

# TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

## Status and Information Report

Report No. 18 for 2021

September 3, 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 17, 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:

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



- 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

- Community Meeting regarding Riverdale Road Bridge Project: The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) will hold a virtual public meeting for the Riverdale Road over Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River bridge replacement project. Work is scheduled to begin spring 2023.

The virtual public meeting will be held using Microsoft Teams, on **September 21, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The meeting link will be posted on the Riverdale Road Bridge over Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River Project Portal Page, which can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/MDOTSHA-Riverdale-Rd-Anacostia-River>

- Notice of Invitation to Bid: The advertisement below was run in the *Washington Times* on August 27<sup>th</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup>. Seven contractors participated in the virtual Pre-bid meeting held on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK Notice of Invitation to Bid**

This is to give notice that the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland is accepting bids for 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Improvements and Curb and Sidewalk Stormwater Project Bid No. DPW 2021 – 002 and 003, respectively, until **Friday, September 17, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.** A public bid opening will occur later that day at 3:00 pm via Zoom. To join, visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580470253?pwd=NWdTMmpvTDVrdVJsTWd6MVBhM0NIUT09> or call: 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID: 865 8047 0253 Passcode: 579554)

A pre-proposal Zoom meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.** To join, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83896236487?pwd=T3pGZGxIRysyZU4xeHFxN1VDSDCzUT09> or call: 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID: 838 9623 6487 Passcode: 579554)

A copy of the Invitation to Bid, Bid No. DPW 2021 – 002 and 003, may be found at [www.RiverdaleParkMD.gov](http://www.RiverdaleParkMD.gov) and eMaryland Marketplace. Questions concerning the Invitation to Bid must be directed to [RFP-BIDQuestions@RiverdaleParkMD.Gov](mailto:RFP-BIDQuestions@RiverdaleParkMD.Gov).

- 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 residents 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 **miercoles 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 [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:** 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 2,076. The new goal is to increase followers to 2,250 by the end of the calendar year. 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 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.
- 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 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 Closures on River Road and 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.
  - 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 September, weather permitting. Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Temporary lane closures with flaggers will occur.
  - 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 September. Work may take place Monday through Friday 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. and on weekends, as needed. Temporary lane closures will occur.
  - Temporary Lane Closures on Riverdale Road: 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 through the end of September, 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 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 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 September, 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.
- Temporary Lane Closures at 67th Avenue: Crews have begun water line relocation on 67th Place through the end of September, 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.
- 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.
- 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 providing information of upcoming changes and improvements in travel options for residents and visitors around the region. Starting September 5, 2021, Metro will be adding more buses and trains and offer discounts. Some of the changes include free bus transfers, lower rail fares on weekends, more buses on popular Metrobus services, less waiting between routes, more trains during the week and weekends, improved late-night train service, and extended opening and closing. For additional details, visit <https://wmata.com/initiatives/changes-2021.cfm>
- 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:** September 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.

<http://mncppc.ig2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1600&Inline=True>

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

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

- Development Activities from August 19, 2021, to September 1, 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	0	1

**Licenses:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	5	12
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	3
Single-family Rental Inspection	7	18
Single-family Licenses Issued	10	12
Business License Inspections Conducted	10	36
Business Licenses Issued	22	48

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from August 19, 2021, to September 1, 2021

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	4	22
Exterior Conditions	14	19
Interior Conditions	15	20
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	4	7
Safety	8	11
Sanitation	1	2
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>81</b>

### Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	12	44
Fines Issued	0	3
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	7	19
Violation Notices Issued	11	20
Warnings Issued	6	27
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>113</b>

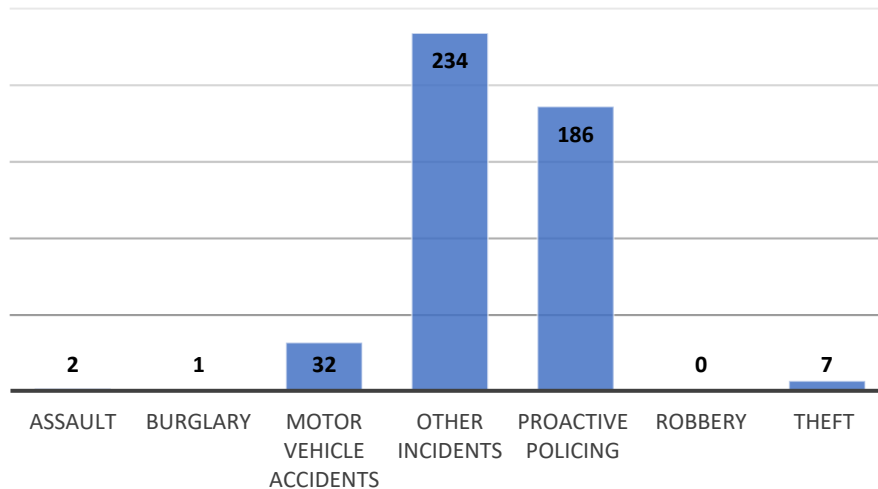
*Note:*

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

### 462 Calls for Police Service 08/19/2021 to 09/01/2021



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 40 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 5600 block of Riverdale Road for a motor vehicle collision. One of the drivers involved failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving under the influence.
- Officers responded to the intersection of Goodluck Road and Silk Tree Drive for a motor vehicle collision involving a motorcycle. The operator of the motorcycle was ejected and suffered fatal injuries. The Prince George's County Police Department's Accident Reconstruction Unit responded and assumed the investigation.

- Officers responded to a business in the 4500 block of Woodberry Street for a theft. The victim reported several personal items were stolen from a secured locker. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5800 block of Riverdale Road for a shooting. The investigation revealed the victim was standing in the parking lot when two unknown suspects approached in a vehicle. The passenger of the vehicle fired a handgun which struck the victim in the lower body. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment for non-life threatening injuries. Detectives are following up on leads and have identified a person of interest.
- Officers responded to the 6000 block of Lafayette Avenue for a disabled vehicle on the railroad tracks. The operator of the vehicle failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving under the influence. The vehicle was towed from the scene and impounded for safekeeping.
- Officers responded to the 4800 block of Ravenswood Road for a domestic dispute. Responding officers served a protection order and removed the respondent from the scene.
- Officers responded to the 4900 block of Nicholson Street for a residential burglary. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect(s) scaled a shed in the backyard to access an upstairs window. Once inside the suspect(s) rummaged through the home but nothing was reported stolen. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a theft. The victim reported that unknown suspect(s) stole their motorcycle which was parked on the street. The vehicle has been entered into NCIC as stolen.
- Officers responded to the intersection of East West Highway and Baltimore Avenue for a hit and run motor vehicle collision. Prior to the officer's arrival the operator of the striking vehicle fled the scene on foot. The suspect has been identified and charged with driving without a license and leaving the scene of an accident.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager