

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

Report No. 7 for 2021

April 2, 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 April 16, 2021.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legislative Meeting	Monday, April 5, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81885957962?pwd=U2VTdzZ0SGs1RVRMNGRSeXkrR3FRUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 818-8595-7962 Passcode: 681973
FY2022 Budget Public Hearing	Saturday, April 17, 2021 9:30 a.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84303407844?pwd=NG5UbVM4L1grdlldyM1AzBGNazc0dz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 843-0340-7844 Passcode: 634313
FY2022 Budget Public Hearing	Saturday, April 24, 2021 9:30 a.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88074071013?pwd=NjJnRmNBZXFLLWlZlazlkUklYSzBXZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 880-7407-1013 Passcode: 893835

Council Work Session	Monday, April 26, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86941158035?pwd=NCs1bEM0eGxadlZ4YXhtb1ZETSszUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 869-4115-8035 Passcode: 145532
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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:
 - Orville Saunders, III 4 Years of Service
 - Rosa Guixens 2 Years of Service
 - Matthew Kenyon 2 Years of Service

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

Administration

- State of the Town Now Available Online: The 2021 State of the Town is now available on the Town’s website, www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.
- 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 Keith Robinson at krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov or call 301-927-6381.

Community Engagement

- Notice of Public Hearings: The Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park will hold two public hearings to receive public comments on the proposed FY2022 Budget.

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual Meetings via Zoom

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

DATES:

April 17, 2021

To join:

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Or call: 301-715-8592

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April 24, 2021

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Or call: 301-715-8592

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WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO: The Town of Riverdale Park at 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737 or e-mailed to:

community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

- **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:** 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 1,968. The goal is to reach 2,000 followers on Facebook. We are very close and are extending the time to achieve this goal. Please help reach 2,000 followers by the end of May. 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
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
 - YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber

Environment

- **County Litter Blitz:** As spring arrives, Prince George’s County’s Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) is preparing to do some spring cleaning. DPW&T will partner with the State Highway Administration (SHA) on Monday, March 15, 2021 for the kickoff of the County-wide Litter Blitz. The Litter Blitz will focus on removing litter and illegal signs from the County-maintained primary roadways as well as state-maintained roadways.

Motorists are advised to stay alert and be aware of trucks and crews working on the roadways. They are also reminded to drive safely and slow down as they approach a work zone. Residents can partner in the cleanup efforts by not contributing to litter and illegal dumping, and by picking up litter in and around their residential neighborhoods.

To report litter or illegal signs, which is another form of litter, on County-maintained roadways, please call Prince George’s CountyClick 311 at 3-1-1 or 301-883-4748 Call: 301-883-4748 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday - Friday; or you may submit your service request online at www.countyclick311.com.

- **WSSC Notification System:** If there is a water or sewer emergency in or near your neighborhood, get alerts via text or email. Visit <http://wsscwater.com/cns> to register.
- **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.

- **Purple Line Updates:**
 - **Nightly Lane Closures on Kenilworth Avenue:** On or about Sunday, January 24, 2021, crews began performing utility relocation work on northbound Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) between Quesada Road and Rittenhouse, extended through the end of April, 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.

 - **Temporary Lane Closures on Riverdale Road:** On or about December 7, 2020, crews began performing underground utility work on Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) northbound and southbound from Riverdale Road (MD 410) to Rittenhouse Street, which is extended through the end of April, weather permitting. Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Temporary lane closures with flaggers will occur.

 - **Temporary Closure on Rittenhouse Street:** On or about March 8, 2021, crews temporarily closed a segment of Rittenhouse Street between Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) and 57th Avenue through April 8, weather permitting, to perform utility relocations. Work will occur

overnight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and, as needed, on weekends. Access to driveways will be maintained.

The detour for this closure can be viewed here: bit.ly/3stJZUG

- Temporary Lane Closures on Riverdale Road: Crews will continue to perform underground utility relocations at Riverdale-area intersections between 64th Avenue and Fernwood Terrance along Riverdale Road (MD 410) for approximately three months, weather permitting. Work may take place Monday through Friday—and on weekends, as needed—7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Temporary Lane Closures on Kenilworth Avenue: Crews have resumed utility relocations on Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) between River Road (MD 431) and Riverdale Road (MD 410). Work may take place overnight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Temporary Lane Closures on River Road: Crews have resumed utility relocations along River Road (MD 431) between Haig Drive and Rivertech Court. Work may take place on weekdays, and as needed on weekends, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Temporary Lane Closures on Kenilworth Avenue: Crews have resumed daytime and nighttime utility relocations along Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) between Campus Drive and Riverdale Road (MD 410). Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Work Zone Safety: As work increases along the alignment, the Purple Line team remains committed to keeping everyone safe. Pedestrians and motorists are advised to follow construction signage and use the open sidewalk(s). For the safety of the public and our construction team, entry into construction work zones is not permitted.
- Temporary Closure on Rittenhouse Street: On or about March 8, 2021, crews temporarily closed a segment of Rittenhouse Street between Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) and 57th Avenue **through April 8**, weather permitting, to perform utility relocations. Work will occur overnight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and, as needed, on weekends. Access to driveways will be maintained.

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- 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:

- 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:
 - Scam Alert: If you have received a text from “Maryland-MDot Urgent” addressing “MDot customer” with a link, please ignore the text. This text was not sent by any agency associated with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), including the MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration. It is SPAM and has been reported to MDOT’s IT Department. DO NOT click on the link and DELETE the message. If you did open it and clicked the link, for information on identity theft and ways to protect your identity, see Maryland Attorney General’s ID Theft page for help: <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/IdentityTheft/default.aspx>

MDOT and its business units would not ask customers to provide this personal information in this way. We take the privacy our customers and their personal information very seriously.

- 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:

Planning Board: April 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.

<http://mncppc.ig2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1574&Inline=True>

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

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

- Development Activities from March 18, 2021 to March 31, 2021

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	3	30
Building Permits Issued	2	28
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	14

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2021-B-26	6202 Rhode Island Avenue Suite #2	Office Fit Out	\$165,000
2021-B-27	5309 Riverdale Road	Fix Dry Wall	\$5,000
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$170,000
Est. Investment FYTD 2021 Total:			\$2,945,936

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	21
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	20
Single-family Rental Inspection	1	57
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	62
Business License Inspections Conducted	5	125
Business Licenses Issued	5	125

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from March 18, 2021 to March 31, 2021

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	8	58
Exterior Conditions	5	119
Interior Conditions	0	129
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	17
Safety	2	73
Sanitation	0	12
Total Violations Found:	15	408

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	14	136

Fines Issued	0	7
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	4	37
Violation Notices Issued	5	126
Warnings Issued	14	93
Total Services Provided:	37	399

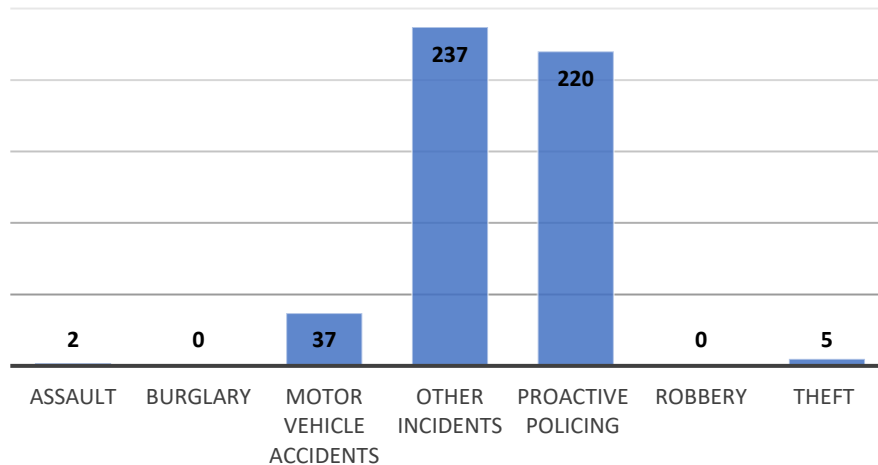
Note:

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

501 Calls for Police Service 03/18/2021 to 03/31/2021



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, 220 or 44 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 4500 block of Woodberry Street for a theft. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) broke into multiple secured lockers. The suspect(s) removed personal property belonging to several customers. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed the suspect and victims were involved in a fight in the parking lot. The suspect returned to his vehicle and purposely struck the victims with his pickup truck. The victims were transported to the hospital for treatment of serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The suspect placed under arrest by responding officers for attempted murder and 1st degree assault.

- Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a hit and run motor vehicle collision. Responding officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle a short distance away from the scene. The driver was placed under arrest for leaving the scene of a property damage accident and driving while intoxicated.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The investigation revealed two unknown suspects entered the business and removed several items from the shelves before fleeing to an awaiting vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5800 block of Riverdale Road for a motor vehicle collision. The investigation revealed the driver of the striking vehicle was unlicensed and intoxicated. The driver was placed under arrest for driving under the influence.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Patterson Street for a missing person. The family reported their autistic child had wandered away from the house and was missing. After an extensive search officers located the child and returned him home safely.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Taylor Road for a single vehicle accident. The investigation revealed the operator was traveling at a high rate of speed, lost control and struck a tree. The driver was found to be intoxicated and was placed under arrest for driving under the influence.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a trespassing complaint. The business owner reported an intoxicated individual inside the business who was refusing to leave. The individual was removed from the business and issued a no trespass order.
- Officers responded to 5800 block of Silk Tree Drive for a check on the welfare. Family members reported an individual inside the home suffering from a possible mental illness. Due to the individuals actions they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager