

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 6 for 2018



March 23, 2018

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 April 6, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Walk	March 24, 2018, 9:00 a.m.	Walk starts at Town Hall
Easter Egg Party	March 24, 2018, 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	March 26, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	April 2, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Administration

- **First Community Walk of 2018:** The first Community Walk of 2018 will be held on Saturday, March 24 at 9:00 a.m. The walk will begin at Town Hall and overlap Wards 4, 5 and 6. Please find a map of the route attached. The next Community Walk will be held on Wednesday, April 11th at 5:30 p.m.
- **University of Maryland Capstone Project Midterm Presentations:** Staff met with a student group at the University of Maryland to receive the midterm progress report on food security in the Riverdale Park area. The students have conducted interviews and examined current initiatives to include communication and coordination among entities working to improve food access. Preliminary findings point towards food security issues and the need for additional coordination. The students will deliver their final report at the end of April.
- **Upcoming Budget Public Hearings:** The Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019) Budget Public Hearings will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 28 at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

Community Engagement



- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>
- Vision for Infrastructure: Residents and business owners are encouraged to comment and/or recommend input on what should be included in the Town's vision for Infrastructure. Please email community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov or call Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk, at 301-927-6381.

Environment

- Weather Event: Our first major winter storm occurred on the second day of spring, dropping 5 inches of snow in the community. DPW crews worked 140 staff hours, using 14 tons of salt to assure that Town streets were cleared and safe for travel.
- Toter Replacement Procedure Change: DPW staff met with Bates Trucking to discuss the procedure for replacing damaged toters. It was decided that Bates will create work orders for each toter replacement request and replace the damaged toters weekly on Thursdays. Requests will be taken by DPW and given to Bates on Wednesdays. Residents are asked to put their damaged containers curbside on Thursdays before 7 a.m.
- Earth Day Volunteers Needed – The Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) is sponsoring its Annual Earth Day event on April 21, 2018. The Town and AWS worked together last year to clean up Tanglewood Park and will revisit that location again this year! We had over 50 volunteers last year and hope to exceed that number this year! We look forward to working side-by-side with our residents to keep our parks and waterways beautiful. Please contact Janice Euell at 301-864-1803 or jeuell@riverdaleparkmd.gov for more information.
- Save the Date! The Town of Riverdale Park's Arbor Day ceremony will be held on April 26, 2018 at 10:00 am behind Riverdale Elementary School. We hope to see you there!

Development

- Riverdale Park Station News: For more information on store openings, events and development news, check out the Riverdale Park Station website and social media pages:
Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
Facebook: Riverdale Park Station
Twitter: @RDPStation
Instagram: rdpstation
- Purple Line Construction Notices: Purple Line construction is underway. The next twelve (12) months of construction will focus on utility relocation work. 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.
- 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: March 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/03272018-1043>

Planning Board: March 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1405&Inline=True>

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

- **Spring Forward Grant Program:** On Thursday, March 15th, the *Spring Forward* Grant Program officially launched as one of the first programs for the *Come Grow with Us!* Economic Development programs and initiatives. This program provides grant funding to businesses making technological improvements or upgrades. The application form can be found on the Town's website. Applications must be submitted by Monday, April 30th. Town staff will review submitted applications and provide recommendations to Mayor and Council. Awardees will be notified and disbursement of funds will take place in June.
- **East Riverdale / Beacon Heights Sector Plan Meeting:** On Friday, March 16th, staff attended a meeting with Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) officials, Prince George's County Council Chair Dannielle Glaros, and community leaders to discuss priorities and updates for the East Riverdale / Beacon Heights Sector Plan. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for late April.
- **Coming Soon: Riverdale Park Community Playground:** On Friday, March 23, 2018, staff attended a meeting with Council Chair Glaros, Riverdale Elementary School Principal, Natiqia Riley, and M-NCPPC and County officials to discuss plans to install the highly anticipated playground behind Riverdale Elementary School. This project was funded through a grant received by the Town from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The work is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the Summer 2018.
- **Development Activities from March 8, 2018 to March 21, 2018**

Rental Licenses:

Inspections Conducted	65
Licenses Issued	0
Notices Issued	1
Fines Issued	0

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Inspections Conducted	0
Permits Issued	36
Stop Work Orders Issued	0
Violations Observed	1

Permits Issued:

Permit Number	Address	Permit For	Estimated Project Cost
2017-B-162	4701 Van Buren Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-163	4703 Van Buren Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-164	4705 Van Buren Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-165	4707 Van Buren Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-166	4709 Van Buren Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-167	4711 Van Buren Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-168	6516 47th Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-169	6514 47th Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-170	6512 47th Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-171	6510 47th Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-172	6508 47th Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-173	6506 47th Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-174	6504 47th Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-175	6502 47th Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-176	6500 47th Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-177	6635 Rhode Island Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-178	6633 Rhode Island Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-179	6631 Rhode Island Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-180	6629 Rhode Island Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-181	6627 Rhode Island Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000

2017-B-182	6625 Rhode Island Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-183	6623 Rhode Island Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-184	6621 Rhode Island Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-185	6619 Rhode Island Avenue	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-186	4700 Underwood Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-187	4702 Underwood Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-188	4704 Underwood Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-189	4706 Underwood Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-190	4708 Underwood Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
2017-B-191	4710 Underwood Street	New Townhouse	\$159,000
Total Investment			\$4,770,000

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from March 8, 2018 to March 21, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

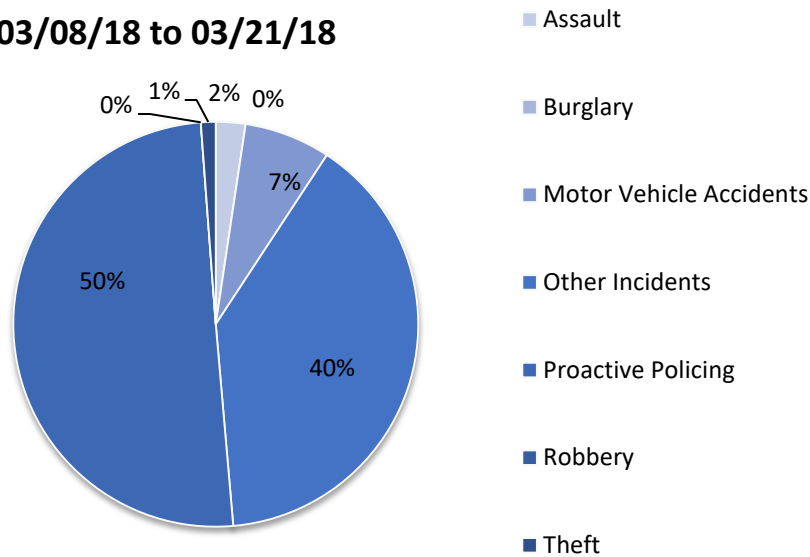
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	7
Exterior / Structural Conditions	4
Interior Conditions	10
Overgrown Weeds	1
Public Nuisance / Safety	51
Sanitation	2

Actions Taken:

Complaint Responses Performed	2
Fines Issued	0
Outreach Meetings Conducted	3
Violation Notices Issued	9
Warnings Issued	2

Police

Calls for Service - 508 03/08/18 to 03/21/18



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, 255 or 50% 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 a restaurant in the 5600 block of Riverdale Road for an assault. The investigation revealed several individuals were involved in an altercation in the drive-thru lane. The altercation turned physical and the suspect assaulted the victim with a tire iron. The victim sustained minor injuries but refused medical treatment. The investigation is ongoing.

Officers responded to the 4600 block of Tuckerman Street for an individual threatening suicide. Family members reported that an adult in the home was uncontrollable and had threatened suicide. Due to the individual's actions and imminent threat of self-harm, the individual was transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

Officers responded to the 5000 block of Riverdale Road for an indecent exposure. The victim reported the suspect approached her in the laundry room and exposed himself. The victim fled the scene and returned to her apartment unharmed. Officers have reviewed security camera footage and the investigation is ongoing.

Officers observed an occupied vehicle parked in a posted no parking zone in the 5400 block of Powhatan Street. Officers engaged the occupants in conversation and detected an odor of burnt Marijuana inside the vehicle. The occupants were removed, and the driver admitted to being in possession of Marijuana. The suspected Marijuana field tested positive and weighed 17.7 grams. The driver was charged with possession of Marijuana.

Officers responded to Riverdale Elementary School for a threats complaint. The suspect is a 24-year-old male who verbally threatened to shoot his siblings and other individuals at the school. RPPD Detectives worked in conjunction with Detectives from PGPD's Homeland Security Division to interview witnesses. The suspect was subsequently charged with threats of mass violence and is currently held on a no bond status with the Department of Corrections.

Officers responded to a grocery store in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for an assault. An employee reported that he was assaulted by two unknown males near the food court. The victim refused medical attention. Officers have reviewed security footage and the investigation is ongoing.

Update: Officers returned two days later to the 4600 block of Tuckerman Street for a 911 hang up. While checking the perimeter of the residence, officers observed the victim had attempted suicide by hanging. Officers immediately cut the victim down, began life saving measures (CPR), and requested Fire/EMS. The Fire Department arrived and assisted in the life saving measures. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment and committed for another emergency psychological evaluation.

*Note from the Chief of Police – The sanctity of life is public safety's foremost priority and responsibility. All RPPD officers are trained and equipped to administer CPR and emergency first aide. RPPD also recently acquired combat medical trauma kits designed to stop external bleeding from gunshot injuries, stab wounds, blast wounds, and other bleeding injuries.

The officers who responded to this critical incident saved this young person's life, exemplifying extraordinary dedication in service to our community.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian
Town Manager