

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

Report No. 1 for 2023

January 6, 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 January 20, 2023.

CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed	Monday, January 16, 2023	In observance of Martin Luther King Day
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legislative Meeting	Monday, January 9, 2023 7:30 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87439710790?pwd=RjY0MWVrTGw2RjE2VGNHSiBQaTJyZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 874-3971-0790 Passcode: 112222
Work Session regarding Redistricting	Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:30 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81221813070?pwd=WkprK0RHNHE5Mzl5Y3FLQmFmK3VWQT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 812-2181-3070 Passcode: 221222

Town Seal Design Committee Meeting	Thursday, January 19, 2023 7:30 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86585347298?pwd=R1RoSU11TVZCSkFqc0dUdjBKSVVRRQT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 865-8534-7298 Passcode: 20122022
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

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 call 301-927-6381.

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

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Or call: 301-715-8592

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- 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 2,429 on Facebook, 1,477 on Instagram, and 1,095 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

- **Christmas Tree Collection:** Christmas Tree collection is scheduled for Monday, January 9th and January 16th.
- **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:
 - Riverdale Park-Kenilworth Station - Reminder: Crews continue work on the Riverdale Park-Kenilworth elevated station located at the corner of Riverdale Road and Kenilworth Avenue through January. The work may take place 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed, weather permitting.
 - Temporary Lane Closures between 58th Street and Veterans Parkway - Reminder: Crews continue utility relocations between 58th Street and Veterans Parkway (MD 410) through January, weather permitting. Work may occur in two shifts, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., weekdays and weekends, as needed.
 - TPSS Construction near Patterson Street - Reminder: Crews continue construction of the Traction Power Substation (TPSS) foundation located on the cul-de-sac of Patterson Street. Crews will access Paterson Street via 66th Street. Work will include site grading, and construction of the foundation for the TPSS. Work may take place 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed through January.
 - Crews continue work along Eastbound Riverdale Road - Reminder: Crews continue the installation of storm drains along eastbound Riverdale Road between Mustang Drive and Eastpine Drive through January. The work will take place 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed, weather permitting.
 - Long-Term Road Closure of Rossborough Lane - Update: On December 27, 2022, Crews implemented a long-term road closure of Rossborough Lane between Diamondback Drive and the Rhode Island Avenue as crews complete draining and roadwork including installation of tracks and completion of the new connection to Campus Drive. Local access will be maintained, and vehicular and pedestrian detours are in place. Please follow posted signage. Work may occur 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed.
 - Long-Term Traffic Configuration Change on Campus Drive - Update: On November 21, 2022, crews implemented a long-term traffic configuration on Campus Drive between Diamondback Drive and River Road. All traffic is shifted to the north side of Campus Drive and a minimum of one lane in each direction will be maintained. A signed pedestrian detour has been implemented to maintain pedestrian access around the work zone. This traffic pattern will be in place for approximately one year.
 - Temporary Lane Closures on Campus Drive - Reminder: Crews continue utility relocations along Campus Drive between Baltimore Avenue (US Route 1) and River Road through January. Temporary lane closures may occur 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends, as needed.
 - Temporary Lane Closures at Baltimore Avenue and Rossborough Lane - Reminder: Crews continue utility relocations at the intersection of Baltimore Avenue (US Route 1) and Rossborough Lane through January, weather permitting. Temporary lane closures on

- Baltimore Avenue (US Route 1) may occur overnight between 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed.
- Work Zone Safety - Reminder: 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, 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:**
 - Change to Fios® TV programming: On or after January 31, 2023, Yahoo, Inc. will discontinue its Yahoo! Finance HD programming on Fios TV channel 604. This is a provider-driven change. Verizon is notifying subscribers through the Fios TV Message Center.
 - **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 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Virtual meeting.
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_01112023-2432

Planning Board: January 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual meeting.
https://granicus_production_attachments.s3.amazonaws.com/pgplanning/62a0fd5090014b127dce8957bd6b5c980.pdf

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

- Development Activities from December 23, 2022, to January 4, 2023

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2023 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	1	17
Building Permits Issued	0	16
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	2

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2023 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	6	17
Multifamily Licenses Issued	6	17
Single-family Rental Inspection	3	65
Single-family Licenses Issued	2	50
Business License Inspections Conducted	21	136
Business Licenses Issued	21	136

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from December 23, 2022, to January 4, 2023

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2023 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	1	11
Exterior Conditions	1	19
Interior Conditions	3	9
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	16
Safety	0	8
Sanitation	1	5
Total Violations Found:	6	68

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2023 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	5	52
Fines Issued	9	75
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	9	46
Violation Notices Issued	1	21
Warnings Issued	1	60
Total Services Provided:	25	254

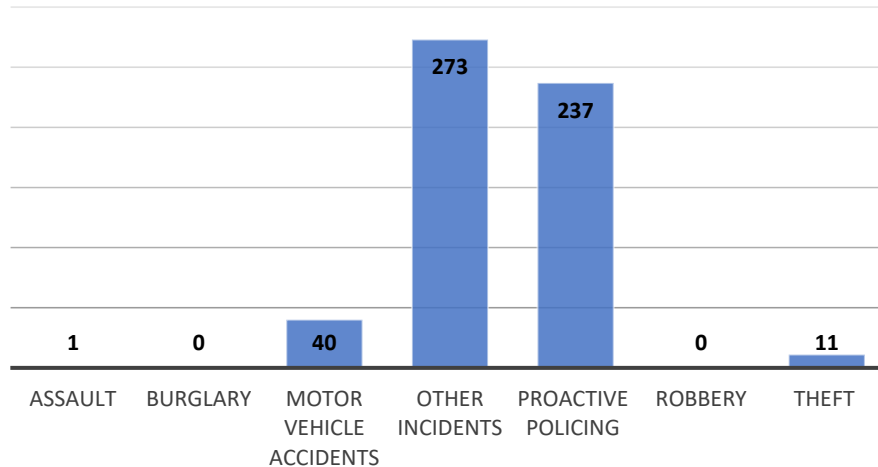
Note:

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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Public Safety

562 Calls for Police Service 12/22/2022 to 01/04/2023



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.

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, 237 or 42 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 Incident includes disorderly complaints, fights, suspicious subjects/vehicles, parking complaints, traffic complaints, and citizen assists.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to a business in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a trespassing complaint. The manager reported a disorderly individual inside the business refusing to leave. Responding officers contacted the individual and the manager made numerous requests for the individual to leave the property which he refused. Officers also asked the individual to leave. The individual was escorted from the property and issued a criminal citation for trespassing.
- Officers observed an individual in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue who they knew to have an active arrest warrant for failure to appear. The individual was contacted and placed under arrest.

- Officers responded to 4800 block of Longfellow Street for a trespassing complaint. The resident reported an individual on their property who was refusing to leave. Responding officers contacted the individual and escorted him from the property. The individual was issued a criminal citation for trespassing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a shoplifting incident. Responding officers contacted the individual and conducted a field interview. A records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant for failure to appear. The individual was transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect approached the victim while they were waiting in line. The unknown suspect snatched the victim's purse from her shoulder and fled the business. The victim was not injured, and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a theft. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) removed and package from their front steps.
- Officers responded to the 4800 block of Nicholson Street for a theft. The victim reported sometime overnight unknown suspects entered their unlocked vehicle and removed personal property.
- Officers responded to the 5600 block of Silk Tree Drive for a hit and run motor vehicle collision. The investigation revealed the suspect struck a parked vehicle and fled on foot into the wood line. Responding officers located and arrested the suspect a short distance away. The individual was charged with driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of property damage accident.
- Officers observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the 5800 block of Baltimore Avenue. A registration check revealed the 2022 Honda was reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department. The vehicle was impounded for safekeeping pending notification to the owner.

Respectfully submitted,



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