

# Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

## Status and Information Report

### Report No. 22 for 2019



November 1, 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 November 15, 2019.

#### **CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:**

<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY CLOSED</b>	<b>Saturday, November 2, 2019</b>	<b>Please call 301-927-4343 if you need police assistance.</b>
Town Hall and Department of Public Works Closed	Monday, November 11, 2019 Thursday, November 29, 2019 Friday, November 30, 2019	In recognition of Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day
Residential Trash Collection	Thursday, November 29 <sup>th</sup> NO COLLECTION	Collection will be Monday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>

#### **MEETING AND EVENT DATES:**

Community Walk	Saturday, November 2, 2019 9:00 a.m.	Intersection of Supra Place and Signet Lane
Legislative Meeting	Monday, November 4, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
M-UTC Meeting	Wednesday, November 6, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Veterans Day Ceremony	Monday, November 11, 2019 11:00 a.m.	Veterans Monument Luncheon following ceremony at Town Center Market

Centennial Planning Committee Meeting	Monday, November 11, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	Monday, November 18, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

### 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:

- James Davis                                      14 Years of Service
- Ivy Lewis    1 Year of Service
- Jeremiah Sowers                                 1 Year of Service

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

- Congratulations! Please join us in congratulating Officer Brett Walker for successfully completing his certification as a recognized Drug Recognition Expert. Officer Walker joins a select group of 180 other Law Enforcement Officers across the state of Maryland to hold the DRE certification.

### Community Engagement

- Community Walk Scheduled for Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>: The next Community Walk is scheduled for this **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** starting at Town Hall. Door hangers have been distributed to homes along the walk route to notify them that Town officials will be in their community. Please plan to meet us at 9:00 a.m. at the intersection of Signet Lane and Supra Place. Route information is available at [www.RiverdaleParkMD.gov](http://www.RiverdaleParkMD.gov). look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow. We ♥ Town Life!

- Upcoming Centennial Planning Committee Meeting: The next Centennial Planning Committee meeting will be held on **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at Town Hall. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the Centennial events, please complete the Volunteer Application at <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/Volunteer%20Application.pdf>.

- 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/ho.../trash\\_concerns/index.php](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/ho.../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

- FREE Leaf Bags: The Town is offering **FREE** leaf collection bags to residents through January 10, 2020. Single and two-family homes are eligible for the leaf bags. Residents need to show ID to receive their **FREE** leaf bags and there is a maximum of 10 bags per request. Leaf collection bags are available at Town Hall (Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Bagged leaves must be placed at the curb for pick-up on Monday (Yard Waste collection day). Bagged leaves should be placed at the curb on Sunday evening or by 6 a.m. on Monday morning.

Residents are asked to help us to reduce costs of the annual leaf vacuuming program by utilizing the service provided by the Town’s residential trash collection company!

- Leaf Bag Delivery: The Department of Public Works (DPW) distributed a stack of five leaf bags to approximately 1,300 single-family residences in Town. The purpose was to encourage residents to bag raked leaves and set them out for Monday collection by the Town’s contractor. This effort on the part of residents helps the Town save money and frees up DPW staff time from leaf vacuuming to focus on other Town priorities. Residents needing additional leaf bags may pick them up from Town Hall, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. A maximum of 10 bags may be requested each visit.
- Replacement Totes: Bates requests that damaged trash cans be placed 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 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

- Meeting with U.S. Postal Service Representatives: On Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> staff attended a meeting hosted by U.S. Senator Ben Cardin’s office regarding delivery issues with the U.S Postal Service. Staff had the opportunity to report the community’s concerns regarding mail delivery in Riverdale Park. Many of our neighboring jurisdictions expressed similar concerns. Quarterly meetings, hosted by Senator Cardin’s Office, will be held to discuss any progress made by the U.S Postal Service or additional concerns from our communities.
- Greater Riverdale Community Survey: A survey is being conducted to learn about how community members feel about Greater Riverdale, which includes portions of the Town. Kaiser Permanente, Maryland Non-Profits, the Neighborhood Design Center, and the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation (CKAR CDC) are in the process of planning a place-based initiative to provide support and services to those who live, learn, work, worship, and serve in organizations that impact Greater Riverdale.

To participate in the survey, please click on the link [here](#).

- M-NCPPC Transportation Action Guide Meeting: On Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, staff attended a stakeholder meeting by Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). This meeting was to discuss plans for bike, pedestrian, and vehicular wayfinding signage within local municipalities such as College Park, Hyattsville, Riverdale Park, and University Park. Staff will continue working with MNCPPC and other jurisdictions on this endeavor in future work group meetings.
- Prince George’s County EDC Business Outreach Event: On Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, staff attended a business outreach event with Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation (EDC). The event was part of the County’s Economic Development Week Celebration (week of October 21<sup>st</sup>).

Staff and County EDC officials visited a few businesses in the Riverdale Park Station development, which included Denizen’s Brewing (4550 Van Buren Street), Starbucks (4501 Van Buren Street), and Whole Foods (6621 Baltimore Avenue).

- Riverdale Park Station Art Mural: On Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Riverdale Park Station coordinated the completion of an art mural along the rear wall of MOD Pizza (4401 Woodberry Street). The

mural entitled, “What Lifts You”, was completed by New York-based artist, Kelsey Montague. This signature art mural is designed for interactive purposes by allowing individuals to pose between the sets of wings.

This art project aligns with the Town’s vision and commitment to art and recreation and the Town is appreciative of Riverdale Park Station’s investment in this endeavor.



- Upcoming Regional Education Meeting: The Countywide Map Amendment project team will hold three Regional Education Meetings for the Countywide Map Amendment (CMA).

The meetings will focus on an overview of the project, feature initial rezoning recommendations from the Planning Department staff, compare current and proposed zoning, and allow for questions and discussions. The meetings will be held in north, central, and south County, and are:

- North County Regional Meeting  
Thursday, November 7, 2019  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
College Park Airport Operations Building  
1909 Corporal Frank Scott Drive  
College Park, MD 20740
- Central County Regional Meeting  
Thursday, November 21, 2019  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Prince George’s Sports and Learning Complex  
8001 Sheriff Road  
Landover, MD 20785
- South County Regional Meeting  
Saturday, November 23, 2019  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex  
7007 Bock Road  
Fort Washington, MD 20744

Although each of these meetings will focus on the geographic part of the County in which they are held, all are welcome to attend any of the education sessions.

For additional information and to view the proposed zoning map, please check the project website, <http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/>; e-mail [zoningpgc@ppd.mncppc.org](mailto:zoningpgc@ppd.mncppc.org) or call 301-952-4944.

- 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 November, 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 November, 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 November, 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 November, 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.

- 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: rdystation
- Notices received by Town:
    - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept CP-19001, Hyatts Add to Hyattsville, located at 4016 Crittenden Street (near 40<sup>th</sup> Place). The nature of the proposed request is to review a conservation plan to build one single family detached home. For more information, please contact A. David Simon, 301-952-4976 or [aaron.simon@ppd.mncppc.org](mailto:aaron.simon@ppd.mncppc.org).
  - 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:** November 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1491&Inline=True>

**Board of License Commissioners:** November 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)

[https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_11192019-1453](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_11192019-1453)

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

- Development Activities from October 17, 2019 to October 30, 2019

**Permits: Building / Storage Containers:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2020 Totals</b>
Permit Inspections Conducted	4	24
Building Permits Issued	5	18
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	11

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**Permits Issued:**

<b>Permit #</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Est. Investment</b>
2020-B-14	6404 45 <sup>th</sup> Place	New Deck & Gravel Asphalt	\$6,000
2020-B-15	5910 Cleveland Avenue	Interior Renovation	\$25,000
2020-B-16	6608 47 <sup>th</sup> Street	Install Solar Panels	\$20,000
2020-B-17	6201 Natoli Place	Install Egress Windows	\$3,000
2020-B-18	4600 Riverdale Road	New Garage Attached	\$12,000
<b>Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:</b>			<b>\$66,000</b>
<b>Est. Investment FYTD 2020 Total:</b>			<b>\$2,769,115</b>

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from October 17, 2019 to October 30, 2019

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2020 Totals</b>
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	4	37
Exterior Conditions	8	49
Interior Conditions	4	69
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	40
Safety	5	17
Sanitation	5	10
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>222</b>

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**Services Provided by Type:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2020 Totals</b>
Complaint Responses Performed	9	106
Fines Issued	0	24
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	25
Violation Notices Issued	4	43
Warnings Issued	5	87
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>285</b>

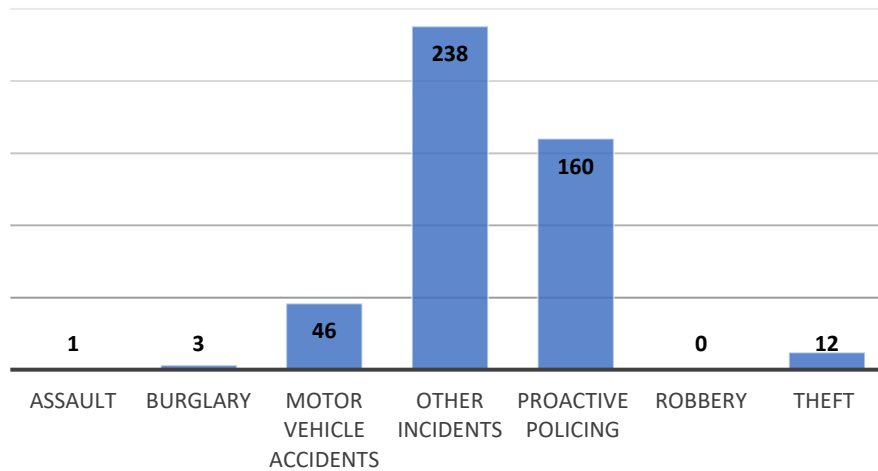
*Note:*

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.*

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## Public Safety

### 460 Calls for Police Service 10/17/19 to 10/30/19



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, 160 or 35 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:

- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a property damage motor vehicle collision. The operator of the striking vehicle was observed unconscious in the driver's seat. The driver was transported to the hospital for treatment. As a result of the investigation the driver was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and driving a vehicle impaired by drugs.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6300 block of Baltimore Avenue for a burglary. The investigation revealed the suspect(s) forced open several offices and stole property. The scene was processed for evidence and the investigation is ongoing.

- Officers arrested an individual who responded to RPPD to turn themselves in for an active arrest warrant from a hit and run motor vehicle collision. The individual was transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 5800 block of Riverdale Road for a property damage motor vehicle collision. The investigation revealed the operator of the vehicle was unlicensed juvenile. The individual was charged with driving without a license and released to a guardian.
- Officers contacted an individual in the 5000 block of Queensbury Road. A records check revealed the individual had an active arrest warrant for failure to appear for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault. 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 an assault. The investigation revealed two individuals were involved in a verbal dispute which escalated and turned physical. The suspect produced a knife and cut the victim on the hand. The victim received non-life-threatening injuries and refused medical treatment. Several witnesses were located, and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a disorderly complaint. The business owner reported an intoxicated individual refusing to leave the business. The individual was escorted from the property and issued a criminal summons for trespassing.
- Officers responded to Prince George's Hospital Center for a report of a sexual assault. The victim reported being sexually assaulted by an acquaintance in the 5400 block of Jefferson Street. Detectives with the Prince George's County Police Department were notified and assumed investigative responsibility. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 4500 block of Woodberry Street for a theft. The victim reported their personal items were stolen from a locker inside the business.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager