

# Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

## Status and Information Report

### Report No. 20 for 2019



October 4, 2019

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 October 18, 2019.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Legislative Meeting	Monday, October 7, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
M-UTC Meeting	Wednesday, October 9, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Centennial Planning Committee Meeting (Organizational Meeting)	Tuesday, October 15, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:00 a.m.	TBD
Board of Code Appeals Meeting	Wednesday, October 23, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	Monday, October 28, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

## Employee Recognition



- Congratulations: Riverdale Park Police Officer Private First Class Alexander Harbitz was recognized for exceptional police performance and Corporal Joseph Walch was also recognized for exceptional performance in traffic safety by the Maryland Chiefs of Police and Maryland Sheriffs Associations. Both officers were recognized for their outstanding performance on September 9<sup>th</sup> during the Annual Professional Development Conference.



- A job well done!: On Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Brian Slattery received the Commander's Certificate of Appreciation from the Montgomery County Police Department. Sergeant Slattery was recognized for his actions which resulted in the arrest of an armed, violent felon responsible for four robberies in Montgomery County.



## Community Engagement

- Upcoming Centennial Planning Committee Meeting: The next Centennial Planning Committee meeting will be an organizational meeting and will be held on **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at Town Hall. If you would like to join the Centennial Planning Committee, please e-mail Jessica Barnes at [jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov) for more information.
- Trash Concerns App Launched: In partnership with Bates Trucking and Trash Services, we have launched a dedicated Trash Concerns app on our website! The Trash Concerns app can be used to order a new trash can, report missed recycling, and any other trash related concerns.  
[http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/home/trash\\_concerns/index.php](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/home/trash_concerns/index.php).
- Social Media Outreach: The Town's Social Media Outreach initiative continues to evolve and expand the reach in sharing information. The Facebook page is an important platform from which the Town can share important news, events, updates, and emergency notifications. If you haven't 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:
    - 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

- Replacement Toters: Bates requests that damaged trash cans be setout curbside and turned upside down for collection on **Wednesdays**. It is recommended to label the cans as "trash".
- Yard Waste Collection on Mondays: On July 1<sup>st</sup>, yard waste collection moved to Mondays. Yard waste should 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 reuseable 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

- 2020 Census New Construction Program: [The 2020 Census New Construction Program](#) provides tribal, state, and local governments an opportunity to update the U.S. Census Bureau's residential address list with living quarters for which construction is in progress during or after March 1, 2018 and completion is expected by Census Day, April 1, 2020.

The New Construction Program helps ensure that the Census Bureau's address list is as complete and accurate as possible by Census Day, April 1, 2020, to produce a complete and accurate population count.

Staff participated in this program by submitting to the Census Bureau, new residential addresses in Town within the specified period.

For more information about the New Construction Program, please review their website [here](#).

- Upcoming Purple Line Corridor Coalition (PLCC) Meeting: On Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, the second PLCC small business working group meeting will be held at the Silver Spring Civic Center (1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910). The purpose of the meeting is to get public feedback and input on community development priorities along the Purple Line Corridor.

The PLCC, formed in 2013, is administered by the University of Maryland's National Center for Smart Growth (NCSG), in partnership with a coalition of community organizations, state and local governments, nonprofits, philanthropies, and businesses. PLCC led the creation of the Community Development Agreement for the Purple Line Corridor which articulates a collective vision for vibrant economic and community development along the corridor.

For more information on the PLCC, please review their website [here](#).

- Prince George's County Historic Property Grant Program: The Prince George's County Historic Property Grant Program (HPGP) is currently accepting applications for grant funding. The County HPGP helps fund rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, or acquisition of historic properties to preserve, protect, and enhance historic properties. The grant program is administered by the Prince George's County Planning Department of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) on behalf of the Prince George's County Planning Board.

For more information about the HPGP, please review their website [here](#).

- Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) Meeting: On Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>, staff met with officials from County DPW&T to explore opportunities to

potentially install bus shelters at bus stops within the Town. Currently, there are several bus stops in Town lacking benches and shelters for bus riders.

Staff is working with DPW&T to explore the feasibility of installing bus shelters at certain locations. Please stay tuned for future updates on this item in subsequent Status and Information Reports.

- Purple Line Updates:

- Pedestrian Safety: As work continues along the alignment, the Purple Line construction team is committed to keeping everyone safe. Pedestrians are advised to follow any construction signs and use the open sidewalk(s). Pedestrians are not allowed in the construction work zones. This is for your safety as well as our construction team.
  - Long-Term Lane Closure on Kenilworth Avenue: On July 8, 2019, the Purple Line implemented a long-term closure of the right-hand southbound lane on Kenilworth Avenue between River Road and Riverdale Road. Barriers will be placed to delineate the work zone. Pedestrians and bicyclists are required to stay outside of the construction zone at all times. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends.
  - Lane Closures on Baltimore-Washington Parkway: During the month of October, crews will continue work on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in the area of the Riverdale Road overpass. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
  - Lane Closures along Riverdale Road: During the month of October, crews will be relocating utilities along Riverdale Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and 67th Place. To conduct this work, lanes will intermittently be closed on 66th Avenue and 67th Avenue. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures with flagging operations will occur.
  - Weekend and Night Closures on Kenilworth Avenue: During the month of October, crews will be relocating utilities on Kenilworth Avenue between River Road and Riverdale Road. Work will occur in two shifts, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
  - Weekend Work and Lane Closures on Riverdale Road: During the month of October, crews will be working along Riverdale Road between Kenilworth Avenue and Veterans Parkway. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
  - Closure of Eastpine Drive: During the month of October, a section of Eastpine Drive will continue to be closed between Riverdale Road and Patterson Street for utility relocations. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends.
- Purple Line Construction Notices: Purple Line construction is underway. Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit [purplelinemd.com](http://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:
  - Transit Website: <http://www.rpstransit.com/>
  - General Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
  - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station
  - Twitter: @RDPStation
  - Instagram: rdpstation
- **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:** October 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1487&Inline=True>

**Historic Preservation Commission:** October 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)

[http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_10152019-298](http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_10152019-298)

**Board of License Commissioners:** October 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)

[https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_10222019-1423](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_10222019-1423)

- Development Activities from September 19, 2019 to October 2, 2019

**Permits: Building / Storage Containers:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	1	19
Permits Issued	1	13
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	9

**Permits Issued:**

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2020-B-12	4603 East West Highway	New Single Family Home	\$300,000
<b>Est. Investment Bi-Weekly Total:</b>			<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Est. Investment FYTD 2020 Total:</b>			<b>\$2,698,115</b>

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from September 19, 2019 to October 2, 2019

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2020 Totals</b>
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	4	33
Exterior Conditions	5	36
Interior Conditions	5	24
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	2	38
Safety	4	8
Sanitation	1	4
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>143</b>

**Services Provided by Type:**

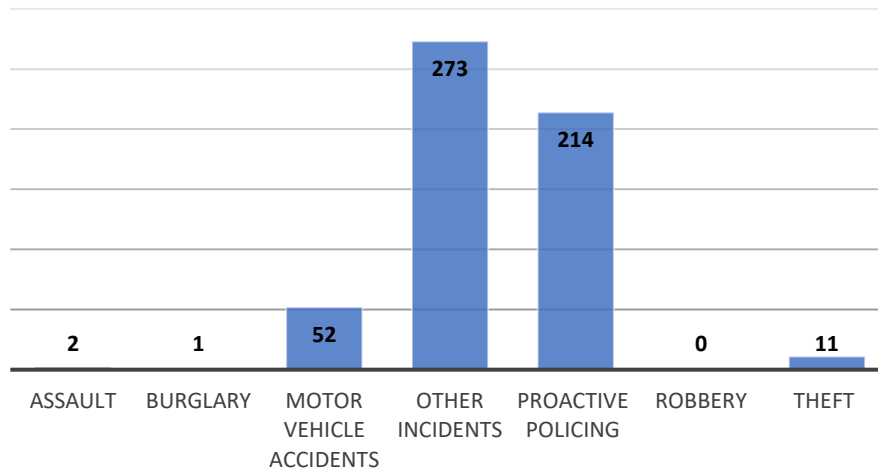
<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2020 Totals</b>
Complaint Responses Performed	15	88
Fines Issued	0	4
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	20
Violation Notices Issued	9	34
Warnings Issued	10	78
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>224</b>

*Note:*

1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.*
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.*

## Public Safety

### **553 Calls for Police Service 09/19/19 to 10/02/19**



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, 214 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 citizen assists.

#### Highlighted reports:

- A citizen came to RPPD Headquarters requesting assistance with service of a Protective Order. Officers located the respondent in the 5300 block of Riverdale Road and served the Temporary Protective Order. Prince George's County Sheriff's Office was notified of the service.
- Officers observed a suspicious person in the 5300 block of Kenilworth Avenue. Officers knew through prior contacts that the individual had an active arrest warrant for failure to appear. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.



- Officers responded to a business in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a trespassing complaint. The individual was escorted from the property and issued a no trespassing order.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a missing person. A 15-year-old was reported missing from the residence. The missing person was found in Washington DC. unharmed.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for failure to appear. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a domestic dispute. The investigation revealed both parties were involved in a verbal dispute which escalated. During the confrontation the suspect physically assaulted the victim. The suspect was placed under arrest for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault. The victim was assisted with applying for a Protective Order.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a fraud. The investigation revealed the suspect attempted to purchase merchandise with counterfeit currency. The suspect was issued a criminal summons for uttering.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince Georges County Sheriff's Office. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an intoxicated person causing a disturbance. During the investigation officers located surveillance video of the individual operating a motor vehicle. The individual failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for DUI.

Respectfully submitted,



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