

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 9 for 2017



June 2, 2017

To Mayor Archer 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 June 16, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Legislative Meeting	Monday, June 5, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	Monday, June 19, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Town Administration

- **Town Finances:** As the current budget development season comes to a close, the staff are focusing on year-end processes to ensure the proper closing of FY2017 books and the launch of the FY2018 Budget. The budget process for FY2019 will begin in early fall with discussions on budget policy and Town priorities.
- **Exploring Sustainable City Solutions:** The Town Manager attended a forum at the National Geographic Headquarters in D.C. The panel discussions explored the interrelatedness of varied sustainability programs and how sustainability initiatives have grown as an industry. One element that spanned the panel discussions was the need to address affordable housing in fast-growing and high-priced communities. An overarching theme was that sustainability efforts may take many forms but at the core sustainability is about the wellness of the community.

Office of the Town Clerk

- **Swearing-in Ceremony for Mayor and Council:** The Mayor and Council will be sworn-in on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. by a representative of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Development

- Notice Received from Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission: The Town has received notification from the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission stating that Historic Area Work Permit 2017-018 for 4716 Oliver Street has been approved. The project involves the demolition of an existing house that was substantially damaged by a recent fire and the construction of a new two-and-a-half story gable-roof dwelling.
- Preliminary East Riverdale – Beacon Heights Sector Plan: M-NCPPC is seeking comments on their preliminary plan. The Prince George’s County Planning Board and the Prince George’s County Council will hold a Joint Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for attendees to view exhibits. The plan is available at the following link:
http://www.pgplanning.org/Projects/Ongoing_Plans_and_Projects/Community_Plans_and_Studies/ERBH.htm

License and Permitting Report:

Permit Request: 1

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-47	5802 Taylor Road	6ft fence back yard

Approved Permit: 1

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-46	5402 Kenilworth Avenue	Demo Sheds

Department of Public Works

Neighborhood Improvement:

- Mosquito Control Program: The Maryland Department of Agriculture’s Mosquito Control Program started on May 31, 2017. Spraying will take place on Tuesday evenings (weather permitting). For more information regarding the Mosquito Control Program please contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 301-422-5080, www.mda.maryland.gov, or on Twitter: @MdAgMosquito and @MdAgDep.

Environmental Stewardship:

- Working towards recertification: The Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee is in the final stretch of their efforts for the Town of Riverdale Park to be recertified as a Sustainable Maryland Community. The dedication of and challenging work performed by these volunteers reflects positively on the Town and their efforts will further the Town’s sustainability and quality of life. If you are looking to become involved in these efforts, please contact Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk at 301-927-6381 or jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

Police Department

Activity for May 18- June 1, 2017:

Calls for Service	541	DUI Arrests	6
Arrests/Warrants	17	Reports Filed	67
Accidents	40		

Reports:

5-18-17: Officers responded to the 6001 Baltimore Avenue for a burglary alarm. Upon arrival, officers found the front door of the business open. A check of the business was negative for suspects and nothing appeared to be stolen.

5-20-17: Officers responded to 5604 Kenilworth Avenue for a burglary. Unknown suspect(s) broke the front window of the business. Once inside the suspect stole U.S. Currency.

5-20-17: Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6100 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have 3 open warrants through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

5-20-17: Officers responded to the 4600 block of Queensbury Road for a stolen vehicle. The victim reported her 1999 Plymouth van was stolen overnight. On May 23, the Metropolitan Police Department recovered the vehicle in NW, Washington DC.

5-20-17: Cpl. Walch conducted a traffic stop on East-West Highway at Taylor Road A registration check revealed the vehicle was stolen from Montgomery County, MD. During a search of the vehicle officers recovered 20.9 grams of crack cocaine. The driver was arrested for Motor Vehicle Theft and related CDS charges.

5-21-17: Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have an open warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

5-21-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace for a domestic assault. Upon arrival, the victim reported she was assaulted by her live-in boyfriend. The victim had visible signs of injury and the suspect had fled the scene. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect charging him with 2nd Degree Assault.

5-22-17: Officers responded to the 4800 block of Nicholson Street for a burglary. The victim reported a suspect was inside of the home. The suspect fled prior to officers being dispatched. An extensive area search including use of K-9 was conducted with negative results. Nothing was reported stolen and the investigation is on-going.

5-22-17: Officers responded to 5515 Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. Laundry detergent was stolen from the business.

5-26-17: Officers responded to the 5403 Kenilworth Avenue for a report of people drinking alcohol inside of a parked vehicle. One person was issued a citation for consuming alcohol in a public place.

5-26-17: Officers responded to 5401 Carters Lane for a burglary. The investigation revealed the suspect broke the front window of the business with a large rock. Once inside the suspect grabbed the cash register and fled. It appears the burglar alarm malfunctioned.

5-29-17: Officers responded to 5309 Riverdale Road for a vandalism. The property manager reported unknown suspects broke the window out of a storage room. Nothing was reported missing.

5-29-17: Officers located a missing person in the 5400 block of 54th Avenue. The juvenile was returned home to Mt. Rainer unharmed.

5-30-17: Officers responded to 5405 Kenilworth Avenue for disorderly persons. Upon arrival one individual refused officer's commands to disperse. A criminal citation was issued for disorderly conduct.

5-31-17: Officers responded to the Alamo restaurant for a theft. Upon arrival officers learned a customer had no money to pay for his bill. A criminal citation was issued for Theft Under \$1000.

5-31-17: Officers were patrolling the area and interrupted a burglary in progress at 5837 Riverdale Road. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle and officers engaged in a brief vehicle pursuit which was terminated with suspect making good his escape. Preliminary investigation revealed the suspect pried open the front door to the business to gain access. No items were reported stolen. Detectives are following up on several leads including video footage.

5-31-17: Officers responded to 6033 Baltimore Avenue for a possible burglary. Officers observed the glass in the front door had been broken. The business is currently vacant and nothing was stolen.

5-31-17: Pvt. Harbitz conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of East-West Highway. The license plates on the vehicle were reported stolen and the driver was placed under arrest. While searching the vehicle officers found a hidden compartment containing crack cocaine and evidence of narcotics distribution. RPPD officers are continuing the investigation with the cooperation of PGPD.

Update

On June 4 – June 9, Pvt. Jaime Amaya will be attending the 14th Session of the University of Maryland's Institute of Advanced Law Enforcement Studies (DUI Institute). The cost of the tuition is paid in full through grants provided by the Maryland Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office to the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association.

On June 4, Cpl. Walch will be receiving an award from the Maryland Highway Safety Office recognizing his efforts in DUI enforcement. This will mark his fourth consecutive award for his efforts in removing impaired drivers from are roadways. This award recognizes the top officers from across Maryland.

5-20-17: RPPD is working with Detectives from Montgomery County Police Department with the recent auto theft arrest. The suspects are believed to be part of an auto theft ring in Montgomery County.

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager