

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

Report No. 7 for 2022

April 1, 2022

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 15, 2022.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legislative Meeting	Monday, April 4, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84454502545?pwd=NS9IaFhyenY1T21CO TdzTk5pOWMvZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 844-5450-2545 Passcode: 579554
FY2023 Budget Public Hearing	Saturday, April 9, 2022 9:30 a.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83934913952?pwd=NU1kNjVXUm8rS0hWcklWcDBIVkIJUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 839-3491-3952 Passcode: 579554
FY2023 Budget Public Hearing	Saturday, April 23, 2022 9:30 a.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81250484281?pwd=d210RmJSL1pFa2tyVzd kdVJEN3FJQT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 812-5048-4281 Passcode: 579554

Administration

- Town Hall - limited in-person office hours: As the 7-day rolling average of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people has dropped below 15, Town Hall offices are open for walk-in business on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office hours will remain limited through the Municipal Center Renovation project and may be adjusted depending on the construction schedule and any change in COVID-19 locally. Masks are required.
- Meetings with Staff: Staff are available for virtual meetings when the Town buildings are closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Municipal Center Project. 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.
- Remote Notary Services available: Staff are available to perform Remote Notary Services for Town residents. Remote Notary Services will be performed through a virtual platform approved by the Maryland Secretary of State. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Keith Robinson at krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov, Denisa Caballero at dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or call 301-927-6381.

Community Engagement

- FY2023 Budget Public Hearing Notice: The following legal advertisement ran in the *Enquirer-Gazette* on March 24, 2022.

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park will hold two public hearings to receive public comments on the proposed FY2023 Budget.

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual Meetings via Zoom

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

DATES:

Saturday, April 9, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting:

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WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO: The Town of Riverdale Park at 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737 or e-mailed to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

- Call for Artists for Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative:

Deadline to Apply: Thursday, April 7, 2022, at noon

On behalf of the Town of Riverdale Park, the Hyattsville CDC is announcing a Call for Artists for the Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative. The Initiative seeks five (5) sculptures of various styles and sizes to display for a one year-long placement, at pre-determined, publicly-accessible sites within the Town of Riverdale Park. As part of The Town's plan to create an engaging, publicly accessible outdoor sculpture gallery across its many neighborhoods, we seek site-appropriate sculptural work fitting of each chosen location. All sites have an existing installed concrete footer/pad, specifically designed to accommodate a range of sizes of work and a variety of bases.

Submittals may be of any durable, easily-maintained, exposure-ready media, and, due to the planned temporary nature of the initiative's installations should be of existing or nearly completed work. Following a jurying process, the works will be installed by the selected artist for a year-long exhibition. At the end of the exhibition term, the works will also be made available for purchase through the Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative website at <https://hycdc.org/rppai>.

Eligibility: Artists across the greater metropolitan region are welcome to apply, especially those who live or have studios within Prince George's County.

Local established and emerging sculptors, woodworkers, metalworkers, and artists of any durable media are welcomed.

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At this issuance, the stipend for selection in this Call is \$2,000 per selected work, to include all artist fees, costs for installation, documentation of the installed work, transportation, and insurance.

- COVID-19 Test Kits Available: The Town has received an allocation of COVID-19 test kits from Prince George's County. Town residents are eligible to receive tests through this municipal allocation. Town residents can pick up two (2) test kit packs at Town Hall on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Proof of Town residency will be required.
- Legal Help for Immigration Court: Free legal advice is available for immigrants who must appear before Maryland's immigration court because they are at risk of deportation. Children,

families, and adults can call 443-703-3054 or go to www.probonomd.org/help-for-immigrants to request to speak to an attorney using WhatsApp.

- **COVID Care Program:** The Prince George's County Health Department's COVID Care Program is for residents who have been exposed to COVID-19 or who are COVID-19 positive. The program assists residents with social service needs, including connecting to health insurance, medical care, and mental health care at a Federally Qualified Health Center, Food, Living situations, Utilities, Transportation, and other needs.

The County will also assist with isolation and quarantine: deliver COVID Care Kits to the homes of people who consent. COVID Care Kits include PPE, cleaning supplies, tissues, toilet paper, and educational materials. Food insecure residents will also receive a 2-week supply of food, including fresh produce, canned goods, and kitchen staples like bread, tortillas, and rice.

If you are aware of Prince George's County residents who has tested positive for or who were exposed to COVID-19 and need services, please refer them to the COVID Care Program at <https://assess.pgchd-phin.app/index.php/181471/lang/en/newtest/Y> Questions can be sent to COVIDcare@co.pg.md.us Those who qualify will be contacted by a Community Health Worker from the Prince George's Healthcare Alliance.

- **Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Vaccination Clinics:** The Prince George's County Health Department is also hosting COVID-19 vaccine clinics at various schools throughout the County. COVID-19 vaccines are free and available for residents ages 5 and up at the school-based vaccination clinics. Schedule your child's appointment today at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccine>.
- **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.
- **Senior Call Check:** Senior Call Check is a FREE service available to adults 65+ in Maryland. Seniors can receive an automated daily call at a time they designate. After 3 attempts and no answer, the department will contact designated alternates to check on residents. Registration can be completed over the phone at 1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560) or online <https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx>
- **Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund:** The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will be launching 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>

Complete an Expression of Interest Form and be added to the MD-DHCD's email list.
<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund/ExpressionofInterest.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 2,304. 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

- **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:
 - Temporary Overnight Lane Closures on Riverdale Road - Update: Crews continue utility relocations overnight on Riverdale Road (MD 410) between 58th Street and Veterans Parkway (MD 410) through the end of April, weather permitting. Work may take place overnight, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed. Temporary lane closures will occur.
 - Temporary Lane Closure on 67th Court - Update: Crews continue utility relocations along Riverdale Road at 67th Court through the end of April, weather permitting. Work may take place 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed. Temporary lane closures will occur. The bus stop at Riverdale Road and 67th Court will be closed as signed, please use the bus stop at Riverdale and 67th Place during this time.
 - 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/>
- Notices Received by Town:
 - Notice was received informing that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission ("M-NCPPC") is ready to accept the application for PPS-4-21055, Terrapin House. The address of the subject property is 7302 Yale Avenue, 4424 Hartwick Road and 7313 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740, which is located on north side of Hartwick Road between Yale Avenue and Baltimore Avenue. The nature of the review is to accommodate a mixed-use development comprising of approximately 15,000 square feet of commercial/retail uses and residential uses including approximately 175 multifamily units in the M-U-1 Zone. Once the application is formally accepted, it will be scheduled for a future Planning Board hearing. For more information contact Matthew Tedesco at 301-441-2420.
- 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: April 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting.
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/04062022-2173>

Planning Board: April 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1646&Inline=True>

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

- Development Activities from March 17, 2022, to March 30, 2022

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	1	27
Building Permits Issued	1	27
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	2

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2022-B-27	6208 Rhode Island Ave. #114	Interior Renovation	\$250,000
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$250,000
Est. Investment FYTD 2022 Total:			\$2,888,056

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	21
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	20
Single-family Rental Inspection	8	70
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	53
Business License Inspections Conducted	1	128
Business Licenses Issued	0	129

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from March 17, 2022, to March 30, 2022

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	4	89
Exterior Conditions	4	99
Interior Conditions	1	119
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	29
Safety	6	71
Sanitation	0	7
Total Violations Found:	15	414

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	11	210
Fines Issued	1	25
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	272

Violation Notices Issued	5	63
Warnings Issued	7	169
Total Services Provided:	27	739

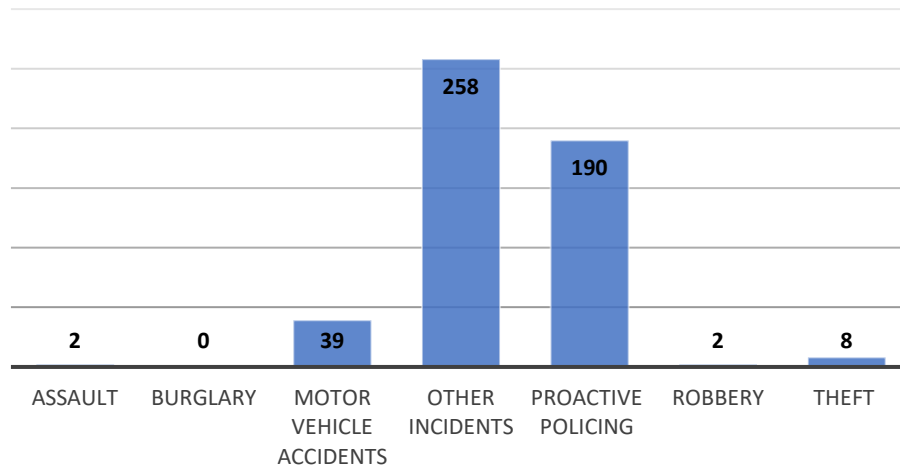
Note:

1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.*
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

499 Calls for Police Service 03/17/2022 to 03/30/2022



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, 190 or 38 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 assisting individuals.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to the 6200 block of Rhode Island Avenue for a robbery. The investigation revealed the victim was waiting at the bus stop when an unknown suspect approached and attempted to steal her purse. The victim resisted and the suspect threatened her with a bat. The victim relinquished the purse and the suspect fled to an awaiting vehicle. The victim wasn't injured, and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for an assault. The victim reported being involved in an altercation with an unknown suspect. During the altercation the victim was thrown to the ground. No injuries were reported, and the investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to the 5600 block of Riverdale Road for a check on the welfare. Officers encountered an individual in distress who was threatening to harm themself. For the individual's safety they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an individual causing a disturbance. The individual refused numerous requests from management to leave the property. Officers escorted the individual from the business and issued a criminal citation for disorderly conduct.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a fight. While officers were dispersing the crowd an individual was stabbed several times in the hip area. Officers quickly arrested the suspect and recovered the weapon. The victim was treated on the scene and transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a disorderly individual. The business manager reported an individual causing a disturbance and bothering customers. The manager made several requests for the individual to leave but he refused. The individual was escorted from the business and issued a criminal citation for disorderly conduct.
- Officers responded to the 4700 block of Sheridan Street for a robbery. The investigation revealed the victim was walking when the suspect vehicle approached. Two unknown suspects exited the vehicle armed with a rifle and demanded the victim's property. In fear for her safety the victim complied and handed over her personal belongings. The suspects returned to the vehicle and fled. The victim wasn't injured, and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5300 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. The victim reported while paying for his gas an unknown suspect entered his vehicle and removed property. The victim was able to provide a description of the suspect and responding officers located him a short distance away. The victim's property was recovered, and the suspect was arrested and charged with theft.
- Officers responded to the 4600 block of Van Buren Street for a trespassing complaint. Management reported possible criminal activity by unwanted guests in a vacant apartment. Responding officers were given access to the apartment but no one was inside. Officers recovered 1.53 lbs. of Marijuana, a Glock handgun with an obliterated serial number, numerous fictitious checks, and credit cards. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a stolen vehicle. The victim reported she left her 2020 Honda running while unloading laundry. The suspect jumped in her vehicle and fled. Through investigative means a suspect has been identified and charged with motor vehicle theft.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager