

# TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

## Status and Information Report

## Report No. 9 for 2021

April 30, 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 May 14, 2021.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legislative Meeting (to receive Election results)	Monday, May 3, 2021 8:30 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85042413566?pwd=czNZNDRpR3UrSDRSYtluWEud2FIUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85042413566?pwd=czNZNDRpR3UrSDRSYtluWEud2FIUT09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 850-4241-3566 Passcode: 882709
Special Legislative Meeting and Public Hearing regarding Tax Rate	Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87691583497?pwd=WThmZVhYWlpIdnQ0UUZpcXZ4YUx4UT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87691583497?pwd=WThmZVhYWlpIdnQ0UUZpcXZ4YUx4UT09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 876-9158-3497 Passcode: 790384
Special Legislative Meeting and Work Session	Monday, May 24, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89158501969?pwd=OUtyMFpmMmslenhNQW8yaDUvK3BkZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89158501969?pwd=OUtyMFpmMmslenhNQW8yaDUvK3BkZz09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 891-5850-1969 Passcode: 055592



3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.6263, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$.6540 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 4.4% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$218,644 in additional property tax revenues.

A virtual public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. To join, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87691583497?pwd=WThmZVhYWlpIdnQ0UUZpcXZ4YUx4UT09> or call 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID 876-9158-3497: and Password: 790384) to participate. The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Testimony may also be mailed to: Town of Riverdale Park, Real Property Tax Rate Testimony, c/o Town Clerk Jessica Barnes, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737 or e-mailed to [community\\_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov). Written comments will be accepted for seven (7) days following the virtual public hearing. The Fiscal Year 2022 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget is scheduled to be introduced on April 26, 2021.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-927-6381 for further information.

- Prince George's County FY2022 Budget Public Hearings: The County's Budget Public Hearings will take place on May 4 and May 11 at 5:00 p.m. To review the proposed budget and learn more here: <https://pgccouncil.us/454/Budget-Portal>

Register to speak on May 4 or 11 via the "eComment" links for those dates [here](#).

- 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 1,982. 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](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

- 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](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/emergency_repair_grant.php).
- 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 Detailed Site Plan for 6400 American Boulevard, DSP-21006 will be submitted to the Development Review Division of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The property is located south of Liberty Lane between Belcrest Road and America Boulevard and consists of approximately 1.46 acres. The application is to develop the property with mixed use development consisting of apartments and retail space. For more information, contact Nicholas Speech with Bohler Engineering at 301-809-4500.
  - 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:** May 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.  
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1579&Inline=True>

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

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

- Development Activities from April 15, 2021 to April 28, 2021

**Permits: Building / Storage Containers**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	1	34
Building Permits Issued	1	31
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	14

**Permits Issued:**

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2021-B-31	5511 Taylor Road	Install Solar Panels	\$5,544
<b>Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:</b>			<b>\$5,544</b>
<b>Est. Investment FYTD 2021 Total:</b>			<b>\$2,978,480</b>

**Licenses:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	21

Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	20
Single-family Rental Inspection	5	64
Single-family Licenses Issued	5	67
Business License Inspections Conducted	1	130
Business Licenses Issued	1	130

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from April 15, 2021 to April 28, 2021

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	5	65
Exterior Conditions	5	128
Interior Conditions	0	129
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	2	19
Safety	1	74
Sanitation	1	14
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>429</b>

**Services Provided by Type:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	13	157
Fines Issued	0	8
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	2	42
Violation Notices Issued	2	130
Warnings Issued	10	108
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>445</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.

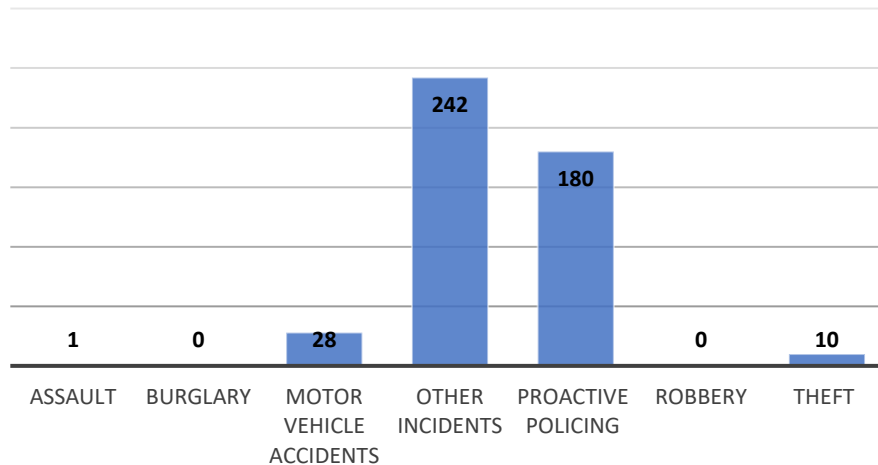
6. *“Safety” includes, but not limited to; damaged/missing electrical outlets, covers, light fixtures, carbon monoxide and /or smoke detectors, lack of escape windows in bedrooms, missing address numbers, major structural damage, and unsafe buildings.*
7. *“Sanitation” includes, but not limited to; insect/rodent infestation, mildew/mold on surfaces, uncleanliness, and storage of hazardous waste.*

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## Public Safety

### 461 Calls for Police Service 04/15/2021 to 04/28/2021



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, 180 or 39 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 4500 block of Sheridan Street for a suspicious occupied vehicle. Responding officers conducted a records check which revealed the 2007 Volvo was reported stolen through the Greenbelt Police Department. The sole occupant of the vehicle was placed under arrest for motor vehicle theft.
- Officers responded to the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a check on the welfare. Dispatch received several calls about a nude individual running in traffic. Officers contacted the individual who appeared to be under the influence of PCP. Due his actions and for his safety, the individual was transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

- Officers responded to a business in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and removed property.
- 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 a business in the 5600 block of Riverdale Road for a suspicious occupied vehicle. Responding officers conducted a records check which revealed the 2008 Chevrolet was reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department. The occupant was removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest for motor vehicle theft.
- Officers responded to the 4500 block of East West Highway for a package theft. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) removed a package from their front porch.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of Riverdale Road. A records check revealed the driver to be unlicensed. During an impound inventory of the vehicle a loaded semi-automatic Glock handgun was located. The driver was placed under arrest for having a handgun in a vehicle.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a shoplifter. Responding officers contacted the suspect and conducted a records check. The individual was found to have three active arrest warrants through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5600 block of Riverdale Road for a check on the welfare. Responding officers located a nude individual inside the business who appeared to be under the influence of PCP. Due to the individual's actions and for their safety they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for failure to appear for driving while intoxicated. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager