

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 23 for 2019



November 15, 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 29, 2019.

CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Department of Public Works Closed	Thursday, November 29, 2019 Friday, November 30, 2019	In recognition of Thanksgiving Day
Residential Trash Collection	Thursday, November 29 th NO COLLECTION	Collection will be Monday, December 2 nd

MEETING AND EVENT DATES:

Closed Council Meeting	Monday, November 18, 2019 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Special Legislative Session and Work Session	Monday, November 18, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	Monday, December 2, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Center	Wednesday, December 4, 2019 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Children's Holiday Party	Saturday, December 7, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Town Hall

- Trash Concerns App Streamlines Process: In partnership with Bates Trucking and Trash Services, the Town has 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.

- 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. The staff team is working to grow our social media reach and has established a goal of 1,500 followers by May 31, 2020. 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
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
 - Youtube: 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!

- 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 Mondays: Yard waste collection is every Monday. 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

- Small Business Saturday Neighborhood Champion: To promote investment and celebrate the socio-economic contributions of small businesses, the Town issued a proclamation to support Small Business Saturday, which is on November 30th.

Furthermore, the Town has registered as a Neighborhood Champion for Small Business Saturday and will be promoting the event in the Town Center. More details on promoting Small Business Saturday and how you can spread the message to support small businesses will be published through the Town’s public outreach tools (flyers, social media, website, etc.).

For general information about Small Business Saturday, please click [here](#).



**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY®
NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

- 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, Neighborhood Design Center (NDC), 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](#)
- Coalition of Community Leaders Meeting: On Tuesday, November 12th, Kaiser Permanente, Maryland Non-Profits, the Neighborhood Design Center, and the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation coordinated a community meeting at the Woodlawn Recreation Center in Hyattsville, to discuss priorities for community projects, which is part of their collaborative efforts in the Greater Riverdale Placed-Based Initiative.

- Discovery District Working Group Meeting: The bi-monthly Discovery District Working Group Meeting was held on Thursday, November 14th. The meeting included officials from the Town, College Park, MNCPPC, UMD, and others to discuss development, the Purple Line, and other development-related matters within the UMD Discovery District, which is in Riverdale Park and College Park.
- Purple Line Construction Notices: Purple Line construction continues. 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, 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
- Notices received by Town:
 - An application for a Special Permit (SP-190001) for McDonald’s located at 6228 Baltimore Avenue was submitted for review to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The applicant is requesting approval of a Special Permit to redevelop the existing McDonald’s with an additional drive-thru lane, modifications to exterior building materials, and minor parking lot and sidewalk adjustments to bring existing ADA areas into compliance with the current code. For more information, contact Nicholas B. Speach at 301-809-4500.
 - An application for Preliminary Plan for Standard at College Park (PP 4-19047) located at 4321 Hartwick Road in College Park has been submitted for review to the Development Review Division of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The nature of the review is to develop the property with a mixed-use residential and commercial project. For more information, please contact Joseph DiMarco at 301-809-4500.
- 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: November 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_11192019-1453

Historic Preservation Commission: November 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)
http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_11192019-306

Planning Board: November 21, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.igm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1493&Inline=True>

- Development Activities from October 31, 2019 to November 13, 2019

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	0	25
Building Permits Issued	1	20
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	12

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2020-B-19	6106 44 th Place	Addition with kitchen and bathroom	\$170,000
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$170,000
Est. Investment FYTD 2020 Total:			\$2,939,115

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from October 31, 2019 to November 13, 2019

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	4	41
Exterior Conditions	11	60
Interior Conditions	184	253
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	40
Safety	22	39
Sanitation	2	12
Total Violations Found:	223	445

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	8	114
Fines Issued	0	24

Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	0	25
Violation Notices Issued	9	52
Warnings Issued	5	92
Total Services Provided:	22	307

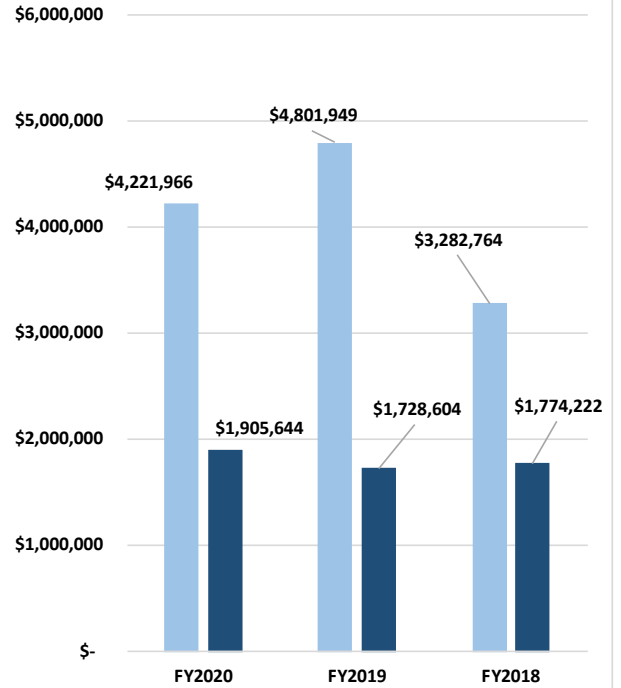
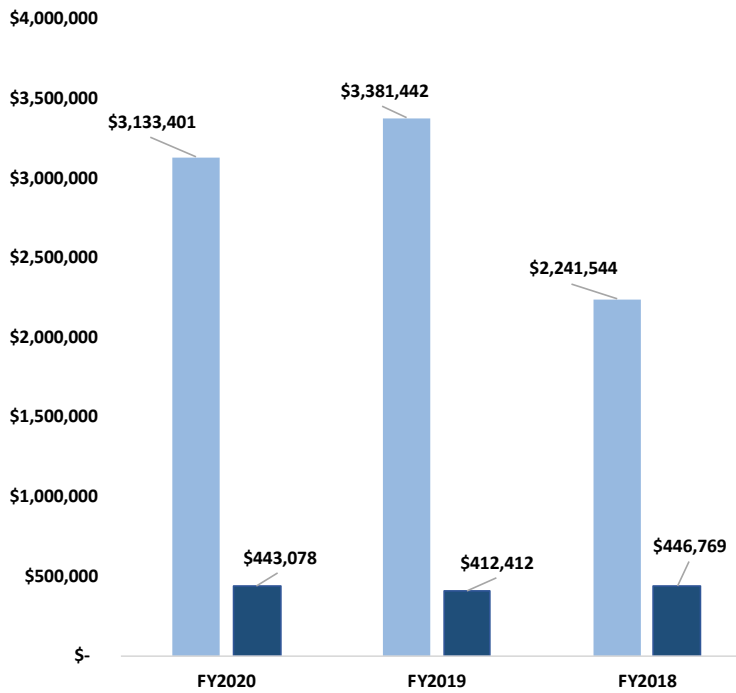
Note:

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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Finance

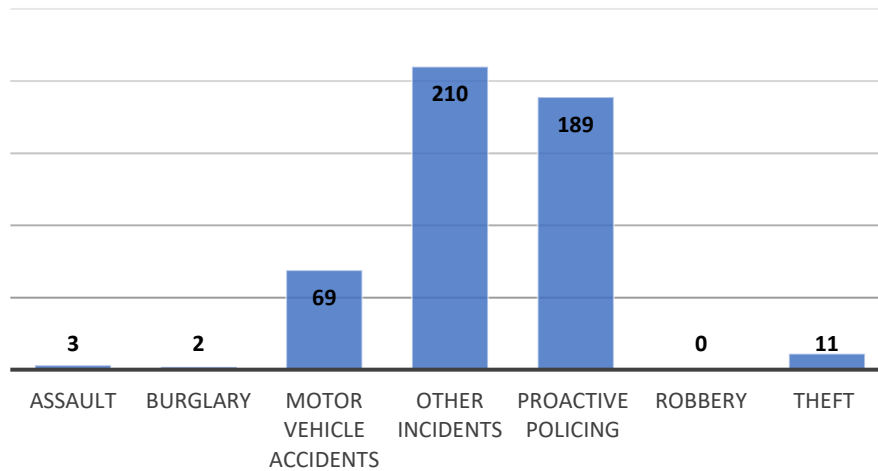
Oct			YTD Total		
FY2020	FY2019	FY2018	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018
\$ 3,133,401	\$ 3,381,442	\$ 2,241,544	\$ 4,221,966	\$ 4,801,949	\$ 3,282,764
\$ 443,078	\$ 412,412	\$ 446,769	\$ 1,905,644	\$ 1,728,604	\$ 1,774,222
\$ 2,690,323	\$ 2,969,031	\$ 1,794,775	\$ 2,316,321	\$ 3,073,345	\$ 1,508,541



Revenue =	
Expense =	

Public Safety

484 Calls for Police Service 10/31/19 to 11/13/19



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, 189 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:

- Officers responded to the 4600 block of Van Buren Street for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) broke into three vehicles and removed personal property.
- Officers responded to the 5000 block of Queensbury Road for a check on the welfare. Officers encountered an individual who made threatening statements to hurt themselves. Due to the individual's actions they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Quintana Street for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for failure to appear for driving on a suspended license. The individual was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for an attempted theft. The investigation revealed the suspect entered the business and attempted to cash a stolen check. The suspect who was still on scene was placed under arrest and charged with theft.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for driving without a license. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a commercial burglary in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) forced entry to a front window and removed property from the business. The scene was processed for evidence and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the business and cashed a stolen \$4000 check. Through investigative means the suspect was identified and charged with theft and uttering.
- Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered several vehicles and removed personal property. Through investigative means the suspect has been identified and charged with the thefts.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a domestic assault. The investigation revealed the victim and suspect were involved in a verbal altercation which escalated and turned physical. The suspect assaulted the victim causing a minor injury. The suspect was placed under arrest for 2nd degree assault.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a trespassing complaint. The store manager reported an individual inside the business who had previously been banned from the property. The individual was contacted, and records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant for theft. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted,



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