

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

Report No. 8 for 2021

April 16, 2021

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 30, 2021.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Legislative Meeting and FY2022 Budget Public Hearing	Saturday, April 17, 2021 9:30 a.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84303407844?pwd=NG5UbVM4L1grdlldyM1AzbGVnazc0dz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 843-0340-7844 Passcode: 634313
FY2022 Budget Public Hearing	Saturday, April 24, 2021 9:30 a.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88074071013?pwd=NjJnRmNBZXF1ZWl1ZlZkUk1YSzBXZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 880-7407-1013 Passcode: 893835
Special Legislative Meeting and Council Work Session	Monday, April 26, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86941158035?pwd=NCs1bEM0eGxadlZ4YXhtb1ZETSszUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 869-4115-8035 Passcode: 145532

<p>Legislative Meeting (to receive Election results)</p>	<p>Monday, May 3, 2021 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85042413566?pwd=czNZNDRpR3UrSDRSYTluWEud2FIUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 850-4241-3566 Passcode: 882709</p>
<p>Special Legislative Meeting and Public Hearing regarding Tax Rate</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87691583497?pwd=WThmZVhYWlpIdnQ0UUZpcXZ4YUx4UT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 876-9158-3497 Passcode: 790384</p>

Employee Recognition

- National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week: In honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week we would like to recognize and thank our first, first responders, the Riverdale Park Police Department Communications team. Thank you for all that you do for the community. We are very thankful to have you on our team!

Administration

- Meetings with Staff: Staff are available for virtual meetings while the Town buildings are closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 or call 301-927-6381.

Community Engagement

- Notice of Public Hearings: The Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park will hold two public hearings to receive public comments on the proposed FY2022 Budget.

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual Meetings via Zoom

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

DATES:

April 17, 2021

To join:

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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.

This notice was also in the April 1, 2021 edition of the Enquirer-Gazette.

- **Fiscal Year 2022 Constant Yield Tax Advertisement:** The Constant Yield Tax Rate is calculated by the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) for each taxing authority (jurisdiction) in Maryland. It represents the Real Property Tax Rate for the coming tax year that will generate the same amount of revenue that was generated during the current tax year. Even if a jurisdiction plans to maintain its Real Property Tax Rate at the current level, but above the Constant Yield Tax Rate, it must be advertised as prescribed by State law and a public hearing must be held. **The Town of Riverdale Park is NOT proposing a tax rate increase in the FY2022 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget, however additional tax revenue will be generated due to increased property values.** The mandated advertisement below will be run in the *Enquirer-Gazette* on April 22, 2021.

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
NOTICE OF A PROPOSED
REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2021, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 4.4%, from \$ 756,197,958 to \$ 789,629,698.

2. If the Town of Riverdale Park maintains the current tax rate of .6540 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 4.4% resulting in \$218,644 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.6263, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$.6540 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 4.4% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$218,644 in additional property tax revenues.

A virtual public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. To join, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87691583497?pwd=WThmZVhYWlpIdnQ0UUZpcXZ4YUx4UT09> or call 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID 876-9158-3497: and Password: 790384) to participate. The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Testimony may also be mailed to: Town of Riverdale Park, Real Property Tax Rate Testimony, c/o Town Clerk Jessica Barnes, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737 or e-mailed to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov. Written comments will be accepted for seven (7) days following the virtual public hearing. The Fiscal Year 2022 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget is scheduled to be introduced on April 26, 2021.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-927-6381 for further information.

- Prince George's County FY2022 Budget Public Hearings: The County's Budget Public Hearings will take place on May 4 and May 11 at 5:00 p.m. To review the proposed budget and learn more here: <https://pgccouncil.us/454/Budget-Portal>

Register to speak on May 4 or 11 via the "eComment" links for those dates [here](#).

- 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!
- International Property Maintenance Code: Currently the Town follows the Prince George's County Property Maintenance Code which is based on the 2000 International Property Maintenance Code. The County's code is only applicable to residential structures. The 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) applies to both residential and commercial structures and has been discussed at Council meetings over the last several months. The 2018 International Property Maintenance Code is available for review on the Town's website at <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/2018%20IPMC.pdf>. Community Input is encouraged and welcomed. Comments may be e-mailed to Community_Input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

- 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: We need your assistance to grow the Town's social media reach. Please ask your neighbors, friends, businesses, and visitors to follow the Town on social media. 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 1,977. The goal is to reach 2,000 followers on Facebook. We are very close and are extending the time to achieve this goal. Please help reach 2,000 followers by the end of May. We know this is possible. 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

- 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.
- Bates Bulk Trash Pick-up Services: As a reminder, Bulk Trash Collection is provided by appointment only. To schedule an appointment for pick-up, call 301-773-2069. Only 3 bulk items are permitted per week.
- 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

- Emergency Repairs Grant Available: The Town is soliciting grant applications from homeowners and businessowners. This grant program is designed to assist with emergency repairs in homes and businesses that would otherwise not be addressed. Successful applicants can be reimbursed for up to \$2,000 after work has been completed and paid for. An "emergency repair" is defined as a situation that is life-threatening or one that prohibits someone from living in decent, safe, and sanitary conditions or is needed for the safe and continual operation of a business. For more information, please visit http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/emergency_repair_grant.php.
- Purple Line Updates:
 - Overnight Utility Relocation on East West Highway: On April 16, 2021, crews will perform an overnight underground utility relocation on westbound East West Highway (MD 410) at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201), weather permitting. Work may take place from April 16 at 7 p.m. to April 17 at 5 a.m. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- 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:
 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is ready to accept an application for Wildercroft Subdivision (6901 Riverdale Road) Preliminary Plan #4-18011 for a one-story commercial building for a laundromat. For more information, contact Dean Packard of Packard and Associates, LLC at 301-208-0250 or dean@packardassociatesllc.com.
 - Scam Alert: If you have received a text from “Maryland-MDdot Urgent” addressing “MDot customer” with a link, please ignore the text. This text was not sent by any agency

associated with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), including the MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration. It is SPAM and has been reported to MDOT's IT Department. DO NOT click on the link and DELETE the message. If you did open it and clicked the link, for information on identity theft and ways to protect your identity, see Maryland Attorney General's ID Theft page for help:

<https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/IdentityTheft/default.aspx>

MDOT and its business units would not ask customers to provide this personal information in this way. We take the privacy our customers and their personal information very seriously.

- **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:

Historic Preservation Commission: April 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting.

http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_04202021-530

Planning Board: April 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.

<http://mncppc.ig2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1576&Inline=True>

Board of License Commissioners: *No information available at time of report.*

- Development Activities from April 1, 2021 to April 14, 2021

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	3	33
Building Permits Issued	3	30
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	14

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2021-B-28	4908 Queensbury Road	6 Foot Fence	\$5,000
2021-B-29	5022 Oglethorpe Street	6 Foot Fence	\$20,000
2021-B-30	4811 Sheridan Street	Curb Cut	\$2,000

Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:	\$27,000
Est. Investment FYTD 2021 Total:	\$2,972,936

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	21
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	20
Single-family Rental Inspection	2	59
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	62
Business License Inspections Conducted	4	129
Business Licenses Issued	4	129

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from April 1, 2021 to April 14, 2021

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	2	60
Exterior Conditions	4	123
Interior Conditions	0	129
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	17
Safety	0	73
Sanitation	1	13
Total Violations Found:	7	415

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	8	144
Fines Issued	1	8
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	40
Violation Notices Issued	2	128
Warnings Issued	5	98
Total Services Provided:	19	418

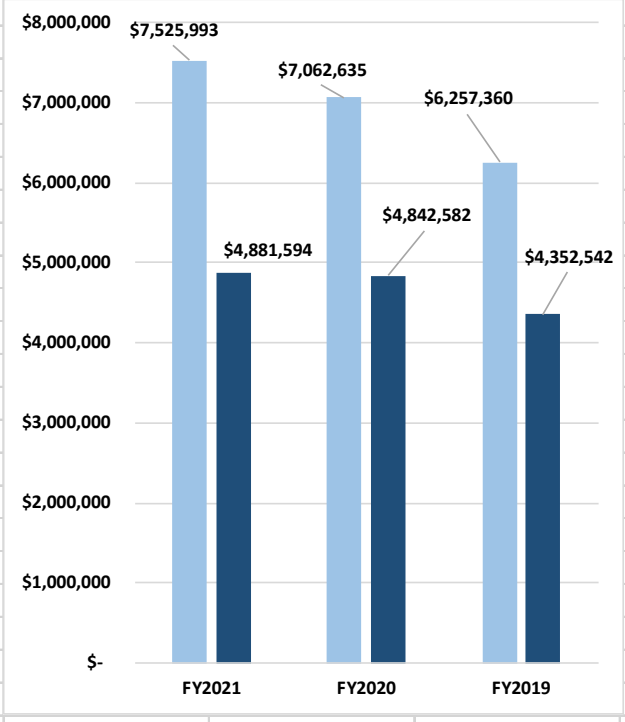
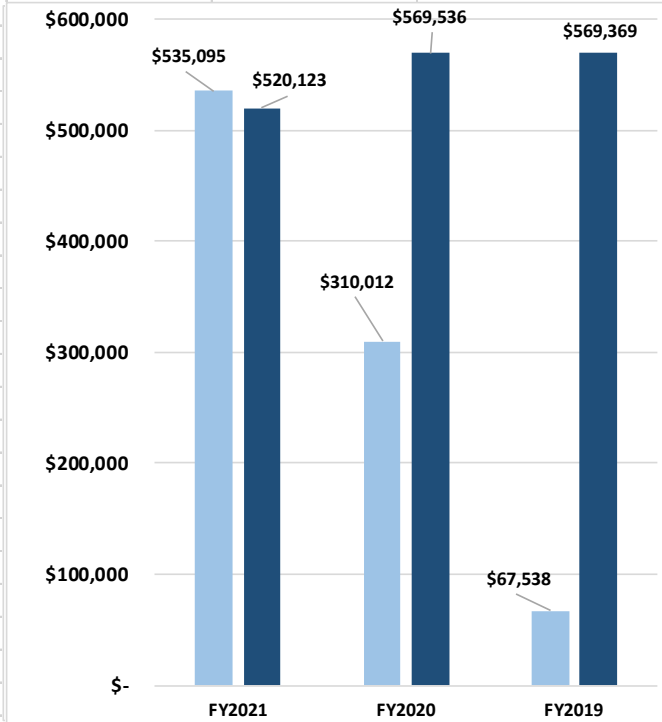
Note:

1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.*
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

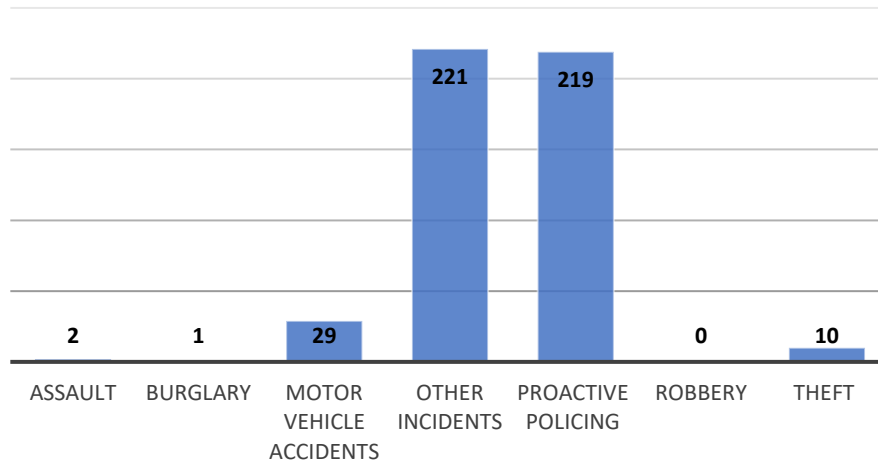
March			YTD Total		
FY2021	FY2020	FY2019	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
\$ 213,026	\$ 159,799	\$ 230,557	\$ 7,525,993	\$ 7,062,635	\$ 6,257,360
\$ 320,102	\$ 502,910	\$ 478,194	\$ 4,881,594	\$ 4,842,582	\$ 4,352,542
\$ (107,076)	\$ (343,110)	\$ (247,638)	\$ 2,644,399	\$ 2,220,053	\$ 1,904,818



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Public Safety

482 Calls for Police Service 04/01/2021 to 04/14/2021



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, 219 or 45 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 assisting individuals.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and East West Highway for a check the welfare of an individual walking in the roadway. The individual was contacted, and a records check revealed the individual to have two active arrest warrants. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a check on the welfare. Dispatch received several calls about an individual in the parking lot needing help. Officers contacted the individual and due to their actions, they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

- Officers responded to the 5900 block of Taylor Road for a stolen vehicle. The owner reported their 2010 Dodge Caliber was stolen sometime overnight. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The investigation revealed two unknown suspects entered the business and removed several items from the shelves before fleeing to an awaiting vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed that unknown suspects broke into six vehicles and removed the airbags. Detectives are working to identify possible suspects who were operating a dark colored SUV.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Jefferson Street for a package theft. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) removed a package from their front porch.
- Officers responded to the 6300 block of Rhode Island Avenue for a single vehicle accident. The investigation revealed the operator was traveling at a high rate of speed, lost control and struck a pole. The driver was found to be intoxicated and was placed under arrest for driving under the influence.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The victim reported being assaulted by unknown male suspect while shopping inside the business. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 4400 block of East West Highway for a vehicle stopped in the roadway. Officers contacted the driver who appeared to be under the influence. The driver failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Jefferson Street for a motor vehicle collision. The investigation revealed the operator of the striking vehicle was intoxicated. The driver was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager