

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

Report No. 2 for 2023

January 20, 2023

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 February 3, 2023.

CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed	Monday, February 20, 2023	In observance of Presidents' Day
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Community Conversation: FY2024 Budget Process/Update	Saturday, January 21, 2023 9:30 a.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680280474?pwd=Rkw1MnFmeUdiVEQxMHUyYStnSUwrQT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 886-8028-0474 Passcode: 111022
Work Session	Monday, January 30, 2023 7:30 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87829359712?pwd=M3Vnbi9nVTJvQzJkS3RURnhQOEIHZz09 Or: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 878-2935-9712 Passcode: 112222

Legislative Meeting	Monday, February 6, 2023 7:30 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84078508556?pwd=K09MaHQvdVIJS5LcU1wcW1mdkxtdz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 840 -7850 -8556 Passcode: 1272022
Community Conversation	Saturday, February 11, 2023 9:30 a.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84919222356?pwd=KzlxMVJGS2tuUE5LcU1wcW1mdkxtdz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 849-922-2356 Passcode: 121522

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:

- Ryan Chelton 3 Years of Service
- Keith Robinson 4 Years of Service
- Jaime Amaya 7 Years of Service
- Germaine Green 13 Years of Service
- Brian Slattery 21 Years of Service

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

Administration

- Virtual Meetings with Staff: Staff are available for virtual meetings. 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.
- Notary Services available: Notary Services are available through the Office of Administrative Services by appointment. Please schedule your appointment at least 24 hours in advance. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:
 - Keith Robinson at krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or
 - Cristian Ortiz-Romero at cortizromero@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or call 301-927-6381.

Council Direction Summary

The Mayor and Council provided direction to staff through the following Legislative Action:

1. Introduction of 2023-OR-01 regarding 2023 Town Election - ***Introduced***
2. Introduction of 2023-OR-02 regarding Ward Boundaries - ***Introduced***
3. Introduction of 2023-OR-03 regarding Ward Boundaries - ***Introduced***
4. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-07 regarding Property Maintenance Code Modifications - ***Adopted***
5. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-08 regarding Vacant Property Registration - ***Adopted***
6. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-09 regarding Micromobility Standards - ***Adopted***
7. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-11 regarding Permit Parking - ***Adopted***
8. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-R-01 regarding Permit Parking Zones - ***Adopted***
9. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-R-02 regarding appointment of Board of Code Appeals Members - ***Adopted***
10. Motion to send a letter to expedite review of easements of Riverdale Pak Station - ***Approved***
11. Motion to send a letter regarding additional MARC trains service for Riverdale Park - ***Approved***

Community Engagement

- Community Conversation on January 21: Community Conversations are envisioned to be smaller gatherings of residents, held on a virtual platform, and will cover topics that are timely and important to residents.

The next Community Conversation will be held **Saturday, January 21st at 9:30 a.m.** via Zoom and will focus on the **FY2024 Budget Process/Update**.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680280474?pwd=Rkw1MnFmeUdiVEQxMHUyYStnSUwrQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 886 8028 0474

Passcode: 111022

- County FY 2024 Budget Listening Session: As the County Executive prepares her FY 2024 proposed budget, she wants to hear from Prince Georgians. Please tune in to the FY 2024 Budget Listening Session on Thursday, January 26, at 6:00 PM. Residents that wish to testify must sign up by Wednesday, January 25, at 5:00 PM, with testimony limited to 3 minutes per presenter. Residents can register to testify at: <https://bit.ly/FY24PGCBudget>

Written comments can be submitted via email to OMB@co.pg.md.us until Friday, January 27, at 5:00 PM. Residents that do not wish to testify, but still want to view the listening session, can do so via YouTube: <https://bit.ly/PGCBudgetJan26>

- Prince George's County Homeownership Preservation Program (HOPP): A partnership has been established between Prince George's County and Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to launch the new Prince George's County Homeownership Preservation Program (HOPP). The program prioritizes homeowners who live within one mile of the Purple Line to provide resources to address the home's critical health, safety, and accessibility related needs to help promote and enable the transfer of generational wealth by preserving homeownership for families in need. Funding is limited, apply [here](#) and/or share the information with your neighbors.
- Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund: The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development launched the Maryland Homeowners Assistance Fund in late 2021. The Fund will be open to homeowners statewide. Visit the Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund webpage to learn more about the program and the eligibility requirements. <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund.aspx>
- Water Bill Assistance: The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has resumed water service turnoffs. WSSC Water is encouraging customers that need assistance to establish convenient payment plans or apply for financial assistance to prevent a water service turnoff. Contact WSSC Water at 301-206-4001 Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit the WSSC Water website https://www.wsscwater.com/assistance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.
- 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. 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



- **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 2,434 on Facebook, 1,481 on Instagram, and 1,097 on Twitter respectively. We need your assistance to continue the Town’s outreach efforts. If you have not visited, liked, and followed our Facebook page, please do so. If you already have, encourage your neighbors, friends, and business associates to do the same. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>



- The Town of Riverdale Park (TRP) is also active on the following social media platforms and ask that you join us:
 - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
 - YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber

Environment

- **Weatherization Programs:** Programs are available to help income eligible households lower their energy bills. The [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development \(DHCD\)](#) offers programs that may provide help with things like insulation, hot water system improvements, heating/cooling repair or replacement, renewable energy systems, and other health and safety enhancements free of charge. For questions or help with the application call 1-855-583-8976.
- **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.
- **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:**

- Long-Term Traffic Shift on Kenilworth Avenue - New: On or about February 13, 2023, crews will implement a long-term traffic shift on Kenilworth Avenue from River Road to Riverdale Road, impacting the southbound travel lanes. Access to businesses and resident's properties along with pedestrian access on Kenilworth Avenue will be maintained. Street parking in work zones will be prohibited. Please follow posted signage. Work may occur 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., weekdays and weekends, as needed.
- Work Begins on Riverdale Park North- UMD Station - New: Crews continue work on the Riverdale Park North-UMD station located near the traffic circle at River Road and Haig Drive. Work will start with site preparations followed by utility, station elements and track placement. This station is scheduled to be among the first finished in 2024. Work may occur 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., weekdays and weekends, as needed.

- **Purple Line Construction Notices:** Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit www.purplelinemd.com, find “Construction” and click on “Subscribe for Updates.” The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.

- **TRP-RPS – Riverdale Park Station News:** For more information on store openings, events, and development news, check out the Riverdale Park Station transit and general websites and social media pages:

- General Website: <https://thestationrp.com/>
- Facebook: Riverdale Park Station: <https://www.facebook.com/TheStationRP/>
- Twitter: @thestationrp: <https://twitter.com/thestationrp>
- Instagram: thestationrp: <https://www.instagram.com/thestationrp/>

- **Notice Received from Cafritz Enterprises regarding Parking at TRP RPS Playground:**

Construction of the foundation for the future trolley car installation in Riverdale Park Station, next to the playground, will begin on Monday, December 12th. To facilitate the construction of the foundation, the parking area in front of the playground will be closed starting at 7:00 a.m. on December 12th and will remain closed for the duration of the project, likely through the end of December.

- **Notices Received by the Town:**

- A Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) application affecting 4606 Queensbury Road; Wernek House (68-004-76) located within the Town of Riverdale Park has been submitted to the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and is under review.

- 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: January 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Virtual meeting.
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01242023-2433>

Planning Board: January 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual meeting.
https://granicus_production_attachments.s3.amazonaws.com/pgplanning/0742f39d32d576686fdadf7041006420.pdf

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

- Development Activities from January 5, 2023, to January 18, 2023

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2023 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	0	17
Building Permits Issued	0	16
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	2

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2023 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	17
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	17
Single-family Rental Inspection	0	65
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	50
Business License Inspections Conducted	2	138
Business Licenses Issued	2	138

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from January 5, 2023, to January 18, 2023

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2023 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	1	12
Exterior Conditions	1	20
Interior Conditions	0	9
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	16
Safety	1	9

Sanitation	1	6
Total Violations Found:	4	72

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2023 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	2	54
Fines Issued	8	83
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	49
Violation Notices Issued	1	22
Warnings Issued	0	60
Total Services Provided:	14	268

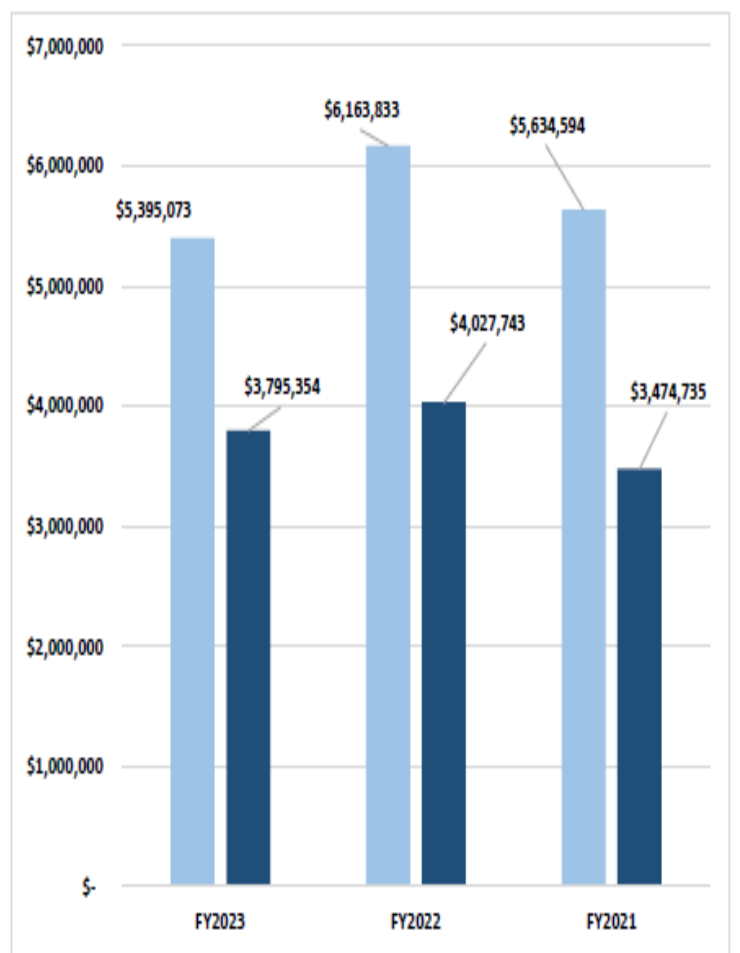
Note:

1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.*
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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Finance

Dec			YTD Total		
FY2023	FY2022	FY2021	FY2023	FY2022	FY2021
\$ 275,009	\$ 304,017	\$ 166,869	\$ 5,395,073	\$ 6,163,833	\$ 5,634,594
\$ 842,333	\$ 805,217	\$ 817,326	\$ 3,795,354	\$ 4,027,743	\$ 3,474,735
\$ (567,324)	\$ (501,200)	\$ (650,457)	\$ 1,599,719	\$ 2,136,090	\$ 2,159,859

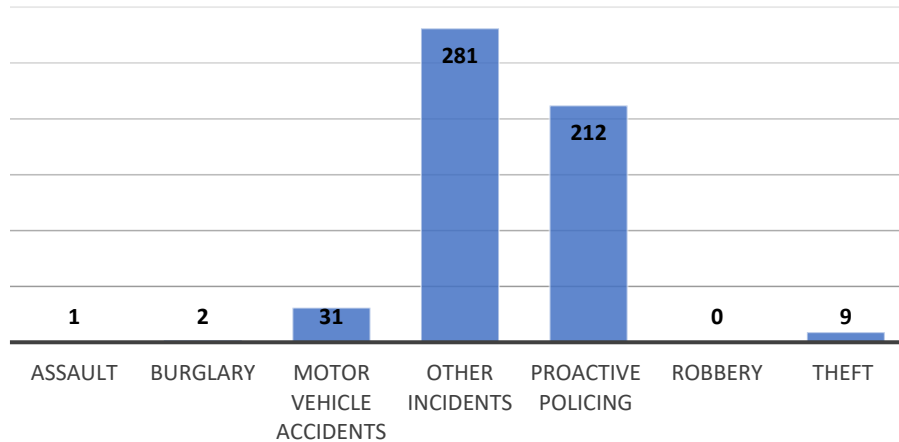


Revenue =

Expense =

Public Safety

536 Calls for Police Service 01/05/2023 to 01/18/2023



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.

The above chart illustrates that at a minimum, 212 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 include disorderly complaints, fights, suspicious subjects/vehicles, parking complaints, traffic complaints, and citizen assists.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to a business in the 6300 block of Rhode Island Avenue for a theft. The victim reported sometime overnight unknown suspect(s) entered the lot and stole a 1997 Ford. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as a stolen vehicle.
- Officers observed a suspicious occupied vehicle in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the 2007 Nissan was reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department. The occupants were contacted and placed under arrest for motor vehicle theft.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5800 block of Riverdale Road for a theft. The victim reported sometime overnight unknown suspect(s) removed the rooftop HVAC unit from the business. The investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a hit and run motor vehicle collision. Responding officers located and stopped the striking vehicle a few blocks away. The driver was placed under arrest for leaving the scene of an accident and driving while intoxicated.
- Officers contacted a person in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant for 2nd degree rape. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a business in the 4500 block of Van Buren Street for a burglary. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) broke a glass window to gain entry. Once inside the suspect(s) took U.S. Currency from the cash register. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a stolen vehicle. The victim reported their 2021 Toyota was stolen from the parking lot. The vehicle was left running with the keys in the ignition.
- Officers responded to the 5000 block of Riverdale Road for a commercial burglary in progress. Representatives from school security alerted Communications of a suspect inside of the school without permission. RPPD officers as well as PGPD officers responded and located an open door to the school. PGPD's Aviation Unit responded and located a suspect walking on Riverdale Road away from the school. The individual was contacted and found to be in possession of several items labeled "This item is property of PGCPs." The individual was placed under arrest for 2nd degree burglary.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a motor vehicle accident in the parking lot. The driver of the striking vehicle failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6100 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A registration check revealed the 2010 Honda was reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department. The occupants were placed under arrest for motor vehicle theft.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager