



# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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## **Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information**

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8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **Police Department**

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24-hours

### **Bates Trucking and Trash Collection**

Bulk Trash Collection  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
301-773-2069

\*Residents must contact Bates by 2 p.m. on Tuesday for a Wednesday pickup. Residents may request a bulk trash pickup online at [www.bates trucking.com](http://www.bates trucking.com). Click on Customer Center and complete the Request Service form.

## **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

The Town continues to prepare for, monitor, and act in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The State has declared a State of Emergency. The Town is working to ensure: 1. the continued delivery of high-quality services to our residents, businesses, and visitors; 2. the adherence to CDC guidance; and 3. the minimizing of potential exposure for our residents, businesspersons, our employees, and by extension, all our families.

The Town will continue to share information through the Town's website and social media platforms. The CDC recommends that the general public continue to practice everyday actions such as frequent hand washing, staying at home if you are sick, and social distancing. For a full list of recommended actions, please visit [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

As the situation evolves, the Town will continue to update the public as necessary. Please visit the Town's website at [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov) and sign up for Town alerts at <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/enotify/index.php>.

The Town will also continue to share information on social media. The Town's Facebook account is <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/> and the Town's Twitter accounts are [https://twitter.com/Riverdale\\_Park](https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park) and <https://twitter.com/RiverdaleParkPD>.

The Town reminds residents and businesses to only share accurate information from the CDC, state or county health departments and World Health Organization to reduce misinformation. For the latest and most accurate information about this evolving situation, visit the CDC, state and county health department websites:

- CDC: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov)
- Maryland Department of Health: [www.health.maryland.gov/coronavirus](http://www.health.maryland.gov/coronavirus)
- Prince George's Co. Health Department: [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3397/Coronavirus](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3397/Coronavirus)
- World Health Organization: [www.who.int/](http://www.who.int/)

If you have any questions or looking for more information regarding COVID-19, please call the health department hotline (301)883-6627 or visit [health.mypgc.us/coronavirus](http://health.mypgc.us/coronavirus)

# Council Actions

Legislative Meeting  
March 2, 2020

## Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items: - **Approved**

1. Minutes: January 27, 2020 Work Session; January 6, 2020 Legislative Meeting; December 16, 2019 Work Session; November 18, 2019 Work Session

## Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-01 regarding purchase of 5002 Queensbury Road - **Adopted**
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-02 regarding purchase of 5000 Queensbury Road - **Adopted**
3. Motion to approve closure of Queensbury Road between Natoli Place and Lafayette Avenue on Saturday, March 28 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Town Center Market event with conditions - **Approved**
4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-03 regarding conversion from one-way traffic to two-way on Quesada Road and 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue and establishing related parking restrictions-- **Adopted**
5. Motion to authorize Town Manager to sign a task order contract with Sabra & Associates – A Mead & Hunt Company for an amount not to exceed not to exceed \$44,600 for 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project- **Approved**
6. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-03 regarding Food Truck Hubs - **Adopted**
7. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-04 regarding Donation Bins - **Adopted**
8. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-05 regarding Chapter 53 Police Department
9. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-04 regarding Amendments to Defined Benefit Plan - **Adopted**
10. Introduction of Charter Amendment 2020-CR-01 regarding Town Government Organizational Structure
11. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-06 regarding Organizational Structure of Town Government - **Introduced**
12. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-07 regarding Revisions to Town Personnel Manual - **Introduced**
13. Motion regarding letters of support for MML's priority legislation to restore Highway User Revenues - **Approved**
14. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-05 regarding Enterprise Zone Focus Areas - **Adopted**

## Town of Riverdale Park

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The Town Crier is also available on the Town's Website: [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov)

**Submission deadline: 15th of each month**

Send submissions to:  
[towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

# Fair Summary of Legislation

## ORDINANCE 2020-OR-06

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2020-OR-06.

Ordinance 2020-OR-06 would modify the civil service departments in the Town government; modify unclassified positions in the Town government; provide for certain severance payments for certain unclassified employees under certain circumstances; and generally relate to the organizational structure of the Town government.

## ORDINANCE 2020-OR-07

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2020-OR-07.

Ordinance 2020-OR-07 would amend the Town of Riverdale Park Personnel Manual to define certain terms, prohibit certain contracts of employment, alter the authority and procedures for certain performance assessments and discipline, alter certain provisions relating to voluntary departures from Town employment, and generally relate to the Town Personnel Manual.

## CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2020-CR-01

This is to give notice the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Charter Amendment Resolution 2020-CR-01.

Charter Amendment Resolution 2020-CR-01 would amend Sections 702(c)(3), 702(c)(4) 702(c)(8) and 705(a)(2) of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park (January 2008 Revision), to modify the organizational structure of the certain positions in the Town government; alter the composition of the Town's unclassified service; modify the method of appointment and removal of certain Town positions; provide for the exercise of certain financial powers of the Town; eliminate employment contracts for certain positions in the Town; and matters generally relating to employees of the Town of Riverdale Park.

**RIVERDALE PARK TOWN COUNCIL**

**BY: JESSICA E. BARNES, TOWN CLERK**

# Joint Statement of the Mayor and Town Council on the COVID-19 Crisis

First and foremost, the Mayor and Town Council are thinking about all of our residents; hoping and praying that everyone remains safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. Our goal is to provide background information about the Coronavirus along with details about the Town's response, so you are informed of our goals during this time. We have also included resources and information that you may find useful as you monitor this very fluid situation.

## Background

The Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic is unlike any catastrophe our community has faced in the last 100 years. This deadly virus has the potential to be more devastating to our nation, our state, and our town than any emergency we on the Town Council have experienced before.

As we write this statement on Monday, March 23, the Town is operating under declared States of Emergency at the County, State, and National levels. We have an estimated 35,000 cases in the United States, with approximately 9,000 cases diagnosed just yesterday. By the time you read this, the numbers will be even more stark. We now have the third-highest number of total diagnosed cases *for any country in the world*, exceeded only by China and Italy. The state of New York, now the center of the pandemic in the United States, is expected to have demand for critical medical services that *greatly exceed* supply before this issue of the Town Crier arrives in your mailbox in early April.

Currently, the only known way to alter the course of this crisis is to **limit transmission of the coronavirus, by staying at least 6 feet away from other people as much of the time as possible**, particularly if you yourself or other are apparently ill with any cold or flu symptoms. ***If you can, stay home for all but essential activities.*** Washing your hands is a backup prevention technique, but is not enough by itself.

Full guidance for prevention and all aspects of the disease are available at the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at <http://cdc.gov> or the World Health Organization at <http://who.int> (click the "COVID-19" link on each page). Without action, the

pandemic will spread aggressively and our resources, even as a nation, will be overwhelmed. That being said, the course of this pandemic *can* be changed, and the impact of the pandemic lessened, by the actions and sacrifices of each and every one of us.

### **Goals of Town Government in the COVID-19 crisis**

With a crisis of this level we, the Mayor and Council, have been working closely with the Town Manager, who has coordinated with staff at all levels to identify a range of responses. We are coordinating the Town's response with programs at the County, State, and National levels. We have identified the following goals and will be addressing them as quickly as we can by reallocating existing resources and expending reserve ("rainy day") funds as needed:

#### **Goal 1: Preventing the Transmission of Coronavirus**

Our efforts to prevent viral infection include:

1. Strict adherence to CDC guidelines in all Town facilities and
2. Enforcement of emergency Executive Orders from Governor Hogan (please read about those at <http://governor.maryland.gov>).

Separate communications posted on our website, sent to our Town Announce email list, posted on social media, and listed on cable channel (10 or 71) have announced delayed or canceled meetings. The Town Council will be meeting through video/telephone conference as required during the state of emergency. We will provide ways that residents can remotely participate in meetings as those details become available.

We are discouraging, and in some instances, limiting access to recreational facilities where there is a significant possibility of virus transmission. An important aspect of this effort is educating residents about the importance of self-isolation and social distancing as well as other techniques to prevent transmission of the Coronavirus.

Preventing transmission includes limiting exposure of Town staff. Towards this goal the Town's telework policy has been implemented for those able to do so (for as much work as they can do away from town facilities), and we have put new policies in place designed to limit interactions between staff members who cannot telework, as well as between staff and members of the public, to minimize the chances of infection. All town facilities used by staff and members

of the public are regularly disinfected according to CDC guidelines.

#### **Goal 2: Ensure basic needs of residents are met**

With Governor Hogan's Executive Orders prohibiting eviction and utility service disruption, a basic need that must still be addressed is food. While details are still in the works, there are many things that we are working on to ensure access to food, including:

- Increasing support for the Farmers' Market;
- Working with restaurants to facilitate delivery or pickup of food;
- Creating programs to lower the cost of food for families economically impacted by the crisis;
- Advocating to state and county representatives (including school system representatives) for easier access to school-provided food for students enrolled in free or reduced-cost lunch and breakfast programs; and
- Promoting County programs to provide nutrition to seniors. (Please contact Town staff, the Mayor, and your Council representative if you know of a senior in need of assistance.)

#### **Goal 3: Continue the delivery of high-quality services to our residents, businesses, and visitors**

Even while dealing with a crisis of this scope, we must continue to deliver high-quality services. Although we must limit interactions where viral transmission might occur, we are working to continue to provide town services while following federal, state, and county guidelines.

#### **Goal 4: Assist local businesses in sustaining their operations and recovering from the economic impacts of the pandemic and response**

Our local businesses have been, unfortunately but necessarily, severely impacted by the Governor's executive orders. We are working to minimize these impacts by:

1. Considering legislation to defer payments to the Town by businesses (including personal property tax and business license fees);
2. Advocating for significant State and Federal programs to help businesses through this crisis; and
3. Generating and publicizing lists of businesses still in operation during the crisis and describing how town residents can take advantage of their services (as an example, developing a list of restaurants that provide take-out, delivery, or curbside pickup which

will be distributed through our internet and social media communication outlets).

### **Goal 5: Minimizing the individual, societal, and economic impact of the crisis regionally**

We are focused on minimizing the impact of this crisis on the Town itself, but the Town is part of a rich web of relationships with neighboring communities, the County, and the rest of the region. We are coordinating with other local and regional governments to ensure that our local response will support the regional response to the crisis.

### **Goal 6: Ensuring that we maintain sufficient resource reserves to be able to address the crisis as it develops over the months ahead**

While we would like to completely address issues as we encounter them, we must keep in mind that the crisis is likely to extend over at least several months, and probably longer. That means that we must be strategic with our resources and maintain reserves of funding and effort so we can continue to be responsive to and supportive of our residents and business owners.

### **Conclusion**

The evolution of this pandemic and our response is changing by the hour and day, and all of us in Town Government will be adjusting our approach as the situation unfolds.

We ask of all of you to monitor communications from the Town through our website, social media outlets, e-mail lists, and the Town cable channel (**Channel 10 or 71**) for official communications; please see resources below.

We depend on information from residents to guide Council decisions, so please also contact the Mayor and your Council representative with any concerns or ideas. Issues that require a fast response from the Town and questions about the current status of the Town's response including what is (and is not) allowed, should be directed to town staff. Contact information for Council and staff can be found on page 2 of the Town Crier, or on the Town's web site (see resources below).

Be it in our town or as a nation, we have endured and emerged from other crises – the 9/11 terrorist attacks, tornadoes, hurricanes, the derecho, and floods – but ordinary people could not control these events: they happened very quickly, and the immediate danger quickly passed. As imposing and intimidating as this

pandemic is, it can be confronted by the actions and continued efforts of every individual in town. We on the Council have seen the passion and strength of our community and call on all of you to work with us as we navigate this crisis. We are confident that, working together, we will get through it.

### **Resources**

- 1 <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>
- 2 <http://cdc.gov>
- 3 <http://governor.maryland.gov>
- 4 <http://who.int>
- 5 <https://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov>
- 6 <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>
- 7 [https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd\\_gov/](https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/)
- 8 [https://twitter.com/Riverdale\\_Park\\_](https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park_)
- 9 <http://riverdale-park.org/mailman/listinfo/townannounce>
- 10 [https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/FAQ\\_covid19\\_Maintaining\\_Mental\\_Health.pdf](https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/FAQ_covid19_Maintaining_Mental_Health.pdf)

## **Declaración conjunta del alcalde y el ayuntamiento sobre la crisis COVID-19**

Primero y principal, el Alcalde y el Ayuntamiento están pensando en todos nuestros residentes; esperando y rezando para que todos permanezcan seguros y saludables durante estos tiempos sin precedentes. Nuestro objetivo es proporcionar información de antecedentes sobre el Coronavirus junto con detalles sobre la respuesta de la Ciudad, para que esté informado de nuestros objetivos durante este tiempo. También hemos incluido recursos e información que pueden resultarle útiles al supervisar esta situación tan fluida.

### **Los conocimientos**

La pandemia de Coronavirus / COVID-19 es diferente a cualquier catástrofe que nuestra comunidad haya enfrentado en los últimos 100 años. Este virus mortal tiene el potencial de ser más devastador para nuestra nación, nuestro estado y nuestro municipio que cualquier emergencia que el Ayuntamiento han experimentado antes.

Mientras escribimos esta declaración el lunes 23 de marzo, la ciudad está operando bajo los estados de emergencia declarados a nivel de condado, estado y

nacional. Tenemos un estimado de 35,000 casos en los Estados Unidos, con aproximadamente 9,000 casos diagnosticados ayer. Para cuando leas esto, los números serán aún más marcados. Ahora tenemos el tercer número más alto de casos diagnosticados totales para cualquier país del mundo, superado solo por China e Italia. Se espera que el estado de Nueva York, ahora el centro de la pandemia en los Estados Unidos, tenga una demanda de servicios médicos críticos que *excedan en gran medida* las provisiones antes de que esta edición del Town Crier llegue a su buzón a principios de abril.

Actualmente, la única forma conocida de alterar el curso de esta crisis **es limitar la transmisión del coronavirus, manteniéndose al menos a 6 pies de distancia de otras personas la mayor parte del tiempo posible**, especialmente si usted u otra persona aparentemente está enferma con síntomas de resfriado o influenza. **Si puede, quédese en casa para todas las actividades menos esenciales.** Lavarse las manos es una técnica de prevención de respaldo, pero no es suficiente por sí sola.

La orientación completa para la prevención y todos los aspectos de la enfermedad están disponibles en el Centro para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC) de en <http://cdc.gov> o en la Organización Mundial de la Salud en <http://who.int> (haga clic en "COVID -19" en cada página). Sin acción, la pandemia se extenderá agresivamente y nuestros recursos, incluso como nación, se verán abrumados. Dicho esto, el curso de esta pandemia se puede cambiar, y el impacto de la pandemia puede disminuir, por las acciones y los sacrificios de todos y cada uno de nosotros.

### **Objetivos del gobierno municipal en la crisis de COVID-19**

Con una crisis de este nivel, nosotros, el Alcalde y el Consejo, hemos estado trabajando estrechamente con el Gerente de la Ciudad, que se ha coordinado con el personal en todos los niveles para identificar una variedad de respuestas. Estamos coordinando la respuesta de la ciudad con programas a nivel de condado, estado y nacional. Hemos identificado los siguientes objetivos y los abordaremos lo más rápido posible reasignando los recursos existentes y gastando los fondos de reserva ("día lluvioso") según sea necesario:

**Objetivo 1: Prevenir la transmisión del coronavirus**  
Nuestros esfuerzos para prevenir la infección viral incluyen:

1. Adhesión estricta a las pautas del CDC en todas las instalaciones de la Ciudad y
2. Cumplimiento de las órdenes ejecutivas de emergencia del Gobernador Hogan (lea sobre sobre estas órdenes en <http://governor.maryland.gov>).

Comunicaciones separadas publicadas en nuestro sitio web, enviadas a nuestra lista de correo electrónico Town Announce, publicadas en las redes sociales y enumeradas en el canal de cable (10 o 71) han anunciado reuniones retrasadas o canceladas. El Ayuntamiento se reunirá a través de videoconferencia / conferencia telefónica según sea necesario durante el estado de emergencia. Proporcionaremos formas en que los residentes puedan participar de manera remota en las reuniones a medida que esos detalles estén disponibles.

Estamos desalentando, y en algunos casos, limitando el acceso a instalaciones recreativas donde existe una posibilidad significativa de transmisión de virus. Un aspecto importante de este esfuerzo es educar a los residentes sobre la importancia del autoaislamiento y el distanciamiento social, así como otras técnicas para prevenir la transmisión del coronavirus.

La prevención de la transmisión incluye limitar la exposición del personal de la ciudad. Con este objetivo, la póliza de teletrabajo de la ciudad se ha implementado para aquellos que pueden hacerlo (por tanto trabajo como puedan hacer fuera de las instalaciones de la ciudad), y hemos implementado nuevas pólizas diseñadas para limitar las interacciones entre los miembros del personal que no pueden teletrabajar, así como entre el personal y los miembros del público, para minimizar las posibilidades de infección. Todas las instalaciones de la ciudad utilizadas por el personal y los miembros del público se desinfectan regularmente de acuerdo con las pautas de el CDC.

### **Objetivo 2: Asegurar que se satisfagan las necesidades básicas de los residentes**

Con las órdenes ejecutivas del gobernador Hogan que prohíben el desalojo y la interrupción de los servicios públicos, una necesidad básica que aún debe abordarse es la comida. Si bien los detalles aún están en proceso, hay muchas cosas en las que estamos trabajando para garantizar el acceso a los alimentos, que incluyen:

- Mayor apoyo para el mercado de agricultores;
- Trabajar con restaurantes para facilitar la entrega o recogida de alimentos;

- Crear programas para reducir el costo de los alimentos para las familias afectadas económicamente por la crisis;
- Abogar ante los representantes estatales y del condado (incluidos los representantes del sistema escolar) para facilitar el acceso a los alimentos proporcionados por la escuela a los estudiantes inscritos en programas de almuerzo y desayuno gratuitos o de costo reducido; y
- Promover programas del Condado para proporcionar nutrición a las personas mayores. (Comuníquese con el personal de la Ciudad, el Alcalde y el representante de su Consejo si conoce a una persona mayor que necesita asistencia).

**Objetivo 3: Continuar brindando servicios de alta calidad a nuestros residentes, empresas y visitantes**

Incluso al enfrentar una crisis de este alcance, debemos continuar brindando servicios de alta calidad. Aunque debemos limitar las interacciones en las que podría ocurrir la transmisión viral, estamos trabajando para continuar brindando servicios municipales mientras seguimos las pautas federales, estatales y del condado.

**Objetivo 4: ayudar a las empresas locales a mantener sus operaciones y recuperarse de los impactos económicos de la pandemia y la respuesta**

Desafortunadamente, pero necesariamente, nuestros negocios locales han sido severamente afectados por las órdenes ejecutivas del Gobernador. Estamos trabajando para minimizar estos impactos por:

1. Considerando la legislación para diferir los pagos a la Ciudad por parte de las empresas (incluido el impuesto a la propiedad personal y las tarifas de licencias comerciales)
2. Abogar por importantes programas estatales y federales para ayudar a las empresas a superar esta crisis; y
3. Generar y publicitar listas de empresas que todavía están en funcionamiento durante la crisis y describir cómo los residentes de la ciudad pueden aprovechar sus servicios (como ejemplo, desarrollar una lista de restaurantes que proporcionen comida para llevar, entrega o recogida en la acera que se distribuirá a través de nuestros medios de comunicación de internet y redes sociales).

**Objetivo 5: minimizar el impacto individual, social y económico de la crisis a nivel regional**

Estamos enfocados en minimizar el impacto de esta crisis en la Ciudad, pero la Ciudad es parte de una red

de relaciones con las comunidades vecinas, el Condado y el resto de la región. Estamos coordinando con otros gobiernos locales y regionales para garantizar que nuestra respuesta local respalde la respuesta regional a la crisis.

**Objetivo 6: Asegurarnos de mantener suficientes reservas de recursos para poder abordar la crisis a medida que se desarrolla en los próximos meses**

Aunque nos gustaría abordar por completo los problemas a medida que los enfrentamos, debemos tener en cuenta que es probable que la crisis se extienda por al menos varios meses, y probablemente por más tiempo. Eso significa que debemos ser estratégicos con nuestros recursos y mantener reservas de fondos y esfuerzos para que podamos continuar respondiendo y apoyando a nuestros residentes y dueños de negocios.

**Conclusión**

La evolución de esta pandemia y nuestra respuesta cambian cada hora y día, y todos nosotros en el gobierno municipal ajustaremos nuestro enfoque a medida que se desarrolle la situación.

Les pedimos a todos ustedes que supervisen las comunicaciones de la Ciudad a través de nuestro sitio web, medios de comunicación social, listas de correo electrónico y el canal de cable de la Ciudad (Canal 10 o 71) para comunicaciones oficiales; por favor vea los recursos a continuación.

Dependemos de la información de los residentes para guiar las decisiones del Consejo, así que comuníquese con el Alcalde y el representante de su Consejo con cualquier inquietud o idea. Los problemas que requieren una respuesta rápida de la Ciudad y las preguntas sobre el estado actual de la respuesta de la Ciudad, incluyendo lo que está (y no está) permitido, deben dirigirse al personal de la ciudad. La información de contacto del Consejo y el personal se puede encontrar en la página 2 del Town Crier, o en el sitio web de la ciudad (ver recursos a continuación).

Ya sea en nuestro pueblo o como nación, hemos soportado y emergido de otras crisis: los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre, tornados, huracanes, derechos e inundaciones, pero la gente común no pudo controlar estos eventos: sucedieron muy rápidamente, y el peligro inmediato pasó rápidamente. Tan imponente e intimidante como es esta pandemia, puede ser confrontada por las acciones y los esfuerzos

continuos de cada individuo en la ciudad. En el Consejo, hemos visto la pasión y la fuerza de nuestra comunidad y les pedimos a todos ustedes que trabajen con nosotros mientras navegamos por esta crisis. Estamos seguros de que, trabajando juntos, lo superaremos.

## COVID-19: Suspended Services and Cancellations

### Suspended Services

*(through March 30<sup>th</sup>, or until further notice):*

- Town Hall in-person services
- Use of Town Hall for community meetings
- Notary Services
- Bulk Trash Drop-Off
- Police Ride-Along program & station tours
- Police fingerprinting service
- Waggertail Dog Park

### Cancelled Meetings

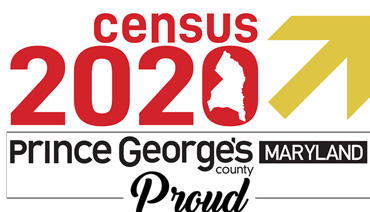
#### Date specific:

- 4/1/2020 – M-UTC Meeting CANCELLED

#### Periodic:

- Chief's Community Advisory Committee meetings and activities CANCELLED
- Green Team meetings and activities CANCELLED
- Centennial Planning Committee meetings CANCELLED
- Town Ethics Commission Meeting for the next 30 days or until further notice CANCELLED
- Town Board of Code Appeals Meeting for the next 30 days or until further notice CANCELLED

Many Town services such as reporting concerns with residential trash removal, applying for and inquiring about permits, licenses, and inspections can be completed through email and forms available on the Town's website at [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov). Other non-police services can be arranged by telephone at 301.927.6381. Non-emergency police assistance is available at 301.927.4343. If you have an emergency, call 911.



## It's Time for the 2020 Census

### *What is the Census?*

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. In early 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.

### *Why should I participate?*

Residents should complete the census because it is safe, easy, and important.

- Safe: Your personal information is confidential, including citizenship and other sensitive data, by law. Disclosure of personal data is subject to fine or imprisonment.
- Easy: You can complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. You can respond in 13 different languages via phone or online.
- Important: Data from the census provides the basis for annually distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds which helps fund our roads, schools, hospitals, Medicaid, and many other programs.

### *How can I complete the Census?*

In early 2020, every household in America will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail.

### *When will I receive an invitation?*

Residents will receive an invitation to go online to complete the census questionnaire between March 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Reminder letters will be sent out between March 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Residents who have not responded will receive a reminder postcard between March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### *How long will it take?*

Completing the census should take no more than 10 minutes.

### *How secure is my information?*

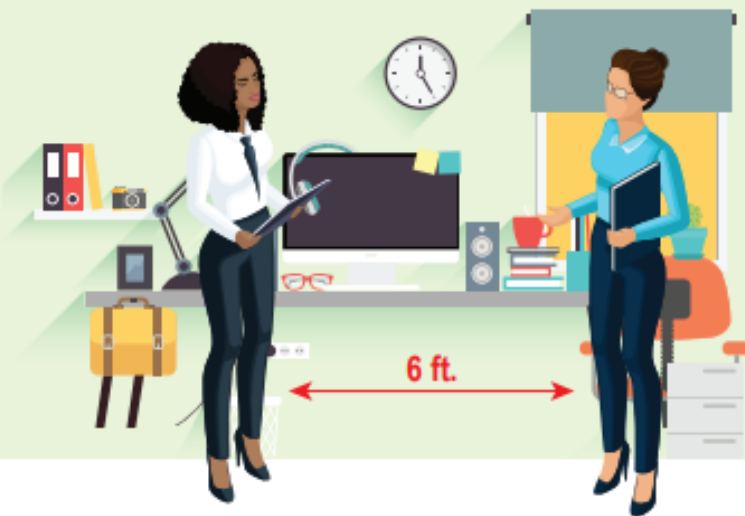
Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way— not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.



# COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

## Guide to Social Distancing

Here are a few steps you can take to protect yourself when you're in public settings.



1

**6 feet of safety  
(2 meters)**

Stay approximately  
6 feet away, or more  
from others.

2

**Avoid shaking  
hands**



Use the elbow bump or  
wave as an alternate greeting.

3

**Cover your Cough or Sneeze**



Sneeze or cough into your arm or a tissue  
to reduce the spread of germs.

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## Guía Para Mantener Distancia en Público

Estos son algunos pasos que usted puede seguir para protegerse cuando esté en lugares públicos.



1

6 pies de seguridad  
(2 metros)

Manténgase aproximadamente a unos 6 pies de distancia, o más, de los demás.

2

Evite darse la mano con otras personas



Use el choque de codos o haga señas de lejos con las manos como alternativa.

3

Cubre su tos o estornudo



Si estornuda o tose, cúbrase con su brazo y no con su mano para así reducir la propagación de gérmenes.

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# April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The Town will be utilizing Zoom for virtual meetings. Instructions on how to participate in a Zoom meeting are available on the Town's website and will be made available with each meeting agenda. Please contact Town Hall at <a href="mailto:town@riverdaleparkmd.gov">town@riverdaleparkmd.gov</a> or 301-927-6381 if you have any questions.</p>			1 <b>Recycling Collection</b>	2 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center) <b>Trash Collection</b>	3	4
5	6 <b>Legislative Meeting 8 p.m.</b> <b>Trash &amp; Yard Waste Collection</b>	7	8 <b>Recycling Collection</b>	9 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center) <b>Trash Collection</b>	10	11
12	13 <b>Trash &amp; Yard Waste Collection</b>	14	15 <b>Recycling Collection</b>	16 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center) <b>Trash Collection</b>	17	18 <b>Budget Public Hearing 9:30 a.m.</b>
19	20 <b>Trash &amp; Yard Waste Collection</b>	21	22 <b>Recycling Collection</b>	23 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center) <b>Trash Collection</b>	24	25 <b>Budget Public Hearing 9:30 a.m.</b>
26	27 <b>Council Work Session 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Trash &amp; Yard Waste Collection</b>	28	29 <b>Recycling Collection</b>	30 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center) <b>Trash Collection</b>	<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there may be additional changes to upcoming meetings and events. Please be sure to visit the Town's website <a href="http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov">www.riverdaleparkmd.gov</a> for more information.</p>	