

# TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

## Status and Information Report

Report No. 15 for 2021

July 23, 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 August 6, 2021.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Legislative Meeting	Wednesday, July 28, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85464008518?pwd=UlhJSjNyL0VIZTZNQkdkTkt2OHQxUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85464008518?pwd=UlhJSjNyL0VIZTZNQkdkTkt2OHQxUT09</a>  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 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84219435825?pwd=VjJqV2dhenRaazRpUEd4NkdkQWIRZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84219435825?pwd=VjJqV2dhenRaazRpUEd4NkdkQWIRZz09</a>  Or call: 301-715-8592  Meeting ID: 842-1943-5825 Passcode: 192495

### 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:
  - Tracey Perrin 20 Years of Service
  - Anna Wendland 20 Years of Service

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

## Administration

- 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

- Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission Virtual Public Forums: The Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission will be hosting a listening tour for the Commission to hear the concerns and questions of Marylanders as to the redistricting process. While these meetings are listed regionally, any individual unable to attend a meeting or who would prefer to participate in a meeting of another region should feel free to do so. The meeting for the Prince George's County region will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting will be virtual with closed-captioning and live Spanish interpretation available. Register to speak: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_SYwDPXj7RjSXLG5Jura4vA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SYwDPXj7RjSXLG5Jura4vA) Written testimony and questions regarding this meeting may be sent to [redistricting.commission@Maryland.gov](mailto:redistricting.commission@Maryland.gov).
- Report Fire Hydrant Leaks: WSSC Water is seeking the community's help with reporting suspected fire hydrant leaks. Fire hydrant leaks can be reported by calling 301-206-4002. For more information, go to [wsscwater.com/hydrant](http://wsscwater.com/hydrant).
- 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!
- 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](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 2,056. 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

- Preparations are Underway for Transition of Trash Collection Services: Town staff received the below photo from the new vendor for residential trash collection services indicating significant progress in the Town's transition to a new vendor. Information about the transition was included in the July-August edition of the *Town Crier* and additional details will be coming soon.



- Mosquito Control Program: The Town is participating 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.
- **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**

- **Residential Compost Pilot Program:** In partnership with the Green Team, the Town began coordinating the Residential Compost Pilot Program for at-home composting. In exchange for composting food and other organic waste, and participating in monthly surveys, the Town will provide participating households with a free compost bin. Applications were accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis beginning on July 12, 2021. As of the publication of this report, the Town has received a total of 31 applicants interested in participating in this program.

- Purple Line Updates:
  - 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 to Riverdale Road (MD 410) 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.
  - Temporary Lane Closures Overnight on Riverdale Road: Beginning on or about July 22, 2021, crews will perform underground utility relocations overnight on Riverdale Road (MD 410) between 58th Street and Veterans Parkway (MD 410) through the end of July. Work may take place Monday through Friday 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. and on weekends, as needed. 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](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:
  - Notice was received from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority informing that beginning on July 18, 2021, customers will have more time to ride Metro, with service operating until midnight seven days a week (an hour later than current service). The extended operating hours are the first in a package of service improvements passed by Metro’s Board of Directors in June that will add more all-day rail service, create high-frequency bus routes and improve service across the region. In addition to extending rail hours until midnight, Metro resumed late-night bus service to 2 a.m. in June on 36 routes, restored more service and improved the frequency of buses on high-demand routes. [More bus and rail service improvements will follow in September.](#) Trains will run more frequently all day, with service on Fridays and Saturdays running until 1 a.m. For more information, contact Renee Cianciolo at 202-360-8646.
  - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept the Detailed Site Plan for the Mall at Prince George’s. The subject property is located at 3500 East West Highway Hyattsville, Maryland. The purpose of the application is to amend the table of uses for the Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan to permit consolidated storage units within subterranean storage space below the Mall at Prince George's. Once the application is formally accepted, it will be scheduled for a future Planning Board hearing. For more information, contact Henry Zhang at 301-852-4688.

- 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:

**Board of License Commissioners:** July 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.

[https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_07272021-1936](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07272021-1936)

**Planning Board:** July 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1593&Inline=True>

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

- Development Activities from July 8, 2021 to July 21, 2021

**Permits: Building / Storage Containers**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	4	4
Building Permits Issued	4	4
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	0

**Permits Issued:**

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2022-B-01	4514 Riverdale Road	Construction of Stairs	\$1,000
2022-B-02	5914 Cleveland Avenue	Driveway Curb Cut	\$8,000
2022-B-03	5905 Harrison Avenue	6 Foot Fence and Garage	\$40,0000
2022-B-04	4906 Somerset Road	6 Foot Fence	\$2,375
<b>Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:</b>			<b>\$51,375</b>
<b>Est. Investment FYTD 2022 Total:</b>			<b>\$51,375.00</b>

**Licenses:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	0
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	0
Single-family Rental Inspection	0	0
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	0
Business License Inspections Conducted	0	0
Business Licenses Issued	0	0

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from July 8, 2021 to July 22, 2021

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	7	7
Exterior Conditions	1	1
Interior Conditions	1	1
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	1	1
Safety	2	2
Sanitation	1	1
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

**Services Provided by Type:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	15	15
Fines Issued	0	0
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	4	4
Violation Notices Issued	3	3
Warnings Issued	8	8
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

*Note:*

1. "FYTD" means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.
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.

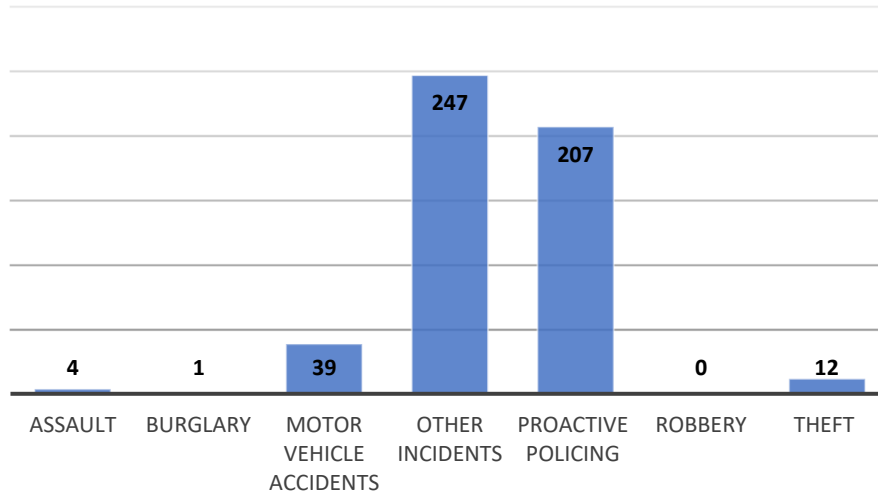
4. *“Interior Conditions” include, but not limited to; cracks and holes in ceilings, floors, and walls, missing stair railings, water-damaged surfaces, and lack of proper ventilation.*
5. *“Overgrown Weeds” include grass or weeds more than 10 inches in height.*
6. *“Safety” includes, but not limited 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

### 510 Calls for Police Service 07/08/2021 to 07/21/2021



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, 207 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 5000 block of Queensbury Road for a single motor vehicle collision into a tree. The driver of the vehicle failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) forced entry into several vehicles and removed the airbags. The investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to a business in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The victim reported that an unknown suspect removed her cellular phone from an unattended purse.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6500 block of Baltimore Avenue for a non-contact shooting. The investigation revealed the suspect followed the victim's vehicle into the parking lot and they were involved in a physical altercation. During the altercation the suspect produced a firearm and fired several shots which struck the victim's vehicle. The suspect returned to his vehicle and fled the scene. Detectives have recovered several items of evidentiary value and are working to identify the suspect.
- Officers responded to 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a burglary in progress. An employee of the apartment complex reported forced entry into a vacant apartment. Responding officer located two individuals inside the apartment. Both individuals were arrested and charged with burglary.
- Officers responded to the intersection of Baltimore Avenue and East West Highway for a motor vehicle collision. The operator of the striking vehicle failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue. A registration check revealed the 2020 Honda Accord was reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department. The operator of the vehicle was placed under arrest for motor vehicle theft.
- Officers responded to a business on the 5800 block of Riverdale Road for a fight. Responding officers attempted to disperse the individuals and the suspect struck an officer with a closed fist. The suspect was placed under arrest for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault.
- Officers responded to the 6000 block of Baltimore Avenue for a motor vehicle collision. A records check revealed one of the drivers to have an active arrest warrant. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager