

# TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

## Status and Information Report

Report No. 17 for 2021

August 20, 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 September 3, 2021.

### CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed	Monday, September 6, 2021	In observance of Labor Day
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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Work Session	Monday, August 30, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84219435825?pwd=VjJqV2dhcnRaaZRpUEd4NkdkQWIRZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84219435825?pwd=VjJqV2dhcnRaaZRpUEd4NkdkQWIRZz09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 842-1943-5825 Passcode: 192495
Community Meeting regarding Stormwater Management	Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:30 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82096850865?pwd=WFBDd3YzbTNQb2loVnFJd3ZRS0FaQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82096850865?pwd=WFBDd3YzbTNQb2loVnFJd3ZRS0FaQT09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 820-9685-0865 Passcode: 579554

Legislative Meeting	Monday, September 13, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84470221970?pwd=dGRhblRkS0JVQVNGUzJoVXRGSkUrQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84470221970?pwd=dGRhblRkS0JVQVNGUzJoVXRGSkUrQT09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 844-7022-1970 Passcode: 579554
Work Session	Monday, September 27, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807193939?pwd=Z2d1MVdEMyt hTWtoVkJwaTJZdCtEUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807193939?pwd=Z2d1MVdEMyt hTWtoVkJwaTJZdCtEUT09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 818-0719-3939 Passcode: 579554

### **Administration**

- **Riverdale Park Police Department Now Accepting Credit Cards and Electronic Payments:** The police department is now accepting credit card payments (Visa, MC, Amex, Discover) and electronic payments (Apple pay and Google pay) for vehicle impound releases and copies of police incident reports.
- **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**

- **Virtual Joint Public Hearing on the Countywide Sectional Map Amendment (CMA):** The Prince George’s County Council, sitting as the District Council, and the Prince George’s County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will conduct a Virtual Joint Public Hearing to take testimony on the Countywide Sectional Map Amendment (CMA) on Monday, September 13, 2021, and Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. The

CMA is the second phase of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project that will apply new zones to every property in the County.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the virtual public hearing. Visit <https://pgccouncil.us/Speak> to pre-register to speak, submit written testimony, and download the legal ad outlining affidavit requirements. The public may view the Joint Virtual Public Hearing via live stream at the link provided at <https://pgccouncil.us/LIVE>.

For more details on the CMA and Zoning Rewrite project visit:  
<http://zoningPGC.pgplanning.com>.

If you have questions regarding the Countywide Sectional Map Amendment, please contact the project team at 301-952-4944 or email [ZoningPGC@ppd.mncppc.org](mailto:ZoningPGC@ppd.mncppc.org).

- Advertisement of Ward 1 Special Election: The following advertisement was run in the *Enquirer-Gazette* on August 5, 2021:

**Town of Riverdale Park  
SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE**

In compliance with the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland, a Special Election will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021, to elect the Councilmember for Ward 1.

**Voting will take place on Saturday, September 11, 2021  
at the Riverdale Fire Department (4714 Queensbury Road).  
Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Ward 1 residents may also vote by mail (or ballot dropbox)  
by requesting an Absentee Ballot.**

Absentee ballot applications for Ward 1 residents are available at [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), by calling 301-927-6381 (ext. 505), or by e-mail request to [TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov). Absentee ballot applications must be received by **Wednesday, September 1, 2021**.

Candidates for office must file a Petition for Elective Office and a Financial Disclosure Statement with the Election Judges no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021**, to have their names placed on the official ballot.

Petitions for Elective Office and Financial Disclosure Statements are available on the Town's website, [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), by calling 301-927-6381 (ext. 505), or by e-mail request to [TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov). There is a \$25.00 filing fee for all candidates.

Ward 1 residents sixteen years of age or older, who have resided in the Town of Riverdale Park for 45 days or more preceding Saturday, September 11, 2021 (July 28, 2021 to September 10, 2021), will be entitled to vote.

More information regarding how to register to vote is available on the Town's website [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), by calling 301-927-6381 (ext. 505), or by e-mail request to [TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov). Same day voter registration will also be available on Election Day, Saturday, September 11, 2021.

### **Ciudad de Riverdale Park AVISO DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL**

En cumplimiento con los estatutos de la ciudad de Riverdale Park, Maryland, se llevará a cabo una elección especial el sábado 11 de septiembre de 2021 para elegir al concejal del distrito 1.

**La votación se llevará a cabo el sábado 11 de septiembre de 2021 en el Departamento de Bomberos de Riverdale (4714 Queensbury Road).  
Las urnas estarán abiertas de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m.**

**Los votantes del distrito 1 también pueden votar por correo (o buzón de votación) solicitando una boleta de voto en ausencia.**

Las solicitudes de boleta de voto en ausencia para los residentes del distrito 1 están disponibles en [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), llamando al 301-927-6381 (ext. 505), o por correo electrónico a [TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov). Las solicitudes de boleta de voto en ausencia deben recibirse antes del **miércoles 1 de septiembre de 2021**.

Los candidatos deben presentar una Petición para Cargo Público y una Declaración de Situación Financiera ante los jueces electorales a más tardar a las **5:00 p.m. del martes 17 de agosto de 2021**, para que sus nombres sean colocados en la boleta oficial.

Las Peticiones para Cargo Público y Declaraciones de Situación Financiera están disponibles en el sitio web de la ciudad, [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), llamando al 301-927-6381 (ext. 505), o por correo electrónico a [TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov). Hay una tasa de solicitud de \$25.00 para todos los candidatos.

Los residentes del Distrito 1 de dieciséis años de edad o más, que hayan residido en la Ciudad de Riverdale Park durante 45 días o más antes del sábado 11 de septiembre de 2021 (del 28 de julio de 2021 al 10 de septiembre de 2021), tendrán derecho a votar.

Más información sobre cómo registrarse para votar está disponible en el sitio web de la Ciudad [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), llamando al 301-927-6381 (ext. 505), o por correo electrónico a [TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov). El registro de votantes el mismo día también estará disponible el día de las elecciones, el sábado 11 de septiembre de 2021.

- **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 [wssewater.com/hydrant](http://wssewater.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: 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 2,074. 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

- New Trash Hauler Transition Schedule: The Town is currently transitioning to a new trash Hauler, JEDA Trucking. The final trash collection with the green trash cans took place on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. The collection of the green trash cans began on August 19<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. JEDA Trucking began delivering new burgundy trash cans to eligible households on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, and will continue through Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. The new hauler is set to begin service in Town on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 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).

***The Maryland Department of Agriculture is scheduled to attend the August 30<sup>th</sup> Work Session to discuss their Mosquito Control Program.***

- **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.
- **JEDA Trucking Bulk Trash Pick-up Services:** As a reminder, Bulk Trash Collection is provided by appointment only on Thursdays. Schedule collection by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays by calling 240-604-6077 or online at [www.jedatruckinginc.com/book-online](http://www.jedatruckinginc.com/book-online).
- **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:**
  - **Temporary Lane Closures on River Road y Rivertech Court:** Beginning on or about August 16, crews will resume underground utility relocation at the intersection of River Road (MD 431) and Rivertech Court through September 2, 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.

- 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/>
- 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:** *No information available at time of report.*

**Planning Board:** *No information available at time of report.*

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

- Development Activities from August 5, 2021 to August 18, 2021

**Permits: Building / Storage Containers**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	0	10
Building Permits Issued	0	12
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	1

**Licenses:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	3	7
Multifamily Licenses Issued	3	3
Single-family Rental Inspection	8	11
Single-family Licenses Issued	1	2
Business License Inspections Conducted	10	26
Business Licenses Issued	12	26

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from August 5, 2021 to August 18, 2021

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2022 Totals</b>
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	6	18
Exterior Conditions	2	5
Interior Conditions	4	5
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	3
Safety	0	3
Sanitation	0	1
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>

**Services Provided by Type:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2022 Totals</b>
Complaint Responses Performed	8	32
Fines Issued	3	3
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	5	12
Violation Notices Issued	5	9
Warnings Issued	7	21
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>77</b>

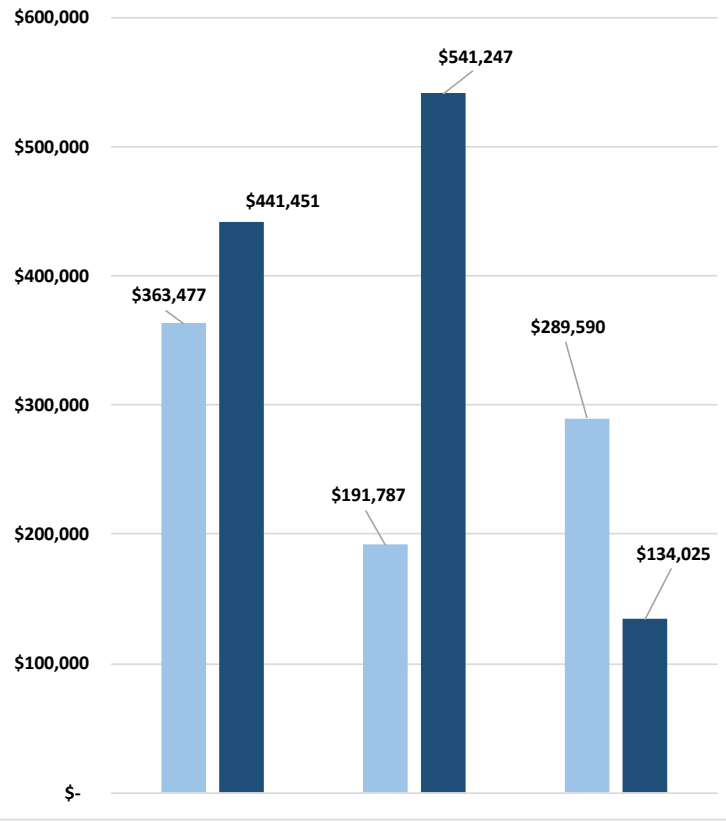
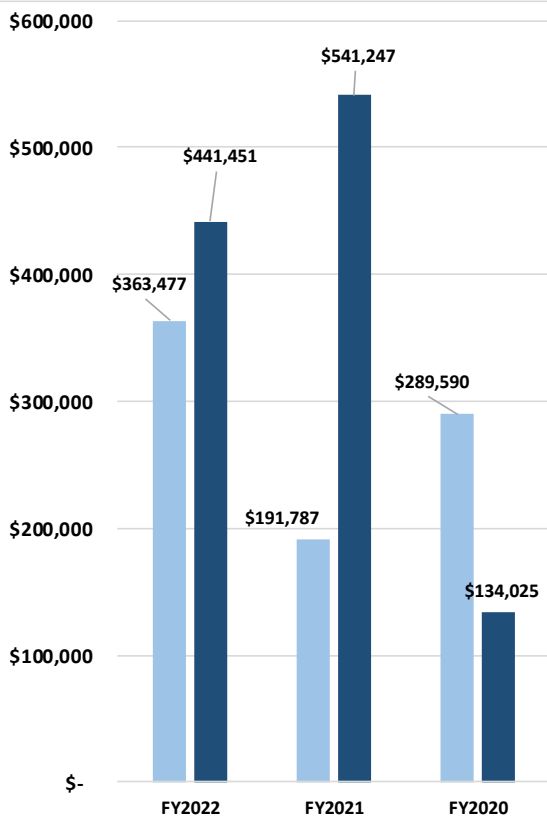
*Note:*

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.



**Finance**

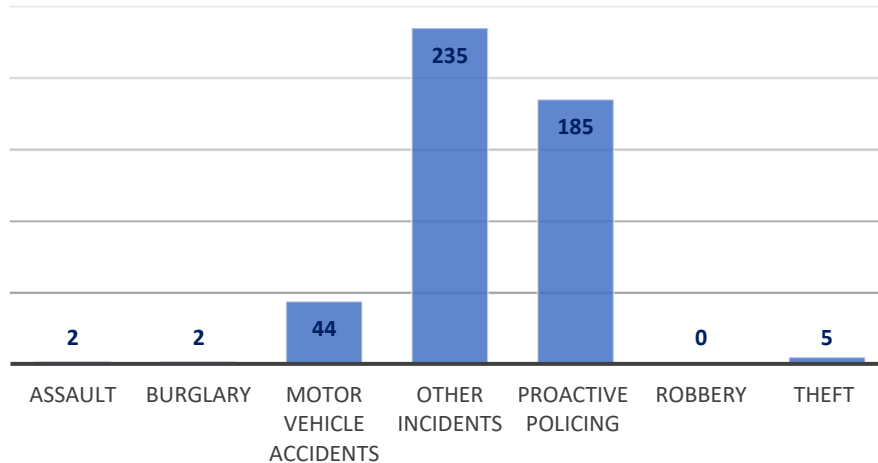
Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland - Revenue & Expenditure Comparison						
July			YTD Total			
FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	
\$ 363,477	\$ 191,787	\$ 289,590	\$ 363,477	\$ 191,787	\$ 289,590	
\$ 441,451	\$ 541,247	\$ 134,025	\$ 441,451	\$ 541,247	\$ 134,025	
\$ (77,974)	\$ (349,460)	\$ 155,565	\$ (77,974)	\$ (349,460)	\$ 155,565	



Revenue =	
Expense =	

## Public Safety

### 473 Calls for Police Service 08/05/2021 to 08/18/2021



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, 185 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 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a check on the welfare. Responding officers located an individual sitting in the travel portion of the roadway making suicidal threats. Due to the individual's actions, they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.
- Officers responded to the 5000 block of East West Highway for a theft. The resident reported unknown suspect(s) had stolen their patio furniture. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace for a burglary in progress. A resident reported hearing glass breaking and sounds of someone inside their apartment.

Responding officers observed a broken window and located the suspect still inside the residence. The suspect was placed under arrest for 1<sup>st</sup> degree burglary and possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

- Officers responded to the 4800 block of Queensbury Road for single vehicle collision into a fence. 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 5600 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a suspicious vehicle. A registration check revealed the vehicle was unregistered and displaying tags issued to another vehicle. A record check of the driver revealed several active arrest warrants through Montgomery County. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a domestic dispute. Responding officers served a protection order and removed the respondent from the scene.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Spring Lane for a single 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 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The investigation revealed an unknown male suspect took several bottles of laundry detergent and fled the store. Through investigative means the suspect was identified and charged with theft.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a trespassing complaint. A store employee reported an individual inside the business who was previously barred from the property. The individual was escorted from the business and issued a criminal citation for trespassing.
- Officers responded to the 4500 block of Woodberry Street for a suspicious occupied vehicle. Upon contacting the occupants probable cause was developed to search the vehicle. As a result of the search 57 grams of suspected Marijuana was recovered. The occupants were placed under arrest for possession with intent to distribute.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager