Closures on Baltimore-Washington Parkway: During the month of June, crews will continue work on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in the area of the Riverdale Road overpass. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Lane Closures along Riverdale Road: During the month of June, crews will be relocating utilities along Riverdale Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and 67th Place. To conduct this work, lanes will intermittently be closed on 66th Avenue and 67th Avenue. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures with flagging operations will occur.
- Weekend and Night Closures on Kenilworth Avenue: During the month of June, crews will be working along Kenilworth Avenue between River Road and Riverdale Road. Work may occur from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Weekend Work and Lane Closures on Riverdale Road: During the month of June, crews will be working along Riverdale Road between Kenilworth Avenue and Veterans Parkway. Work may occur from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.

- 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: rdpsstation: <https://www.instagram.com/thestationrp/>
- Notices received by Town:
 - A Public Hearing Staff Report was received from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority regarding Docket R20-02: Permanent Lot Closure and Proposed Parking Modifications at New Carrollton Metrorail Station. Copies of this report can be requested by email to WMATAHearingReport@wmata.com or by calling (202) 962-2511.
 - Notice was received from the Prince George’s County Department of the Environment Stormwater Management Division as part of the outreach for the Riverside Pond A retrofit project of a publicly maintained stormwater management/water quality improvement pond. For more information, please contact Doina Pastinica at dpastinica@co.pg.md.us.
- 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:

Historic Preservation Commission: June 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06162020-347

Planning Board: June 25, 2020, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. (Virtual Meeting)

<http://pgplanningboard.org/883/Watch-Meetings>

Board of License Commissioners: *No information available at time of report.*

- Development Activities from May 28, 2020 to June 10, 2020

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	2	56

Building Permits Issued	3	40
Stop Work Orders Issued	4	25

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2020-B-38	6101 43 rd Street	6 Foot Fence	\$3,000
2020-B-39	4600 River Road	Interior Renovation	\$1,098,000
2020-B-40	5309 Riverdale Road	Interior Renovation	\$26,120
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$1,127,120
Est. Investment FYTD 2020 Total:			\$5,165,416

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from May 28, 2020 to June 10, 2020

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	2	117
Exterior Conditions	6	144
Interior Conditions	0	445
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	2	59
Safety	2	136
Sanitation	0	43
Total Violations Found:	12	944

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	6	238
Fines Issued	1	38
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	0	47
Violation Notices Issued	6	144
Warnings Issued	2	165
Total Services Provided:	20	632

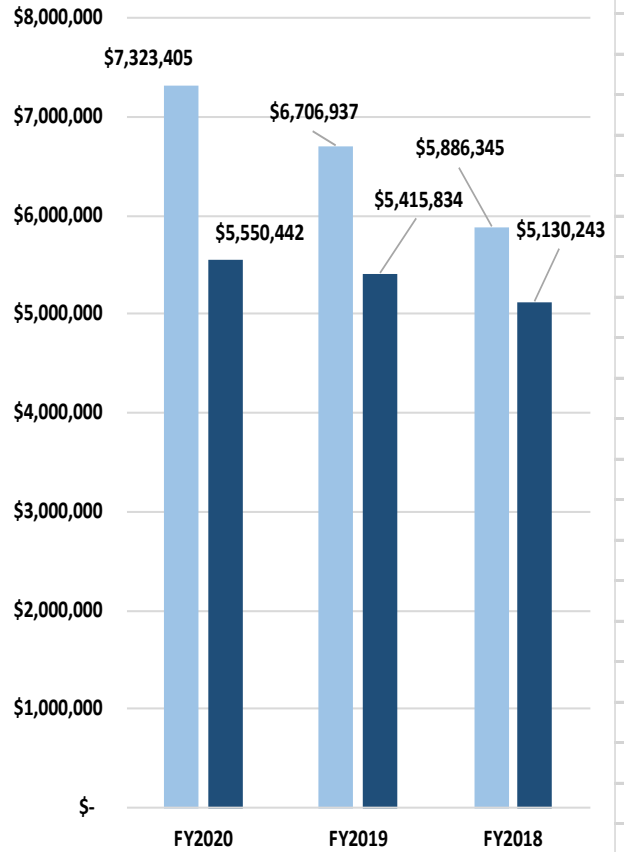
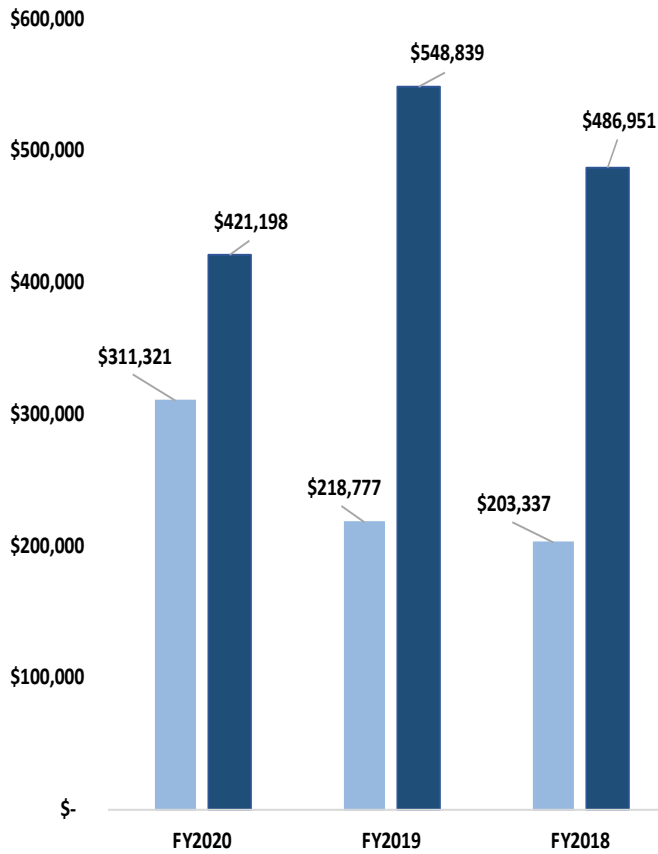
Note:

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.*

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Finance

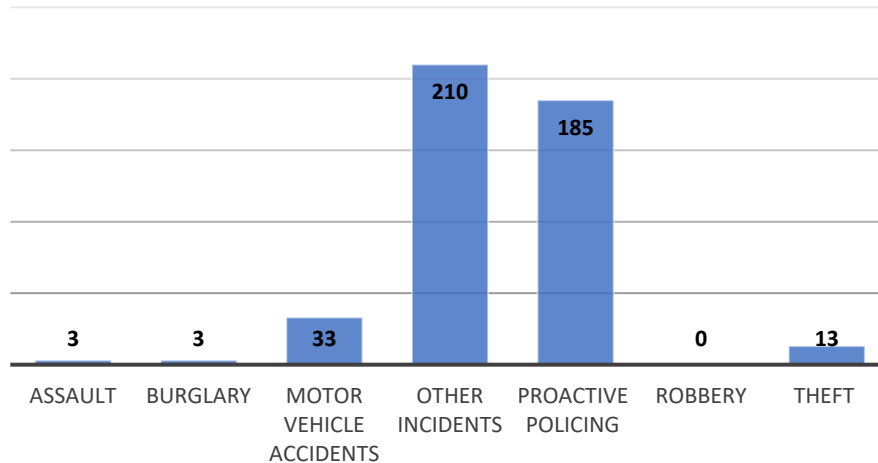
May			YTD Total		
FY2020	FY2019	FY2018	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018
\$ 311,321	\$ 218,777	\$ 203,337	\$ 7,323,405	\$ 6,706,937	\$ 5,886,345
\$ 421,198	\$ 548,839	\$ 486,951	\$ 5,550,442	\$ 5,415,834	\$ 5,130,243
\$ (109,877)	\$ (330,062)	\$ (283,614)	\$ 1,772,963	\$ 1,291,103	\$ 756,102



Revenue =	
Expense =	

Public Safety

447 Calls for Police Service 05/28/2020 to 06/10/2020



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, 185 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 4700 block of Rivertech Court for a suspicious person. Officers contacted an individual and conducted a records check. The individual was found to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 4600 block of River Road for a theft. The victim reported tools stolen from the construction site. The investigation is ongoing.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for registration violation. The vehicle was displaying fraudulent registration plates and the occupants were removed from the vehicle. The front seat passenger was arrested after he was found to be in possession of a loaded semi-automatic handgun.
- Officers responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 5000 block of East-West Highway. The operator of the striking vehicle failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.
- Officers responded to a commercial burglary in the 5400 block of Lafayette Place. The investigation revealed the suspect(s) cut the fence to gain access to the property and stole tires and wheels from a vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5800 block of Baltimore Avenue for a single vehicle motor vehicle collision. The operator of the vehicle failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of 54th Avenue for an indecent exposure. The victim reported while walking the suspect exited a white van and exposed himself towards the victim. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54th Avenue for a domestic assault. The investigation revealed the victim and suspect were involved in a verbal altercation which escalated and turned physical. The suspect assaulted the victim causing a minor injury. The suspect was placed under arrest for 2nd degree assault.
- Officers responded to the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for an attempt commercial burglary. The investigation revealed the suspects forced entry through the front door of the business by breaking out the window. However, the business alarm activated, and the suspects ran off before accessing the second entry door. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a shooting. The investigation revealed there was a dispute involving two groups in the parking lot of the apartment building. The suspect produced a handgun and fired several shots at the other group. The crime scene was processed, and numerous pieces of evidence were collected. One suspect has been identified and charged with 1st degree assault and reckless endangerment. There were no reported injuries and the investigation is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager