

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 10 for 2019



May 17, 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 May 31, 2019.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Walk	Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Chief's Community Advisory Committee Meeting	Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Annual Community Spring Clean-up	Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Townwide
Special Legislative Meeting and Council Work Session	Monday, May 20, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Ethics Commission Meeting	Thursday, May 23, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Town Hall and Department of Public Works Closed	Monday, May 27, 2019	No trash pick-up. Trash will be collected on Thursday (5/30)
Memorial Day Wreath Placement	Monday, May 27, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Veterans Monument

Community Engagement

- Community Spring Clean-Up: The annual Community Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 18th. Residents are offered the opportunity to put their yard waste/bulk trash items on the curb on Friday, May 17th for pick-up on Saturday, May 18th. This event replaces the May Saturday Bulk Trash Drop-off, normally on the third Saturday of each month. The Public Works facility will NOT be open for drop-off of any bulk trash items on Saturday, May 18th. Please note that all items must be curbside no later than 8:00 a.m.

The following items are not eligible for pick-up:

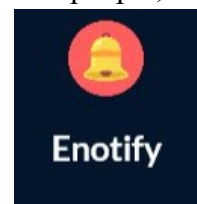
- Remodeling lumber, flooring material, plaster, plasterboard, and interior tile
 - Fencing material or poles
 - Air conditioners, refrigerators, and freezers
 - Lawnmowers or other gas powered tools
 - Automobile major components
 - Tires
 - Dirt, stone, gravel, and sod
 - Concrete blocks and bricks, cement
 - Antifreeze and/or oil
 - Glass, windows, door panels, fish tanks
 - Paint
 - Hazardous materials and/or chemicals
- Volunteers Needed for Centennial Planning Committee: The Town of Riverdale Park is seeking volunteers to be part of the Centennial Planning Committee. This Committee will plan events and activities to celebrate the Town's centennial in June 2020.

Please contact Town Clerk Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov if you are interested in serving on this committee.

- Volunteers Needed to Serve on M-UTC: The Town of Riverdale Park is seeking volunteers to serve on the Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review (M-UTC) Committee. M-UTC meets on the first Wednesday of most months to review development applications. For more information regarding M-UTC, visit: <https://www.mncppc.org/3352/Riverdale-Park-MUTC>.

Please contact Town Clerk Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov if you are interested in serving on this important committee.

- New Website Feature: Staff are continuously working to find new ways to reach more people, and one new way is the launch of the Enotify feature of the Town's website. This feature allows residents and others to subscribe to be notified of updates on pages of their choosing from the Town's website. The notifications are available by e-mail and/or text messages. Staff are working to refine the feature so please check the website for changes and improvements. Links to Enotify are on the homepage, both in the center bar and upper left bar and found here: <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/enotify/index.php>.



- Social Media Outreach: The Town’s Facebook page is an important platform from which the Town can share important news, events, and updates. In the last several weeks we have gained many new followers and new likes. But we know that more residents, businesses and others who love Riverdale Park can be reached! The staff has established a goal to have over 1,000 likes and followers by the end of May, and we have already grown to 941 followers and 902 likes. Together we can improve our reach to share good news and alerts about our Town. 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/#RP1000byMay>



Environment

- Keeping our Community Clean and Beautiful: Street Sweeping is an ongoing service performed weekly throughout Town by the Department of Public Works (DPW). In April, staff swept 160 miles of streets and collected 16 tons of debris from Town streets. DPW staff also refreshed stop bars, cross walks and curbs identifying No Parking areas on more than 50 percent of the streets in Town during the first quarter of the year.

During Saturday’s Community Spring Clean-up, staff in the Department of Public Works will collect bulk items and yard waste from curbside (and alleys in some communities) from 8:00 am to 2:00. Thanks to Prince George’s County, dumping fees at the County’s landfill will be waved.

- Recycling Collection – important note: Recycling will not be collected if the items to be recycled are placed in any type of plastic bag. Town staff have received reports that this continues to be a concern. 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

- Come Grow with Us! Spring Forward Grant Program: The Town is receiving applications for the Spring Forward Grant Program. This grant awards up to \$1,000 to eligible Town businesses in the commercial and mixed-use zones to purchase or upgrade technology-related equipment that will increase efficiency, improve environmental sustainability, and assist in gaining a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

The deadline to submit applications is May 31st. For more information, please click [here](#).

- Discovery District Working Group Meeting: On Thursday, May 9th, staff attended the monthly Discovery District Working Group Meeting. The meeting shared information on upcoming multi-family housing development project in RP Riverdale Park Station and a multi-family project in College Park.

- Economic Development Week Reception: On Wednesday, May 8th, the Town hosted a reception at Town Hall to celebrate of Economic Development Week (May 6th – 11th). There were over 30 attendees at this event, which included business owners, community leaders, investors, government officials, and staff.



In addition, staff conducted outreach to businesses during Economic Development Week to share profiles of their organization on the Town’s website and social media. In sum, a total of nine (9) organizations participated in this endeavor. To review the profiles, please click [here](#).

- Riverdale Park Business Association (RPBA) Meeting: On Wednesday, May 8th, staff attended the monthly RPBA Meeting. County and staff conducted presentations to the RBPA on standards for multi-family rental housing.
- UMD Composting Study: In coordination with staff, students from the Environmental Science & Policy Program at UMD conducted a survey on the prospect of adopting a composting program for residents. Staff will present to the Mayor and Council on this prospective program for consideration and input at a future council meeting.

For details of the study, please click on the following icon:



Composting Study
Final Presentation S



- Purple Line CAT Meeting: On Tuesday, May 7th, staff attended the College Park Community Advisory Team (CAT) Meeting for an update on Purple Line construction. Staff learned the

following: design is 85% complete; construction is 15% complete, Right-of-Way acquisition is nearing completion; public art will be an integral part of the project; and, the goal is to begin service in late 2022.

- 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, 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 website and social media pages:
 - Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station
 - Twitter: @RDPStation
 - Instagram: rdpstation
- Notices received by Town:
 - Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will hold a series of public hearings on, and has opened a 30 day public comment period on, its new draft Annual Plan for the 2019 update of the State’s Consolidated Plan. The draft development plan is available at <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Documents/Consolidated%20Plan/2019DraftAnnualActionPlan.pdf>. Written comments may be submitted through COB June 5, 2019. For more information, contact JaNai Streat, Senior Housing Policy Analyst, at 301-429-7445 or janai.streat@maryland.gov.
 - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is ready to accept application # DSP-09013-01 Quincy Manor. The nature of the review is a detailed site plan to validate existing apartments for the existing Quincy Manor and Monroe Gardens Apartments development by removing the prior approved townhouse proposal. The property is located at 3603 55th Avenue in Hyattsville. For more information, contact Henry Zhang at 301-952-3530.
 - Prince George’s County has adopted a new Zoning Ordinance (CB-13-2018), Subdivision Regulations (CB-65-2018), and Landscape Manual (CB-65-2018) for our community. Printed copies are available at all branches of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System and electronic copies are available at <https://pgccouncil.us/589/Zoning-Ordinance-Rewrite-Portal>. For additional information, please contact the Clerk of Council at 301-952-3600.
- 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: May 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_05212019-1314

Planning Board: May 23, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.igam2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1472&Inline=True>

Historic Preservation Commission: May 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)

http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_05212019-269

- Development Activities from May 2, 2019 to May 18, 2019

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	0	119
Permits Issued	0	80
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	9

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from May 2, 2019, to May 18, 2019

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	3	122
Exterior Conditions	3	127
Interior Conditions	1	148
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	11	73
Safety	1	289
Sanitation	0	24
Total Violations Found:	19	783

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	16	328
Fines Issued	3	10
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	2	98
Violation Notices Issued	4	111
Warnings Issued	7	139
Total Services Provided:	32	686

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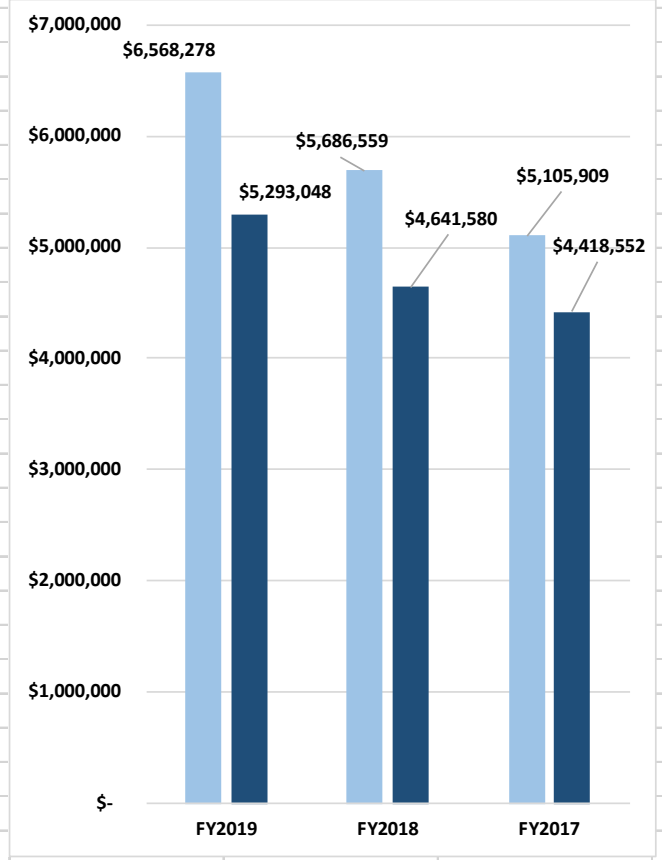
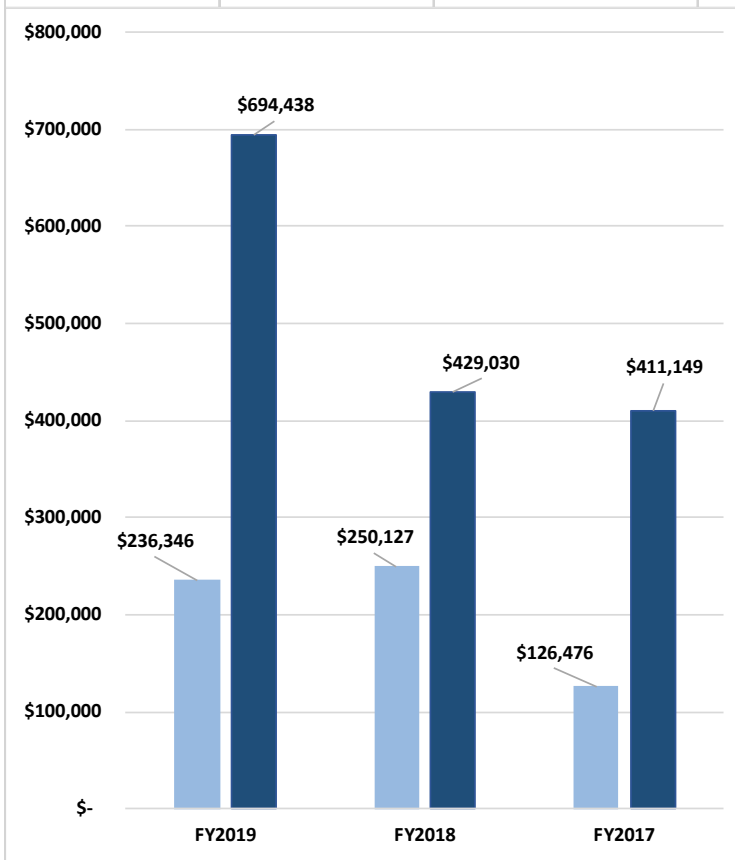
1. "FYTD" means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019.
2. "Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish" includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.

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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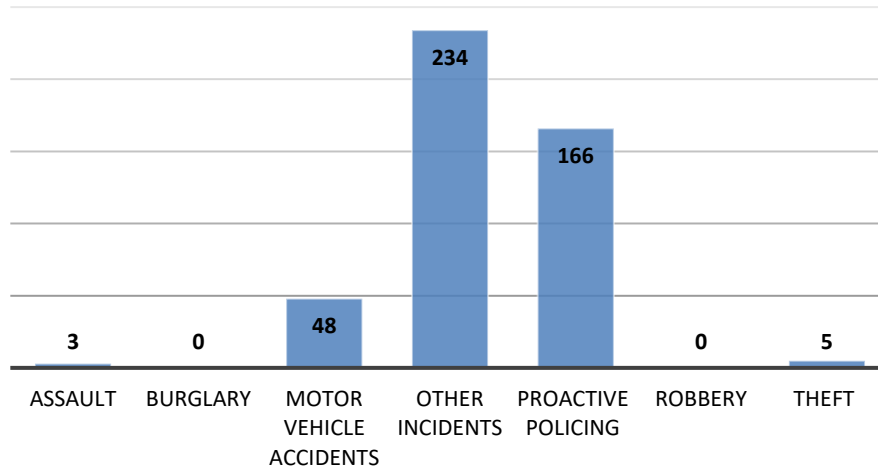
Apr			YTD Total		
FY2019	FY2018	FY2017	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
\$ 236,346	\$ 250,127	\$ 126,476	\$ 6,568,278	\$ 5,686,559	\$ 5,105,909
\$ 694,438	\$ 429,030	\$ 411,149	\$ 5,293,048	\$ 4,641,580	\$ 4,418,552
\$ (458,092)	\$ (178,903)	\$ (284,673)	\$ 1,275,231	\$ 1,044,979	\$ 687,357



Revenue =	
Expense =	

Public Safety

456 Calls for Police Service 05/02/19 to 05/15/19



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, 166 or 34 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 University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center for an assault. The investigation revealed the victim was transported to the hospital by a friend after being stabbed multiple times in the 5500 block of 54th Avenue. Through investigative means the suspect has been identified and an arrest warrant was obtained charging the suspect with attempted 1st degree murder. The victim remains hospitalized in serious condition.

- Officers responded to a business in the 4700 block of Queensbury Road for a trespassing complaint. The owner of the business reported an individual inside the store who had previously been banned from the property. The individual was placed under arrest and charged with trespassing.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a hit-and-run motor vehicle collision. A witness provided Communications with a description of the striking vehicle. Responding officers located the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The operator of the vehicle was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for driving under the influence and failing to remain at the scene of an accident. No one was seriously injured from the accident.
- Officers responded to the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a suspicious person complaint. Officers contacted the individual and conducted a field interview. A records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for violation of an Ex Parte Order. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Taylor Road for a suspicious occupied vehicle. Upon contacting the occupants of the vehicle, a field interview was conducted. A records check revealed the driver of the vehicle to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for 1st degree assault. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers observed an individual in the 5000 block of Queensbury Road who they knew to have an arrest warrant. The individual was contacted, an active arrest warrant was confirmed through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for trespassing. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 4700 block of River Road. A records check revealed the driver to be an unlicensed juvenile. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and was unaware the juvenile had taken the vehicle. The juvenile was charged with driving without a license and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The juvenile was released into the custody of the parents.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a trespassing complaint. Employees of the business reported an individual inside of the store harassing customers. The individual was previously issued a no trespass order from management. The individual was placed under arrest for trespassing and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Smith
Acting Town Manager