

# TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

## Status and Information Report

Report No. 11 for 2021

May 28, 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 June 11, 2021.

### CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed  No trash or yard waste collection.	Monday, May 31, 2021	In observance of Memorial Day
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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legislative Meeting and Swearing-in of Mayor and Council	Monday, June 7, 2021 7:00 p.m.	The meeting will begin in the outdoor space in front of Town Hall with the swearing-in of the Mayor and Council by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. After a brief recess, the meeting will continue via Zoom.  Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84422225998?pwd=QUloYVoyakVBRmxzdHJBQlo1d1M2dz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84422225998?pwd=QUloYVoyakVBRmxzdHJBQlo1d1M2dz09</a>  Or call: 301-715-8592  Meeting ID: 844 2222 5998 Passcode: 046718
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Work Session	Monday, June 21, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83804653531?pwd=YnZrejBwQW51NlFycll6OFRvSFIMZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83804653531?pwd=YnZrejBwQW51NlFycll6OFRvSFIMZz09</a>  Or call: 301-715-8592  Meeting ID: 838 0465 3531 Passcode: 003118
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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:
  - Anthony Mills   3 Years of Service
  - Carlos Garcia   1 Year of Service

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

**Administration**

- **Riverdale Park Police Department Leading Change:** I am pleased to announce that the Riverdale Park Police Department has been selected to join the Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Project. Riverdale Park is one of more than 100 agencies across the United States and Canada that have committed to the ABLE Standards.
- **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](mailto:krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov), Denisa Caballero at [dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov), or call 301-927-6381.

**Community Engagement**

- **COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic held at Town Hall:** On May 26<sup>th</sup> Luminis Health held a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Town Hall. In addition to other outreach efforts, Town staff were able to reach over 1,700 people through social media. Luminis administered 137 second doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 64 first doses of the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Luminis Health is planning to have more pop-up vaccination clinics in and around Riverdale Park and the Town will continue to support their efforts in our community.

- 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 13 more followers in the next 3 days to our Facebook account to make our goal of 2000 followers by the end of May. We need your assistance to grow the Town’s social media reach. Please send a DM to your neighbors, friends, and local businesses asking that they join you in following 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 1,987. The goal is to reach 2,000 followers on Facebook. 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

- Mosquito Control Program: The Town will once again participate in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program. Spray season began at the end of May and is anticipated to end in mid-September.

Spraying will take place after dark on **Tuesdays** and may continue until midnight or later. Spraying will commence as soon as it is dark. As a precaution, it is advised that residents stay inside their homes and close their windows while the spray truck is in the vicinity, bring in any pets, and remain in the home for 20-30 minutes after the spray truck has passed by. If there are people outside when the truck passes by, no spray will be released, and the truck will not make another pass down that street.

The spray schedule will rotate every 3 weeks meaning that Riverdale Park may not be sprayed each week. The frequency of spraying will be determined by surveillance data collected and complaints received. In order to determine if your community will be sprayed on its scheduled spray night, please contact 301-422-5080 between 2-4 p.m. that day. Any unscheduled sprayings will be announced on the Maryland Department of Agriculture's webpage [www.mda.maryland.gov](http://www.mda.maryland.gov) or on Twitter @MdAgMosquito and @MdAgDept.

For more information regarding the Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program, visit [http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito\\_control.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control.aspx).

- 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. ***There will be no Bulk Trash Collection during the week of May 31<sup>st</sup> due to the Memorial Day holiday.***
- 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**

- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Town Center:** Construction has begun on the electric vehicle charging stations in the Town Center parking lot. The Town has partnered with PEPCO to convert six parking spaces into new charging stations for customers of our Town Center businesses and the Riverdale Park Town Center MARC Station. The charging stations will be fully functional before the end of the Summer.



- **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:**
  - **Pedestrian Detour on Baltimore Avenue and Rossborough Lane:** On June 1, 2021, the Purple Line will implement a pedestrian detour along Baltimore Avenue (Route 1) between Hotel Drive and Fraternity Row. This detour will remain in effect until approximately August 31, 2021. The bus stop adjacent to Ritchie Coliseum will remain open during this time. The detour can be viewed here: [bit.ly/3yw0KSQ](http://bit.ly/3yw0KSQ)
- **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:
  - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is ready to accept the application for Landy Property, located on the south side of Northwestern High School, northwest of the intersection of Toledo Terrace and Belcrest Road. The nature of the plan is to provide for the approval of townhouse development for phase 2 of the site, to supplement the Infrastructure Detailed Site Plan and Architectural Detailed Site Plan, which have already been approved. For more information, contact Chris Hatcher at 301-657-0153.
  - A notice was received informing that the case number for the Landy Property DSP-19020-01 has been changed to DSP-18003-01 due to an administrative correction. All future correspondence for this project will be referenced as DSP-18003-01. For more information, contact Henry Zhang, MNCPPC at 301-952-4151.
- 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:** June 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1581&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 May 13, 2021 to May 26, 2021

**Permits: Building / Storage Containers**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	1	35
Building Permits Issued	1	32
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	16

**Permits Issued:**

<b>Permit #</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Est. Investment</b>
2021-B-32	4600 River Road	Office Fit Out	\$197,000
<b>Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:</b>			<b>\$197,000</b>
<b>Est. Investment FYTD 2021 Total:</b>			<b>\$3,175,480</b>

**Licenses:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2021 Totals</b>
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	21
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	20
Single-family Rental Inspection	3	67
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	68
Business License Inspections Conducted	0	132
Business Licenses Issued	0	132

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from May 13, 2021 to May 26, 2021

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2021 Totals</b>
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	3	74
Exterior Conditions	4	135
Interior Conditions	2	131
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	3	25
Safety	3	81
Sanitation	0	14
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>460</b>

**Services Provided by Type:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2021 Totals</b>
Complaint Responses Performed	11	178
Fines Issued	0	8

Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	5	52
Violation Notices Issued	4	137
Warnings Issued	8	128
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>503</b>

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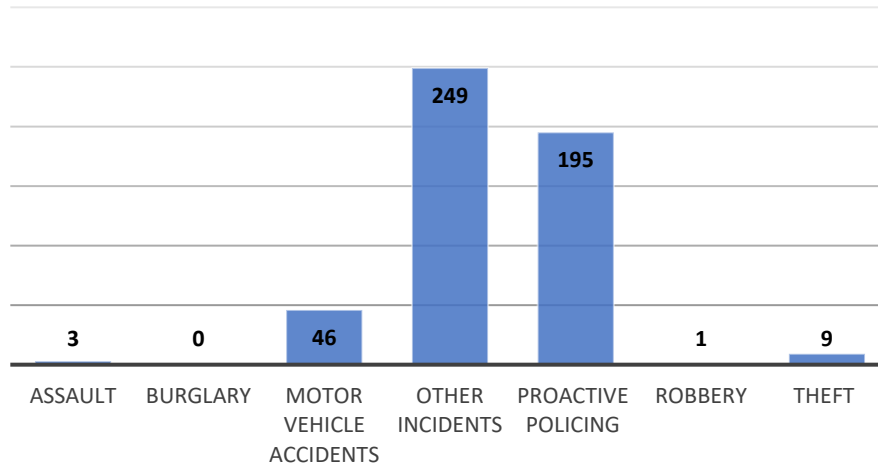
1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.*
2. *“Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish” includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.*
3. *“Exterior Conditions” include, but not limited to chipping, flaking,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

### 503 Calls for Police Service 05/13/2021 to 05/26/2021



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, 195 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 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 residence 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 and the child's 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 54<sup>th</sup> 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 porch.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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