TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report   Report No. 10 for 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 28, 2021.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Legislative Meeting and Work Session	Monday, May 24, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89158501969?pwd=OUtyMFpmMms1enhNQW8yaDUvK3BkZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 891-5850-1969 Passcode: 055592
Legislative Meeting and Swearing-in of Mayor and Council	Monday, June 7, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84422225998?pwd=QUloYVoyakVBRmxzdHJBQlo1d1M2dz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 844 2222 5998 Passcode: 046718
Work Session	Monday, June 21, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83804653531?pwd=YnZrejBwQW51NlFycll6OFRvSFlMZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 838 0465 3531 Passcode: 003118

Employee Recognition

- Employee Anniversaries: Please join me in extending a sincere thank you to the following team member for their years of dedicated service to the Town's residents:

    - Garey Davis   7 Years of Service

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

Administration

- COVID-19: As we are likely all aware, the CDC made a significant announcement yesterday in reference to safety precautions for those who are fully vaccinated. I, along with the staff leadership team, am evaluating this updated guidance to determine the impact on Town operations.

  Staff are working with Luminis Health to schedule a vaccination clinic at Town Hall in the coming weeks.

- 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

- Career Day at Riverdale Elementary School: On May 11th PO Martinez represented the Riverdale Park Police Department at Riverdale Elementary School's annual Career Day.

- 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 1,982. 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/

    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

- <u>DPW Responds to Water Main Break:</u> On May 11th the Department of Public Works was notified of a potential water main break on the 5300 block of Taylor Road. After visiting the site and talking with the impacted residents, DPW notified WSSC and WSSC worked into the night to resolve the issue.

- <u>WSSC Notification System:</u> 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.

- <u>Bates Bulk Trash Pick-up Services:</u> 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.

- <u>Yard Waste Mondays:</u> 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.

- <u>Recycling Collection – important note</u>**:** 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." **<u>NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER</u>** (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:
  o 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.

  o Temporary Overnight Lane Closures on Kenilworth Avenue: Crews have resumed utility relocations along 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.

  o 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) through the end of May, 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.

  o Overnight Lane Closures on Kenilworth Avenue: On or about Sunday, January 24, 2021, crews began relocation work on northbound Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) between Quesada Road and Rittenhouse Street extended through the end of May, 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.

  o Temporary Lane Closure 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 May, weather permitting. Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Temporary lane closures with flaggers 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 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:

  Historic Preservation Commission: May 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting.
  http://www.pgparks.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_05182021-537

  Planning Board: May 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.
  http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1583&Inline=True

  Board of License Commissioners: May 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.
  https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_05252021-1885

- Development Activities from April 29, 2021 to May 12, 2021

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	2	34
Building Permits Issued	0	31
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	15

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	21
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	20
Single-family Rental Inspection	1	64
Single-family Licenses Issued	1	68
Business License Inspections Conducted	2	132
Business Licenses Issued	2	132

- <u>Neighborhood Improvement Activities from April 29, 2021 to May 12, 2021</u>

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	6	71
Exterior Conditions	3	131
Interior Conditions	0	129
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	3	22
Safety	4	78
Sanitation	0	14
Total Violations Found:	**16**	**445**

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	10	167
Fines Issued	0	8
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	5	47
Violation Notices Issued	3	133
Warnings Issued	12	120
Total Services Provided:	**30**	**475**

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.*
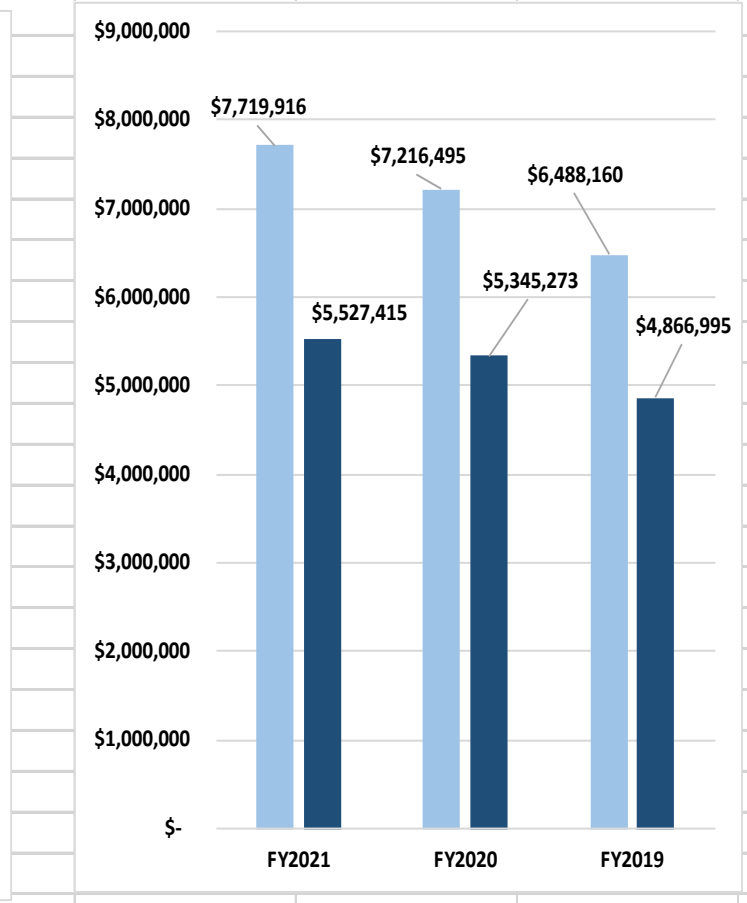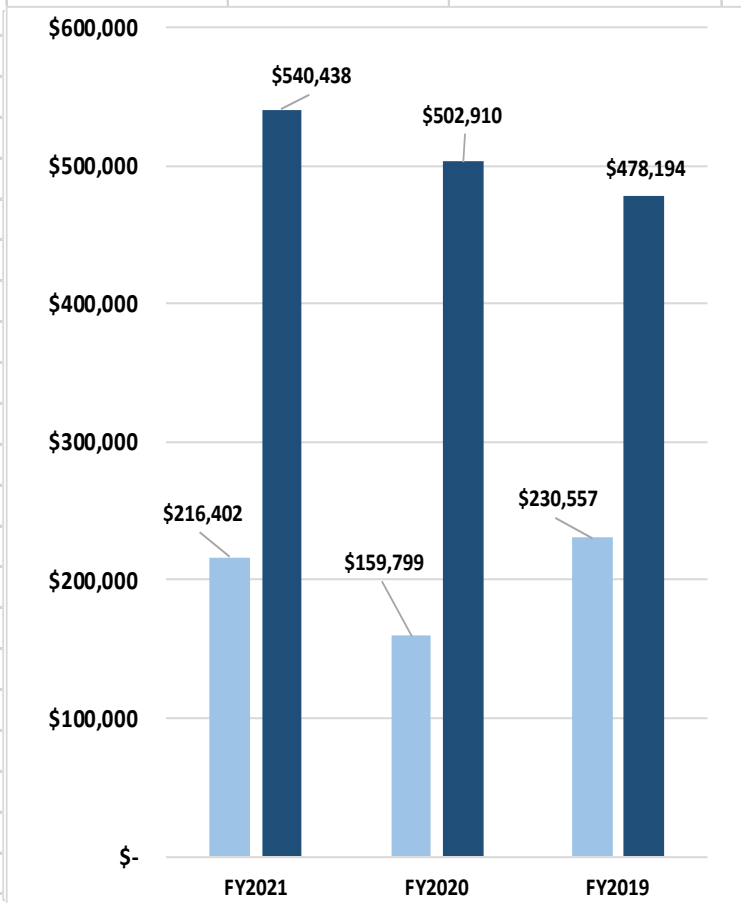
4. *"Interior Conditions" include, but not limited to; cracks and holes in ceilings, floors, and walls, missing stair railings, water-damaged surfaces, and lack of proper ventilation.*

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.*
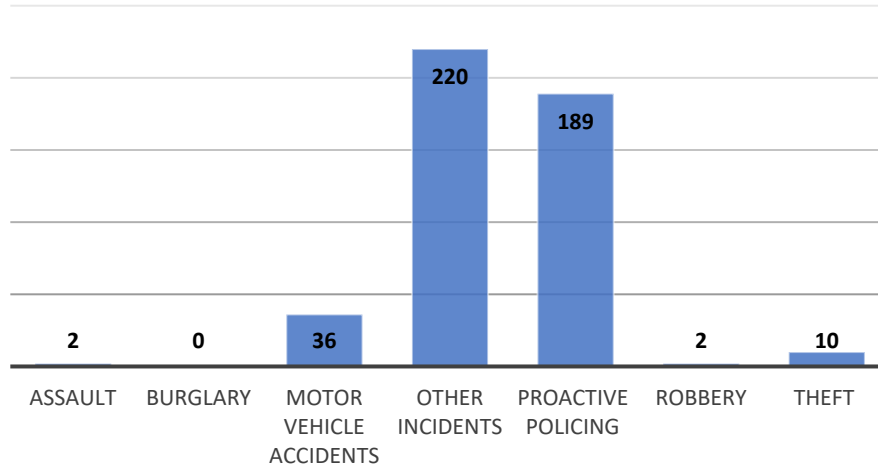
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Finance

April				YTD Total		
FY2021	FY2020	FY2019		FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
$ 187,865	$ 153,860	$ 230,799		$ 7,719,916	$ 7,216,495	$ 6,488,160
$ 410,102	$502,691	$ 514,454		$ 5,527,415	$ 5,345,273	$ 4,866,995
$ (222,237)	$ (348,831)	$ (283,655)		$ 2,192,501	$ 1,871,222	$ 1,621,165

Revenue =

Expense =

Public Safety

459 Calls for Service
04/29/2021 to 05/12/2021

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, 189 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 intersection of Baltimore Avenue and East West Highway for a suspicious occupied vehicle. Responding officers located a driver who appeared to be under the influence of narcotics, passed out behind the wheel. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for felony assault through Fairfax County, VA. The driver was removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest.

- Officers responded to a home on Riverdale Road for a check on the welfare. Family members reported a relative inside the home had threatened her child with a knife. Due to the individual's

actions and for her safety, officers transported the individual to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road 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 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. The suspect who was still on the scene was taken into custody by responding officers. A records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant for failure to appear for theft. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of 54th Place. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for failure to appear for driving without a license. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a package theft. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) removed a package from their front door.

- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a robbery. The investigation revealed the victim was approached by two unknown suspects who demanded the victim's property. When the victim refused the suspects assaulted him and took his belongings. The victim was injured but refused medical treatment. The investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a hit and run accident involving a pedestrian. The investigation revealed the victim was struck by an unknown vehicle while crossing the street. The victim was transported to the hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to the 4500 block of Tuckerman Street for a robbery. The investigation revealed the victim was walking when the suspects approached, produced a handgun and demanded her property. The victim complied handing over her belongings. The suspects ran to an awaiting vehicle and fled the scene. Through investigative means three suspects have been identified, arrested, and charged with armed robbery and 1st degree assault.

- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a motor vehicle collision. The operator of the striking vehicle failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving under the influence.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager