TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

Report No. 14 for 2021

July 9, 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 23, 2021.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legislative Meeting	Monday, July 12, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/851208 04016?pwd=TU5tV0NxNmk1L0d pOGdYRVI0M0NIZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 851-2080-4016 Passcode: 845601
Tentative Special Legislative Meeting	Wednesday, July 28, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/854640 08518?pwd=UlhJSjNyL0VIZTZN QkdkTkt2OHQxUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 854-6400-8518 Passcode: 579554
Work Session	Monday, August 30, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/842194 35825?pwd=VjJqV2dhcnRaazRp UEd4NkdkQWlRZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 842-1943-5825 Passcode: 192495

Employee Recognition

• <u>Employee Anniversaries:</u> 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:

Frederick Quander
Jose Quinteros
Eli Perper
Years of Service
2 Years of Service

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

Administration

- <u>Train Station Reopening:</u> Electric upgrades to the Train Station are complete. Staff will be installing an Upper Air Ultraviolet UVC wall-mounted system. The system is designed to reduce the spread of airborne pathogens. The Station will reopen to the public by Wednesday, July 14. Additional upgrades to the Station are underway. These additional items are the installation of safety cameras, and Wi-Fi. More information will be shared on these items in the coming months.
- Municipal Center Renovation Project: Staff continue work with the contractor and architect. Effected file rooms, offices and storage closets are being emptied in preparation for the renovation. The start date for the work is largely dependent on the issuance of the permits from Prince George's County. Before the work begins in earnest, a construction fence will be installed in front of Town Hall. The Police Department lobby will remain open during the entirety of the project.
- 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, Denisa Caballero at dcaballero.gov, or call 301-927-6381.

Community Engagement

• The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan: The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) is a year-long initiative to develop strategies and prioritize needs and improvements using safety data, public input, and expert analysis to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety along state roadways. The PSAP is part of MDOT SHA's overarching Context Driven framework.

For more information on how to get involved, visit <u>roads.maryland.gov/contextdriven</u>.

- <u>COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic to be held at the Farmers Market:</u> On July 15th Luminis Health will be holding a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the Farmers Market from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- <u>Community Input:</u> 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 <u>community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov</u>. 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!
- <u>International Property Maintenance Code</u>: 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@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.gov/how do i/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 2,050. 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:
 - 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

https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/

■ YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view as=subscriber

Environment

• Replanting of Town Hall Trees: In preparation for the upcoming construction related to the Municipal Center Renovation project, DPW staff successfully moved and replanted one of the trees from in front of Town Hall to Town-owned property at Madison Street and 47th Avenue.





• <u>Mosquito Control Program:</u> 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.

- <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.
- 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"
 - o 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:

- O Temporary Lane Closures on Baltimore-Washington Parkway Off-ramp: Beginning on or about July 13, 2021, crews will implement temporary lane closures on the off-ramp of southbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD 295) for approximately four weeks, weather permitting. Flagging operations will be in place as needed. Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, and as needed, on weekends.
- O Pedestrian Detour on Baltimore Avenue and Rossborough Lane: On June 1, 2021, the Purple Line implemented 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
- O 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.

- 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.
- Temporary Lane Closures on River Road and Rivertech Court: On or about June 14, 2021, crews began underground utility relocations at the intersection of River Road (MD 431) and Rivertech Court through the end of July, 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 the end of August, 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.
- 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.
- 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 July, weather permitting. Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Temporary lane closures with flaggers will occur.
- 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 July, 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: Crews will continue to perform underground utility relocations on Riverdale Road (MD 410) between Mustang Drive and Veterans Parkway (MD 410) through the end of August, 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.
- 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.
- <u>TRP-RPS Riverdale Park Station News:</u> 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: the station rp: https://www.instagram.com/thestationrp/

• Notices received by Town:

- O The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is ready to accept the application for the Chick-fil-A; Capital Plaza. The subject property is located at 6200 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20784. The nature of the review is the development of an eating and drinking establishment with drive-through service. Once the application is formally accepted, it will be scheduled for a future Planning Board hearing. For more information, contact Daniel Lynch, Esq. at 301-441-2420.
- <u>Upcoming Meetings</u>: This feature in the Status and Information reports is provided to ensure
 awareness of upcoming meetings that <u>may</u> 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 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting. http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1594&Inline=True

Historic Preservation Commission: July 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting. https://www.pgparks.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07202021-562

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

• Development Activities from June 24, 2021 to June 30, 2021

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	0	38
Building Permits Issued	0	35
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	18

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	22
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	20
Single-family Rental Inspection	1	70
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	73
Business License Inspections Conducted	0	134
Business Licenses Issued	0	133

• Neighborhood Improvement Activities from June 24, 2021 to June 30, 2021

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	1	83
Exterior Conditions	1	140
Interior Conditions	1	134
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	1	33
Safety	1	93
Sanitation	2	21
Total Violations Found:	7	504

Services Provided by Type:

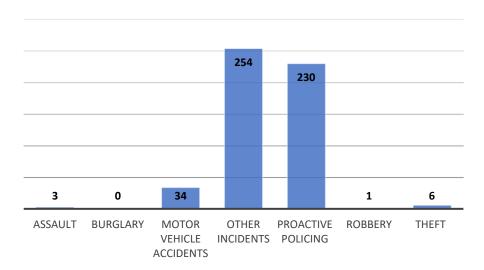
Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	4	208
Fines Issued	0	11
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	4	60
Violation Notices Issued	1	150
Warnings Issued	4	147
Total Services Provided:	13	576

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.

Public Safety

528 Calls for Police Service 06/24/2021 to 07/07/2021



<u>Calls for Service defined:</u> 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, 230 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 the 6700 block of Baltimore Avenue for a single motor vehicle collision into a pole. The driver of the vehicle failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect removed the victim's purse from her shopping cart. The investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a suspicious occupied vehicle. The operator of the vehicle was observed passed out in the driver's seat. The operator failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a motor vehicle collision. Witnesses reported the operator of a pickup truck struck three parked vehicles in the parking lot. Responding officers located the driver asleep in the front seat of the vehicle. The driver failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5600 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a robbery of a person. The investigation revealed the suspect approached the victim and demanded his money. The victim refused and was physically assaulted by the suspect. During the assault, the suspect forcibly removed the victim's money from his pockets. Responding officers quickly located the fleeing suspect and detained him. The victim positively identified the suspect as the person who robbed him. The suspect was arrested and charged with robbery and assault.
- Officers responded to the 6400 block of 49th Avenue for an assault. The victim reported he was drinking with some friends when he was struck in the head with a beer bottle. The victim was transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for a hit and run motor vehicle collision. Responding officers located the suspect vehicle based off a description given to dispatch. The operator of the striking vehicle failed field sobriety testing and was arrested for driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 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 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect(s) removed the victim's bicycle which was secured to a bike rack. The investigation is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager