TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report   Report No. 23 for 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 November 25, 2020.

CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed	Thursday, November 26, 2020 Friday, November 27, 2020	In observance of Thanksgiving
No Trash Collection *Collection will occur on the next scheduled collection day.	Thursday, November 26, 2020	In observance of Thanksgiving

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Riverdale Park Historical Society Meeting	November 19, 2020 6:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting. To join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83256582184?pwd=ZTY1YSsvUkVNTVFvQjhwZjN4czJBZz09 Or call 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 832 5658 2184 Passcode: 638045
Council Work Session	Monday, November 30, 2020 7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting. To join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88469707375?pwd=VnUxcmJLTzFVeTRXc0M2U2tCaVZKQT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 884 6970 7375 Passcode: 387686

		Virtual Meeting. To join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/818801 71559?pwd=VXFsQ2FDbUJTdjRj NmZ2UUhrUUFtdz09
Legislative Meeting	Monday, December 7, 2020 7:00 p.m.	Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 818 8017 1559 Passcode: 291998

Employee Recognition

- Employee Anniversaries: 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:

  - Patti Butler   20 Years of Service
  - German 'Ulloa Garcia   16 Years of Service
  - Jessica Barnes   8 Years of Service

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

Administration

- COVID-19: The State and County are reporting increased numbers related to COVID-19. The County is implementing revised restrictions effective Sunday, November 15th. Please see County Executive Alsobrooks' media release at https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3298 for additional details.

  Additionally, both Governor Hogan and County Executive Alsobrooks recently held news conferences. Please note the following links:

  County Executive Alsobrooks – COVID-19 news conference November 12, 2020
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfE29sS7p0Y

  Governor Hogan – COVID-19 news conference November 10, 2020

  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5p739sU7tE&feature=youtu.be

- 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.

- Remote Notary Services available: Staff are now available to perform Remote Notary Services for Town residents. Remote Notary Services will be performed through a virtual platform approved by the Maryland Secretary of State. For more information or to schedule an

appointment, please contact Denisa Caballero at dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov or Keith Robinson at krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov or call 301-927-6381.

- Volunteers Needed to Serve on Committees: The Town of Riverdale Park is seeking volunteers to serve as members of the Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review Committee (M-UTC).

  M-UTC meets on the first Wednesday of most months to review development applications. For more information about MUTC, visit https://www.mncppc.org/3352/Riverdale-Park-MUTC.

  Please contact Town Clerk Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov if you are interested in serving on this important committee.

Council Direction Summary

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

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-14 establishing School Zones and Maximum Speed Limits Town-wide - *Adopted*
2. Motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of the Defined Benefit Plan Board of Trustees - *Approved*
3. Motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of April Engram as alternate member of the Ethics Commission - *Approved*
4. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign an agreement with RSC Electrical and Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $144,808 to replace roof top units (RTUs) at the Police Department (PD) and Town Hall (TH) - *Approved*
5. Motion to allocate $2,500 from the FY2021 Undesignated Social Concerns line item for turkeys for Thanksgiving Meal Baskets - *Approved*
6. Motion to allocate $3,400 from the FY2021 Undesignated Social Concerns line item for coats for Riverdale Elementary School students - *Approved*
7. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-20 regarding Watershed Management - *Adopted*
8. Motion to support M-UTC recommendation regarding SP-200001 Chase ATM located at Riverdale Park Station – *Approved*
9. Motion to support M-UTC recommendation regarding DSP-13009-18 to allow for two building mounted signage spaces at Riverdale Park Station – *Approved*
10. Motion to approve a Fence Permit Request for a 6-foot wooden fence in the backyard of 4708 Queensbury Road – *Approved*
11. Motion to approve a Curb cut request to install apron and driveway at 4908 Queensbury Road – *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 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!

- 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. The 2018 International Property Maintenance Code is available for review on the Town's website at http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/2018%20IPMC.pdf. 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 1,822. 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/

  o 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

- Free Tree Program for Residents: Homeowners are eligible for free professionally planted native trees through the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization CDC (CKAR) tree canopy project. This project is in collaboration with the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, the Chesapeake Bay Trust and other participating communities and organizations. To request a tree, visit https://ckarcdc.org/community-resources/.

- Leaf Collection: Residents are encouraged to bag their leaves and/or mulch them during lawn mowing instead of pushing them into the streets. It is extremely important to keep storm drains clear of leaves to allow the system optimal performance during a rain event. To support leaf bagging, Public Works staff distributed five (5) leaf bags to each single-family residence in Town in October. FREE leaf bags will also be available for pick up on the third Saturday of the

month (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at the bulk trash drop off at the Public Works building until mid-January. Identification confirming residency is required. Bagged leaves should be set out curbside by 6 a.m. on Monday for collection by the Town's hauler. If residents choose to mulch their leaves or will otherwise not use the leaf bags, they are encouraged to give them to a neighbor.

- Bates Bulk Trash Pick-up Services: As a reminder, Bulk Trash Collection is provided by appointment only. To schedule an appointment for pick-up, call 301-773-2069. Only 3 bulk items are permitted per week.

- Yard Waste Mondays: Yard waste collection is every Monday. Yard waste needs to 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

- Emergency Repairs Grant Available: The Town is soliciting grant applications from homeowners and businessowners. Applications will be accepted through Thursday, December 31, 2020. This grant program is designed to assist with emergency repairs in homes and businesses that would otherwise not be addressed. Successful applicants can be reimbursed for up to $2,000 after work has been completed and paid for. An "emergency repair" is defined as a situation that is life-threatening or one that prohibits someone from living in decent, safe, and sanitary conditions or is needed for the safe and continual operation of a business. For more information, please visit
http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/emergency_repair_grant.php.

- Purple Line Updates:
    - Resurfacing of Riverdale Road: Beginning on or about November 2, 2020, crews will perform resurfacing of Riverdale Road (MD 410) from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD 295) to Veterans Parkway (MD 410) for approximately one week, weather permitting. Work may take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Temporary lane closures will occur.

- o Resurfacing of Campus Drive: Beginning on or about November 4, 2020 crews will perform resurfacing of Campus Drive (MD 431) at the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute for approximately two days, weather permitting. Work may take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Temporary lane closures will occur.

- Purple Line Construction Notices: Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit www.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:
  - o General Website: https://thestationrp.com/
  - o Facebook: Riverdale Park Station: https://www.facebook.com/TheStationRP/
  - o Twitter: @thestationrp: https://twitter.com/thestationrp
  - o Instagram: thestationrp: https://www.instagram.com/thestationrp/

- Notices received by Town:
  - o The Prince George's County Council and Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will hold a virtual joint public hearing on Thursday, 11/19/2020 to solicit comments from the public on the Countywide Sectional Map Amendment (CMA). The CMA is the second phase of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project that will apply the new zoning regulations to properties in the County. Register to speak: https://pgccouncil.us/.../Public-Hearing-Notices-Sign-Up...

    For more details on the project visit: http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/

  - o The Governor's Smart Growth Subcabinet is holding a virtual public forum for county and municipal elected leaders and planning officials on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for elected leaders and planning officials to discuss with the subcabinet local government issues relating to activities that affect smart growth, development, neighborhood conservation, and resource management. To participate in the forum, you will need to register.

    If you have problems registering or have questions, please contact: Chuck Boyd, Maryland Department of Planning, Chuck.Boyd@Maryland.gov, Phone: 301-639-1634

- 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: November 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Virtual Meeting)
  https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_11172020-1736

Historic Preservation Commission: November 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)
http://www.pgparks.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_11172020-486

Planning Board: November 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Virtual Meeting)
http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1551&Inline=True

- <u>Development Activities from October 29, 2020 to November 11, 2020</u>

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	4	14
Building Permits Issued	5	12
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	9

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2021-B-08	4908 Queensbury Road	New Driveway	$4,500
2021-B-09	6214 44th Avenue	Retaining Wall and Fence	$16,225
2021-B-10	4600 River Road	Interior Renovation	$198,000
2021-B-11	4708 Queensbury Road	Install 6 Foot Fence	$2,000
2021-B-12	5410 Spring Lane	Renovate Steps	$25,000
		Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:	**$245,725**
		Est. Investment FYTD 2021 Total:	**$1,945,125**

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	1	21
Multifamily Licenses Issued	8	11
Single-family Rental Inspection	9	14
Single-family Licenses Issued	8	23

Business License Inspections Conducted	0	87
Business Licenses Issued	0	88

- <u>Neighborhood Improvement Activities from October 29, 2020 to November 11, 2020</u>

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	1	21
Exterior Conditions	13	67
Interior Conditions	34	103
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	1	13
Safety	4	20
Sanitation	2	3
Total Violations Found:	**55**	**227**

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	3	59
Fines Issued	1	4
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	15
Violation Notices Issued	3	48
Warnings Issued	2	29
Total Services Provided:	**12**	**155**

Note:

1. *"FYTD" means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.*

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 Safety

415 Calls for Police Service
10/29/2020 to 11/11/2020
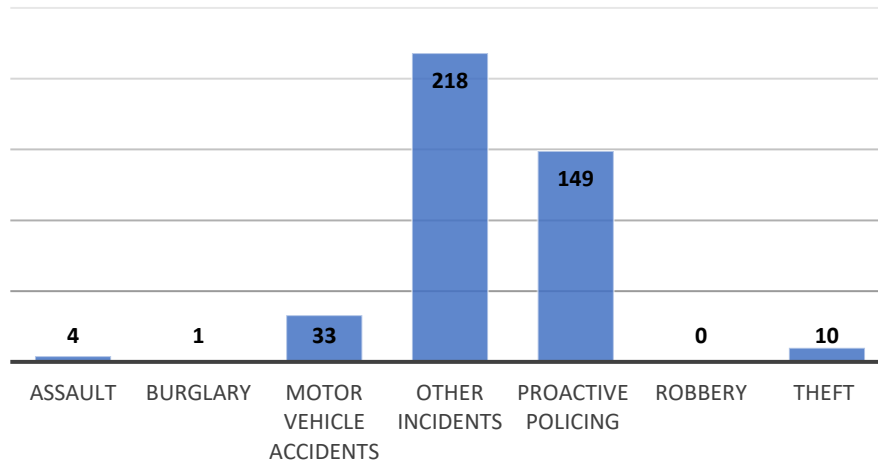
Calls for Service defined: A call for service is any activity performed by a sworn police officer in the performance of their assigned duties. Calls for service covers both proactive activities such as area checks and traffic enforcement, as well as a portion of field investigative reports, traffic accidents, 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 36 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 a business in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The investigation revealed two individuals entered the business and removed items without paying for them. Responding officers located the suspects in the parking lot and placed them under arrest for theft.

- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed two individuals were involved in a physical altercation. During the altercation the victim sustained a laceration to the arm. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment and the investigation is ongoing.

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- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for driving without a license. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

- Officers observed an individual drinking from an open alcohol container in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road. The individual was contacted and issued a criminal summons.

- Officers responded to a business in the 4700 block of Queensbury Road for a theft. The manager reported an unknown suspect(s) entered the business and grabbed several packs of scratch off lottery tickets before fleeing the business. A possible suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of Riverdale Road. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for fraud. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed two suspects were involved in a fight with the victim. During the altercation the victim was stabbed with a sharp object. The two suspects were located and placed under arrest for 1st degree assault. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Patterson Street 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 and violation of a protective order.

- Officers contacted a person in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant for failure to appear for driving on a suspended license. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager