

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

Report No. 13 for 2021

June 25, 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 July 9, 2021.

CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed	Monday, July 5, 2021	In observance of Fourth of July
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Ethics Commission Meeting	Wednesday, June 30, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84294176051?pwd=cE1NUThoa0htZ2k1d0JvazJsTkFEdz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 842-9417-6051 Passcode: 536286
Legislative Meeting	Monday, July 12, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85120804016?pwd=TU5tV0NxNmK1L0dPOGdYRVI0M0NIZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 851-2080-4016 Passcode: 845601

- 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: 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 2,024. 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

- 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 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.

- **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 pick-up during the week of July 5th.***
- **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

- **Purple Line Updates:**
 - Beginning on or about June 14, 2021, crews will resume underground utility relocation at the intersection of River Road (MD 431) and Rivertech Court for approximately five weeks, weather permitting. Temporary lane closures along both River Road and Rivertech Court will occur. Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, and as needed, on weekends.
 - Temporary Lane Closures at 67th Avenue: Crews have begun water line relocation on 67th Place through approximately June 19, 2021, weather permitting. Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and as needed, on weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur. Flagging operations will be utilized.

- Overnight Work at Baltimore Avenue-Rossborough Lane Intersection: Crews will continue overnight utility work at the intersection of Baltimore Avenue (US 1) and Rossborough Lane through July 2, 2021, weather permitting. Work may take place from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday, and as needed, on weekends.
- **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/>
- **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: July 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1591&Inline=True>

Historic Preservation Commission: July 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting.

https://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07012021-558

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

- Development Activities from June 10, 2021 to June 23, 2021

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	2	38
Building Permits Issued	1	35
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	18

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Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2021-B-35	6106 54 th Avenue	Install Solar Panels	\$17,000
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$17,000
Est. Investment FYTD 2021 Total:			\$3,257,980

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	22
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	20
Single-family Rental Inspection	0	69
Single-family Licenses Issued	5	73
Business License Inspections Conducted	2	134
Business Licenses Issued	1	133

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from June 10, 2021 to June 23, 2021

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	4	82
Exterior Conditions	1	139
Interior Conditions	0	133
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	3	32
Safety	5	92
Sanitation	1	19
Total Violations Found:	14	497

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	13	204
Fines Issued	0	11

Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	56
Violation Notices Issued	5	149
Warnings Issued	7	143
Total Services Provided:	28	563

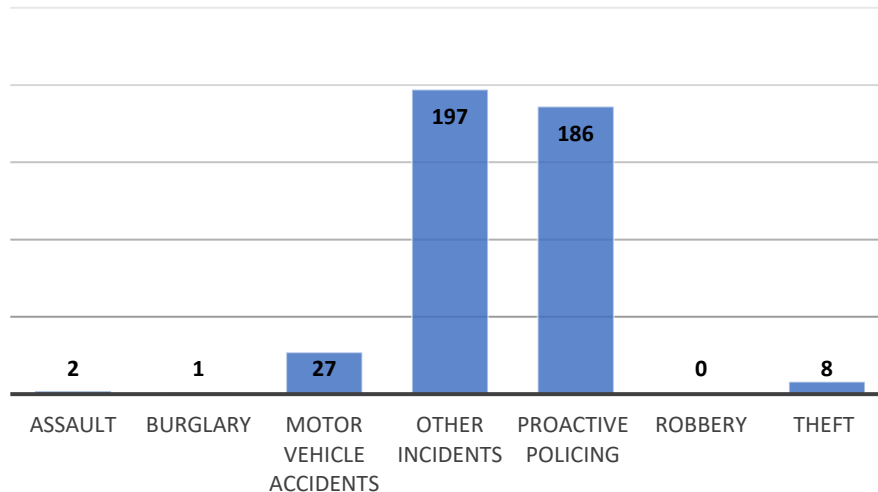
Note:

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

421 Calls for Police Service 06/10/2021 to 06/23/2021



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, 186 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 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed the suspect entered the business to shoplift merchandise and when the manager intervened the suspect threatened him with a knife. Responding officers located the suspect and placed him under arrest for 1st degree assault. The knife was recovered, and victim was not injured.
- Officers responded to the 4400 block of Queensbury Road for a suspicious unoccupied vehicle. A records check revealed the Honda was taken during a carjacking in Hyattsville. The vehicle was impounded and processed as evidence.

- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a suspicious person. The individual was contacted, and records check revealed an active arrest warrant. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a business in the 4500 block of Van Buren Street for a theft. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the business, grabbed three cellular phones, and fled.
- Officers observed a suspicious person to the rear of a residence in the 5000 block of Queensbury Road. Officers attempted to contact the individual who immediately fled on foot to an awaiting vehicle. The suspects were located and arrested for attempted burglary.
- Officers observed an individual drinking from an open alcohol container in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The individual was contacted, and a records check revealed an active arrest warrant. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a business in the 4500 block of Woodberry Street for a theft. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) removed his property from a secured locker.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a domestic dispute involving roommates. During the altercation, the suspect threatened to strike the victim with a beer bottle. The suspect was placed under arrest for 1st degree assault. A records check revealed the suspect to have an active arrest warrant for violation of probation.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Taylor Road for a theft. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) removed a bicycle and a push mower from their yard.

Respectfully submitted,



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