

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 16 for 2020



August 7, 2020

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 August 21, 2020.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Work Session	Monday, August 31, 2020 7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting. To join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86505744068?pwd=R3U2LzV0SkhwN3I5bk9ZU2VIaGVpUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 865 0574 4068 Passcode: 189674
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Employee Recognition

- COVID-19 Response: As conditions change, the staff team continues work to reduce risks, improve service delivery, and ensure our efforts are sustainable. I am thankful for all their efforts in demonstrating dedication to the community, resourcefulness, creativity, and resilience as we work together through this difficult time.

Administration

- Meetings with Staff: Staff are also available for virtual meetings while the Town buildings are closed 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 now 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 Denisa Caballero at dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov or Keith Robinson at krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov or call 301-927-6381.

- Volunteers Needed to Serve on Committees: The Town of Riverdale Park is seeking volunteers to serve as an alternate member of the Ethics Commission and members of the Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review Committee (M-UTC).

The Ethics Commission meets several times throughout the year and meeting days/times are flexible. For more information about the Ethics Commission, visit <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/EthicsCommission.cfm>.

M-UTC meets on the first Wednesday of most months to review development applications. For more information about MUTC, 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 these important committees.

Community Engagement

- Happy Birthday Riverdale Park! The Town turned 100 years old on June 14, 2020! Our photo collection contest ended on June 30, 2020. Members of the Town’s Centennial Committee are reviewing your photo submissions and will be choosing 3 winners from the entries. First place winner will receive a \$50 gift card to a restaurant in Town of their choice (so long as the restaurants have gift cards available). Second place winner gets a \$25 gift card. Third place winner gets a \$10 gift card. BONUS: 20 randomly selected entries will receive a “We Love Town Life!” t-shirt. Only Town resident entries will be eligible for the prize drawings. We will be sharing the submissions across our social media accounts shortly; be sure to keep a lookout on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts for your photos!
- 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!
- 2020 Census Forms: Riverdale Park households received their invitations to respond to the 2020 Census in mid-March. It is imperative that everyone responds as soon as possible online at www.2020census.gov, by phone at [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020), or by mail. The Town currently has a response rate of 62%. The State’s current response rate is 67.2%. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to complete their 2020 Census forms today!
- 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. 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: The Leadership Team, along with key team members from the Office of Administrative Services, continues to review and improve the Social Media Outreach initiative to expand our reach in sharing information. The Town’s website remains the primary source for electronic information. Facebook and secondary Twitter accounts will 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 1,682. We now know that 2,000 is possible. 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 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

- 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.
- Bulk Trash Drop-off Appointments Available: Bulk trash will be accepted, **by appointment only**, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. from August 1st through September 26th. Appointments may be made by calling 301-927-6381. Due to COVID-19 safety requirements, no unscheduled drop-offs will be accepted.

All drop-off appointments will be at the Department of Public Works building located at 5012 Queensbury Road. Town residents are permitted to bring **up to eight acceptable items** for drop-off during their scheduled appointment time. A list of acceptable items is available on the Town’s website at http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/news_detail_T6_R142.php. This will be a contactless drop-off. Residents are required to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth. Residents must be able to remove items from their vehicle.

- 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:**
 - Purple Line Transit Constructors (PLTC) New Noise Waiver Notification Process: As construction progresses on the Purple Line Project, there will be a new process for how noise waivers are posted for public review in Montgomery County. All interested parties should visit www.purplelinetransitpartners.com and click the noise waiver tab. All project-related noise waiver information will be posted on this site moving forward.

Please call or email the PLTC team through the contact below with any additional questions:
E-mail: outreach@pltcllc.com
24-hour Hotline (callers must leave a voice mail): 240.424.5325.
 - Pedestrian Safety: As work continues along the alignment, the Purple Line construction team is committed to keeping everyone safe. Pedestrians are advised to follow any construction signs and use the open sidewalk(s). Pedestrians are not allowed in the construction work zones. This is for your safety as well as our construction team.
 - Open for Business: Throughout construction the Purple Line will maintain access to all businesses along the alignment for customers as well as business deliveries.
 - Work Hours: Construction work hours alignment wide are 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. unless night hours are noted. Lane closure hours are included in notifications specific to each area as permitted.
 - Temporary closures on Riverdale Road: Beginning on or about July 27, 2020, the Purple Line will implement a closure of Riverdale Road at the Baltimore-Washington Parkway overpass for removal of the temporary northbound and southbound bridges. The closure will occur nightly between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. for approximately five nights. The detour can be viewed here: <https://plmdnews.com/an6>
 - Quintana Street Road Closure: On or about June 22, 2020, crews closed Quintana Street at Kenilworth Avenue for road reconstruction until approximately October 1, 2020. The detour can be viewed here: <https://plmdnews.com/lp2>

- Quesada Road Closure: Beginning on or about August 21, 2020, the Purple Line will implement a closure of Quesada Road at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue for road reconstruction until approximately October 1, 2020. The detour can be viewed here: <https://plmdnews.com/r2j>
- Long-Term Lane Closure on Kenilworth Avenue: On July 8, 2019, the Purple Line implemented a long-term closure of the right-hand southbound lane on Kenilworth Avenue between River Road and Riverdale Road. Barriers will be used to delineate the work zone. Pedestrians and bicyclists are required to stay outside of the construction zone at all times. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends.
- Lane Closures on Baltimore-Washington Parkway: During the month of August, crews will continue work on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in the area of the Riverdale Road overpass. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Lane Closures along Riverdale Road: During the month of August, crews will be relocating utilities along Riverdale Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and 67th Place. To conduct this work, lanes will intermittently be closed on 66th Avenue and 67th Avenue. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures with flagging operations will occur.
- Weekend and Night Closures on Kenilworth Avenue: During the month of August, crews will be working along Kenilworth Avenue between River Road and Riverdale Road. Work may occur from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Weekend Work and Lane Closures on Riverdale Road: During the month of August, crews will be working along Riverdale Road between Kenilworth Avenue and Veterans Parkway. Work may occur from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- 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 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:
 - Transit Website: <http://www.rpstransit.com/>
 - General Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station: <https://www.facebook.com/TheStationRP/>
 - Twitter: @RDPStation: <https://twitter.com/RDPStation>
 - Instagram: rdpsstation: <https://www.instagram.com/thestationrp/>
- 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:

Planning Board: The Planning Board will be in recess from August 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020. The next meeting will be held on September 10th.

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

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

- Development Activities from July 23, 2020 to August 5, 2020

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	3	3
Building Permits Issued	2	2
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	0

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2021-B-01	4509 Sheridan Street	New Garage/Addition	\$150,000
2021-B-02	4590 Van Buren Street	Interior Office Alteration	\$159,000
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$309,000
Est. Investment FYTD 2021 Total:			\$309,000

Licenses:

Multi-family Inspections conducted: 0	Multi-family Licenses Issued: 0
Single-family Inspections conducted: 2	Single-family Licenses Issued: 0
Business License Inspections conducted: 19	Business Licenses Issued: 0

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from July 23, 2020 to August 5, 2020

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	3	5
Exterior Conditions	4	9
Interior Conditions	4	6
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	1	3
Safety	1	2
Sanitation	0	0
Total Violations Found:	13	12

Services Provided by Type:

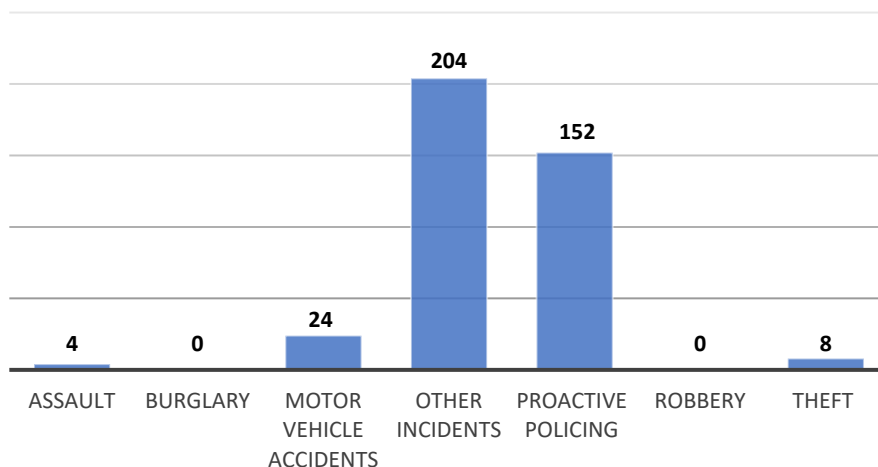
Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2021 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	11	20
Fines Issued	2	2
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	1	3
Violation Notices Issued	8	11
Warnings Issued	3	7
Total Services Provided:	25	43

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.*

Public Safety

451 Calls for Police Service 07/23/2020 to 08/05/2020



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, 152 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 Incidents includes disorderly complaints, fights, suspicious subjects/vehicles, parking complaints, traffic complaints, and assisting individuals.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to a business in the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a check on the welfare. Officers located an elderly adult male who appeared to be suffering from dementia. A records check revealed the individual was reported missing in New Jersey. The individual was transported to the hospital for treatment and notification was made to family members.
- Officers responded to a complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 4500 block of Riverdale Road. The occupants were contacted, and the odor of Marijuana was detected from the vehicle. A probable cause search was conducted, and 72 grams of suspected Marijuana were recovered from inside the vehicle. The operator was placed under arrest for possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance.

- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Spring Lane for a vehicle blocking the roadway. The driver of the vehicle appeared disoriented and under the influence of drugs. Suspected Fentanyl was located inside of the vehicle. The driver was transported to the hospital for treatment and criminal charges are pending.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed an employee was assaulted after confronting a shoplifting suspect inside of the store. The employee was not injured, and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. The suspect who was still on the scene was detained by responding officers. The business manager declined to prosecute, and suspect was issued a no trespass order.
- Over the past several weeks officers conducted a narcotics investigation in the 4500 block of Riverdale Road. A search warrant was executed, and numerous items of evidentiary value were recovered. The target of the investigation was arrested for a non-contact shooting that occurred June 5, 2020.
- Officers conducting patrol in the 6000 block of Lafayette Avenue discovered a 2020 Honda Civic that had been reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department. The vehicle was recovered.
- Officers responded to the 6800 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft report. The victim reported that her wallet had been stolen from an office and was able to provide limited information on a possible suspect. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5300 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a stolen auto report. The victim advised they left their vehicle unsecured and running while they went inside the business. An unknown subject jumped in the 2009 Hyundai Sonata and fled northbound on Kenilworth Avenue. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for a theft from auto report. The victim said that overnight their vehicle was broken into and several hundred dollars of tools were stolen. There is no suspect information currently and the investigation is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager