

# TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

## Status and Information Report

## Report No. 2 for 2021

January 22, 2021

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 February 5, 2021.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Council Work Session	Monday, January 25, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting. To join: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84285776488?pwd=eXBOYnJLVdVBMVdzcXF5ejFoVHVIUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84285776488?pwd=eXBOYnJLVdVBMVdzcXF5ejFoVHVIUT09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 842-8577-6488 Passcode: 749963
Public Hearing and Legislative Meeting	Monday, February 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting. To join: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84506867780?pwd=eG16eS9aYIN0R0tjaZlmTEtWMIldUUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84506867780?pwd=eG16eS9aYIN0R0tjaZlmTEtWMIldUUT09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 845-0686-7780 Passcode: 885123

### 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:
  - Germaine Green 11 Years of Service
  - Jamie Amaya 5 Years of Service

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

## Administration

- Meetings with Staff: Staff are available for virtual meetings while the Town buildings are closed to the public 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 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](mailto:dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or Keith Robinson at [krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or call 301-927-6381.
- Volunteers Needed: The Town of Riverdale Park is seeking volunteers to serve as follows:
  - Election Judges for the Town election on May 3, 2021
  - Alternate Election Judges for the Town election on May 3, 2021
  - Members of the Board of Election Appeals for the Town election on May 3, 2021.

Please contact Town Clerk Jessica Barnes at [jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov) if you have any questions or if you are interested in volunteering.

## Community Engagement

- PGCPS School Boundary Initiative Meeting - January 27, 6:30 p.m.: The last public meeting on the School Boundary Initiative is on Wednesday - January 27<sup>th</sup>. Please join in the conversation to express your opinions about our school boundaries & new school buildings! Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pgcps-comprehensive-boundary-initiative-community-conversations-registration-131471176829>

The objective of the Boundary Initiative is to provide an impartial analysis of current school boundaries, feeder patterns and program locations and to develop, with community input, scenarios for adjustments in order to populate new and expanded school facilities and balance facility utilization throughout the County.

- Notice of Public Hearing: The Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on a proposed amendment to Article V Nominations and Election, Section 509 Absentee Voting, of the Town Charter.

Place of Meeting: Virtual Meeting via Zoom. To join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84506867780?pwd=eG16eS9aYlN0R0tjazlmTEtWmldUUT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID: 845-0686-7780 Passcode: 885123)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Date: February 1, 2021

Written Public Comments may be submitted to: The Town of Riverdale Park at 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737 or by e-mail to [community\\_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov).

This notice was also run in the *Enquirer Gazette* on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Call for Artists Submissions for Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative - Deadline to Apply is Friday, March 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.: On behalf of the Town of Riverdale Park, the Hyattsville CDC is announcing a Call for Artists for the Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative. The Initiative seeks five (5) sculptures of various styles and sizes to display for a one year-long placement, at pre-determined, publicly accessible sites within the Town of Riverdale Park. As part of the Town's plan to create an engaging, publicly accessible outdoor sculpture gallery across its many neighborhoods, we seek site-appropriate sculptural work fitting of each chosen location. All sites have an existing installed concrete footer/pad, specifically designed to accommodate a range of sizes of work and a variety of bases.

Submittals may be of any durable, easily maintained, exposure-ready media, and, due to the planned temporary nature of the initiative's installations should be of existing or nearly completed work. Following a jurying process, the works will be installed by the selected artist for year-long exhibition. At the end of the exhibition term, the works will also be made available for purchase through the Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative website at <https://hycdc.org/rppai>.

Artists across the greater metropolitan region are welcome to apply, especially those who live or have studios within Prince George's County. Local established and emerging sculptors, woodworkers, metalworkers, and artists of any durable media are welcomed.

#### ARTIST HONORARIUM

At this issuance, the stipend for selection in this Call is \$2,000 per selected work, to include all artist fees, costs for installation, documentation of the installed work, transportation, and insurance.

- Development Projects in District 3: Several development projects are being proposed and moving forward in District 3 and across Prince George's County. You can receive a weekly email of newly filed projects in your zip code.
  1. Go to <https://notify.pgatlas.com/Login.aspx>
  2. Log in or register to create an account.
  3. Select the zip codes you are interested in and click "save".

You will begin to receive a weekly email listing each newly filed project in your zip code, if any.

If you find a project you would like to keep informed about and/or submit comments on, be sure to sign up as a "Person of Record" using the application number for that project [here](#). As a person of record in a zoning case, you are provided with notice of upcoming meetings, actions and decisions rendered at certain stages of the zoning application process, as well as relevant appeals procedures.

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/ho.../trash_concerns/index.php).



- Social Media Outreach: We need your assistance to grow the Town's social media reach. Please ask your neighbors, friends, businesses, and visitors to follow the Town on social media. Thank you to those who follow the Town on our social media platforms. The Town's social media continues to expand our reach in sharing information. The Town's website remains the primary source for electronic information. Facebook and secondary Twitter accounts 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 1,871. The goal is to reach 2,000 followers on Facebook within the next 2 months. We know this is possible. If you have not 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](https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en)
  - Twitter: [https://twitter.com/Riverdale\\_Park](https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park)
  - YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber)

### **Environment**

- 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. 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](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/emergency_repair_grant.php).
- Purple Line Updates:
  - On-Street Parking Prohibited on Segment of 64th Avenue: Between January 19, 2021 and February 12, 2021, on-street parking will be prohibited from the intersection of Riverdale Road (MD 410) and 64th Avenue to the parking entrance for townhomes 6001-6073 64th Avenue, Riverdale, MD. Towing will be enforced 24 hours.
  - Weekend Underground Utility Relocation: On Saturday, January 23, crews will perform underground utility relocations at the following Riverdale-area intersections:
    - 64th Avenue at Riverdale Road (MD 410)
    - Eastpine Drive and Patterson Street
    - 66th Avenue at Riverdale Road (MD 410)
    - 67th Avenue at Riverdale Road (MD 410)
    - Riverdale Road (MD 410) at Fernwood Terrace

Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Temporary lane closures will occur.

- Nightly Lane Closures for Utility Relocations on Kenilworth Avenue: Beginning on or about Sunday, January 24, 2021, crews will perform utility relocation work on northbound Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) between Quesada Road and Rittenhouse Street for approximately four weeks, weather permitting. The overnight work may take place 7 p.m. – 7 a.m. Expect nightly closures of the northbound right-hand lanes. Access to residences and WMATA bus stop #3003333 will be maintained.

- **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](http://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:
  - General Website: <https://thestationrp.com/>
  - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station: <https://www.facebook.com/TheStationRP/>
  - Twitter: @thestationrp: <https://twitter.com/thestationrp>
  - Instagram: thestationrp: <https://www.instagram.com/thestationrp/>
- **Notices received by Town:**
  - A Departure Application for a waiver from the Parking and Loading Standards regarding the Wildercroft Subdivision will be submitted for review to the Development Review Subdivision of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, M-NCPPC. The address of the subject property is 6901 Riverdale Road. The property is 0.66 acres in size and is at the location of the old 7-11 building that currently exists. A Departure Application waiver is being requested to allow the loading space to be removed from requirements. For more information, contact Dean Packard at 301-208-0250.
- **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:** January 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.  
[https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_01262021-1783](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_01262021-1783)

**Planning Board:** January 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.  
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1561&Inline=True>

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

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- Development Activities from January 7, 2021 to January 20, 2021

**Permits: Building / Storage Containers**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	1	19
Building Permits Issued	1	15
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	12

**Permits Issued:**

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2021-B-15	4900 Sheridan Street	Install Bay Windows	\$6,000
<b>Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:</b>			<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>Est. Investment FYTD 2021 Total:</b>			<b>\$1,994,106</b>

**Licenses:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	21
Multifamily Licenses Issued	1	19
Single-family Rental Inspection	3	47
Single-family Licenses Issued	1	52
Business License Inspections Conducted	4	103
Business Licenses Issued	2	102

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from January 7, 2021 to January 20, 2021

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	1	26
Exterior Conditions	6	85
Interior Conditions	2	115
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	15
Safety	6	53

Sanitation	0	7
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>301</b>

**Services Provided by Type:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2021 Totals</b>
Complaint Responses Performed	9	87
Fines Issued	0	4
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	27
Violation Notices Issued	4	88
Warnings Issued	5	52
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>258</b>

*Note:*

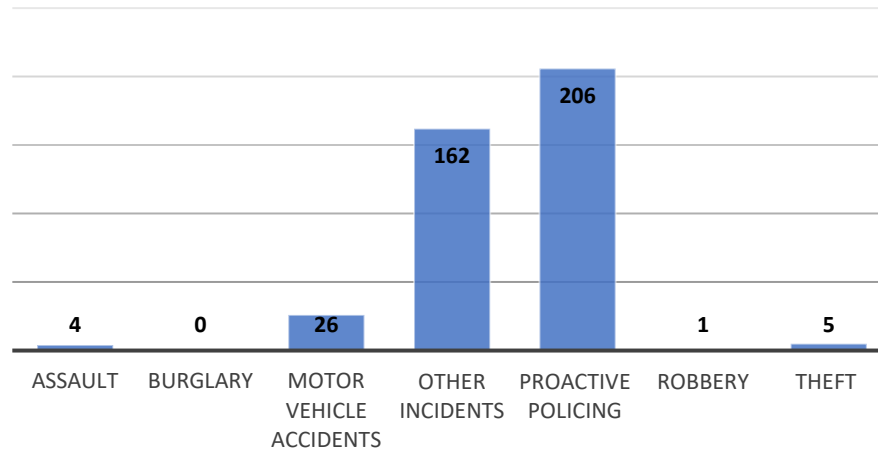
1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.*
2. *“Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish” includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.*
3. *“Exterior Conditions” include, but not limited to chipping, flaking, 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.*

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## Public Safety

### 404 Calls for Police Service 01/07/2021 to 01/20/2021



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, 206 or 51 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 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a commercial armed robbery. The investigation revealed unknown suspects entered the business posing as customers. One suspect walked behind the sales counter, produced a handgun, and demanded currency. The cashier handed over the business funds and the suspects fled. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers had prior knowledge that an individual, who was in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue, had an active arrest warrant for theft. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

- Officers responded to the 4400 block of East West Highway for a theft from auto. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) broke the driver's window of their vehicle and removed a purse.
- Officers were flagged down by an employee of a business in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The employee reported a security guard for the business was assaulted by four suspects. The investigation revealed the security guard interrupted a drug transaction and was attacked by the four suspects. The four suspects were placed under arrest for 1<sup>st</sup> degree assault. The victim was transported to the hospital for serious but non-life-threatening injuries.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a domestic assault. The investigation revealed the victim was assaulted by a former partner. During the assault, the suspect took the victims cellular phone before fleeing the scene. The suspect was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault and theft.
- Officers responded to the 5000 block of East-West Highway for a disorderly complaint. Responding officers located two individuals arguing in the middle of the roadway. The individuals ignored several requests to calm down and exit the roadway. Both parties were separated and issued citations for disorderly conduct.
- Officers had prior knowledge that an individual, who was in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue, had an open warrant for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 4900 block of Somerset Road for a check on welfare. Residents of the home reported an adult, in the home, was acting erratically. Officers contacted the individual and due to the person's actions and imminent threat self, was transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager