



# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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## **IMPORTANT!**

**Bulk Trash Collection**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Contact Bates Trucking and  
Trash Collections at (301)  
773-2069 *before 2pm on*  
Tuesday.



## **Riverdale Park Day 2012**

Celebrate the 92<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Riverdale Park and have some fun with your neighbors! For kids, we will have a moon bounce, pony rides, face painting, piñatas, games, crafts, and a clown; and for the adults, we will have good music and great food. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and join us for the day!

**WHERE:** Riverside Neighborhood Park, 5801 Riverside Drive.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**PARKING:** Ample parking available at Riverdale Elementary School, which is a short walk from the park. Limited parking may also be available on Taylor Road.

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## **Día de Riverdale Park 2012**

Celebra el 92 Aniversario de la Ciudad de Riverdale Park disfrutando con tu comunidad y amigos! Para los niños tendremos un juego de rebotar (moon bounce), paseos en un poni, pinturas decorativas en la cara, piñatas, juegos, artes, y un payaso, y para los adultos tendremos buena música y buena comida. Trae una cobija y una silla de jardín y únete con nosotros para el día!

**DONDE:** Riverside Neighborhood Park, 5801 Riverside Drive.

**CUANDO:** Sábado 6 de Octubre de las 12:00 p.m. a las 5:00 p.m.

**PARQUEO:** Amplio Parqueo en la Escuela Elementaria de Riverdale, que está a una corta caminata hacia el parque. Parqueo limitado también estará disponible en la calle Taylor.

# Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

## Regular Legislative Meeting September 4, 2012

1. **Approved** – letter supporting addition to the Day School of Little Workers of the Sacred Heart
2. **Approved**-Building permit request for 4811 Rittenhouse Street (Ward 2)
3. **Adopted**- Resolution 2012-R-14, concerning posting official announcements on Town Talk e-mail list.
4. **Motion** Resolution, to authorize the Mayor and Town Administrator to engage Bolton Partners, LLC for the Town's Defined Benefit Plan.
5. **Approved**- Street closure on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street between East-West Highway and Queensbury Road for a block party on Saturday, September 15, 2012, from 11:00am-6:00pm (Ward 1)
6. **Approved**- Minutes for regular legislative meeting on July 2, 2012
7. **Approved**- Minutes for special legislative meeting on August 16 2012.

**New Business**- Motion to direct staff to fly the star spangled banner on the flagpole outside of Town Hall through 2014.

## Riverdale Park Police Department

By Captain Timmons



### Congratulations, Lieutenant Powell!

On September 7, 2012, Lieutenant Powell was awarded Traffic Safety Specialist I as designated by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions and the Maryland Highway Safety Office. Law enforcement officers who receive this prestigious award are

acknowledged for their exceptional levels of experience, training and proficiency in highway safety and traffic enforcement methods and procedures. We are all very proud of his accomplishment.

## Town of Riverdale Park

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### Council Members

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It is also the policy of the Town of Riverdale Park to disallow discrimination in fair housing based on race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disabilities, and/or age.

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Submit all copies to  
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# Riversdale House Museum Events

## TASTING THE PAST: A CIDER SAMPLER

Rosalie Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, bragged to her father that the cider produced at Riversdale was “almost as good as champagne,” and the drink impressed visitors, including the British Ambassador of the time.

Take a step back into the culinary past as you enjoy a **Cider Sampler** on Saturday, November 10, at 2pm. Learn about the art and history of cider making while tasting your way through a guided sampling of Crispin Ciders paired with historically-inspired foods. Based out of Minneapolis, Crispin Cider offers a variety of classic hard ciders, as well as artisanal and imported varieties. This event is open to guests ages 21 and up. The cost is \$15 for residents of Prince George’s & Montgomery Counties and \$18 for non-residents. Advance payment is required by November 2. The cost includes all food and drink and a souvenir glass.

## A GRIMM GOTHICK EVENING

These aren’t your children’s bedtime stories! In December 1812, the first collection of Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm’s tales were published. Full of terrifying tales, these stories were a far cry from the storybook romances and “happily-ever-afters” we think of today. On Sunday, October 28, enjoy a guided moonlit walk at Riversdale House Museum as you listen to selected readings from these original fairytales. Then, end with hot cider and refreshments by the light of the fire in the open hearth kitchen. Registration is open to guests, ages 12 and up, and is \$10 for residents of Prince George’s & Montgomery Counties and \$12 for non-residents. Walks will be offered at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Advance registration and payment are required by October 22.

## SEASONAL SELECTIONS: FROM GARDEN TO TABLE

The *Seasonal Selections* program, instituted in the fall of 2009, will continue to offer special monthly cooking events with a different topic each month. Holidays, the schedule of seasonal fresh produce, and/or the traditional cycles of an early 19th century farm will inspire each month’s *Seasonal Selection*. The Riversdale Kitchen Guild will host *From Field to Forest* on Sunday, October 7 and *Preparing for Winter* on Sunday, October 21. The demonstrations run from noon – 3:30pm. Learn about the process of making crusts from scratch in the early 1800s and discover some of the seasonal sweet and savory options that would have been available to Riversdale’s cooks.

Viewing the demonstration is FREE! You are also invited to tour Riversdale House Museum. Admission is \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/\$1 students and FREE children 4 & under.

Riversdale, a historic house museum of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, Maryland. Call or email [Riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:Riversdale@pgparks.com) for more information. Contact: Riversdale House Museum [Riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:Riversdale@pgparks.com) // 301.864.0420 // TTY 301.699.2544 [www.history.pgparks.com](http://www.history.pgparks.com)

# Ward and Committee Reports

## Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson  
[akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

## Finance Committee Report

With summer coming to a close and people refreshed from vacations and full of energy, this has been a busy month.

On the Cafritz development front, the MUTC committee met to review and identify issues with the preliminary plan of subdivision, which lays out the streets and lots of the development. At that meeting, the committee identified issues with the proposed plan, but did not make formal recommendations because it is still under review at Parks and Planning. The committee also saw the

latest draft of the Development Plan (required by the zoning) but was unable to work with it because it had not yet been certified. We have been promised that the certification will be done in late September. There was also an ice cream social organized by the Cafritz team in Town Center where they asked for community input on what sort of retail (beyond the Whole Foods Market) the community would like to see. I was glad to see and talk to several Ward 2 residents there. There was also a public meeting on September 19 to review the traffic study required as part of the submission of the preliminary plan.

There was a hotly-discussed legislative item on the Town Council's agenda this month. The rest of the Town Council joined me in supporting an expansion of the Little Workers of the Sacred Heart nursery school on Queensbury Road in Ward 2 (the final decision will be made by the County). This expansion will allow the nursery school to enroll an additional 10 students on top of the 20 they currently serve. Although there were neighbors who had concerns about the expansion, I found that there was overall support among adjacent residents, and even more support in the Ward and the community as a whole. I put conditions into the letter of support to address both the concerns of the neighbors and the Town's commitment to storm water management, and I'm confident that the expanded nursery school will be an even greater asset to the community than the school is already.

Now that we are officially in autumn, I look forward to seeing you at the first big town event of the season - Riverdale Park Day on October 6 starting at noon. I plan to be there for most of the event, and would love to see a big turnout from Ward 2. I also enjoy seeing residents at the Thursday afternoon Farmers' Markets. The tomatoes may be getting a little scarce, but the apples are crisp and fresh. I hope to see you there, and am always available to represent you in your dealings with town government.

## Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

**Saturday Drop Off** – The next scheduled dates for drop off of bulk trash on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, on the following dates: October 20, November 17 and December 15.

**Holiday collection** – Regular trash will be collected on Columbus Day, Monday, October 8, 2012.

**Fall Tree Planting** – The Town of Riverdale Park will be planting trees this fall. If you would like a tree planted in front of your home and are willing to care for it by watering the tree at least once a week (averaging 15 gallons of water each time) for six weeks, please contact our office at 301-864-1803.

Remember: Healthy trees add beauty to our community while keeping the air clean. The Town of Riverdale Park and your neighbors appreciate your participation in this program.

**Halloween** – As a reminder to parents, who allow their children to participate in trick or treating on Halloween, please remember to provide brightly colored clothing, flashlights and/or reflective outerwear for their safety.

### **Bulk Trash Pickups & Special Trash Pickups**

Bulk Trash pickups are scheduled by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. In order to have bulk items picked up on Wednesdays, you must call Bates Trash and Trucking Company at 301-773-2069, before 2:00 PM on Tuesdays.

Items must be at curbside by 7:00 AM on Wednesdays. Bates is not required to pick up more than **THREE (3) bulk items from any one-family dwelling per week**. If you have more than three (3) items, you can make another pick up appointment on the following Wednesday.

The following items will **not** be picked up: building materials, concrete, bricks, roof shingles, stumps, bamboo, pressurized containers, explosives, paint (unless paint is dry in cans), poisons, caustics, construction and demolition debris, asbestos, toilets,



free liquids, sewage, sludge. These items can be taken to **Brandywine Sand & Gravel, 5800 Sheriff Road, Capitol Heights, MD. 301-925-8100, or to the Prince George's County Landfill, 16111 White House Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 301-952-7630.**

## Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Robert Killen

Troop 252 has some new Scouts, and we spent the last couple of Friday evenings learning the Scout Law, Promise and Motto. We tested their swimming ability at the Cheverly pool; they won't drown, but their stamina needs working on - they can't swim 150 yards without stopping; next spring will tell another tale.

Last Friday night, we met at Ms. Tolson's house, and the new Scouts (and their moms) sewed stuff on their uniforms. We're learning the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and what it means to be a citizen. The parents are revisiting the same information they got in school, and are sharing what they have learned (and had almost forgot) since they were in school. We get side-tracked a lot, which is not too bad, because the Scouts are learning a lot - more detail than they get at school, because the Scouters recall (and share) the details that they missed on tests in school a couple of decades ago.

We're going to help staff the American Indian Festival 19-21 October at Jug Bay (Patuxent River Park, Upper Marlboro), setting up our tents and our tipi Friday night at campsite B, and learning and teaching about our American Heritage Saturday. We'll help Karen Marshall clean up after the crowd goes home Saturday evening (Good Turn), have a good look at the stars and planets, get a good (intense) night's sleep in our tents, then pack up and return home Sunday after a huge breakfast, walking it off with a hike to the observation tower at the Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary, so we can easily see why they call it "Jug Bay." AND we'll tell the "War of 1812" story to the new Scouts - the "old" Scouts know it by heart, but they appear to enjoy it time after time.

Feel free to join in the fun! Call or email Bob Killen (rfkille@yahoo.com 301-483-8455), Eneida Martinez-Brown (301-864-0059) or Sandy Tolson (301-927-2275) for joining information.

## Small Town Energy Program (STEP) Announcements

**Party Time:** The Small Town Energy Program (STEP) seeks homes in Riverdale Park willing to host STEP "house parties" in October and November. As a thank you, STEP will cover the \$100 cost of a home energy evaluation for host homes. Suzanne Parmet, the STEP "Energy Coach", will work with you to find an evening or weekend convenient to your schedule, invite between 8 and 10 neighbors, and will take care of all the light refreshments and logistics. The house parties have proven to be a great venue for people curious about STEP. Please contact Suzanne if you are interested in hosting, or if you would like to attend a house party to meet neighbors and learn about the STEP program.

**Stars of the Screen:** Please go to [www.smalltownenergy.org](http://www.smalltownenergy.org) and click on the "For Residents" tab to see summary profiles and videos of neighbors and STEP participants Tassie, Bob, Sandy and Brandt, and Rob and Melissa. A huge *thanks* to each of our stars!

### STEP Support:

On average, STEP returns 60% of home energy efficiency investment costs through rebates: for every \$1,000 of value you put into your home through STEP, you could get \$600 of that back immediately through rebates. Plus, you will also enjoy lower utility bills for years to come. To help you make the investment, STEP has arranged 4% loans from Sandy Spring Bank for qualified borrowers. Contact Suzanne Parmet at [energycoach@smalltownenergy.org](mailto:energycoach@smalltownenergy.org) or 240-695-3991, or visit the web site at <http://www.smalltownenergy.org> to get started with STEP today.

# Riverdale Park Arts Council Announces Halloween Play

By Emily Fanning

Riverdale Park Arts Council, Inc. is pleased to announce that Active Cultures Theater Group's HellSpawn II will present a new Halloween play called Black Aggie Speaks. The play will run the whole month of October - performance days and times are listed below. The play will be held in our little theater in the Jamal Building in Town Center. There is a banner over the door called Sportaculture which is the series of sports comedy plays 15 minutes each they perform for our May Arts Festival. Everyone is invited. Come on out for an evening of fun. Support our area's theater group.

## **BLACK AGGIE SPEAKS**

- Thursday, October 18, 2012: 8pm performance
- Friday, October 19, 2012: two performance day, 8pm & 10pm,
- Saturday, October 20, 2012: 8pm, Press Night Performance/reception after show
- \*NOTE: The Opening Reception is for the theater group only.
- Wednesday, October 26, 2011: two performance day, 8pm & 10pm,
- Thursday, October 27, 2011: two performance day, 8pm & 10pm,
- Friday, October 28, 2011: 4pm performance
- Tuesday, October 30, 2012: 8pm & 10pm, Hallowee'n Performances
- Thursday, November 01, 2012: Two performance Day, 8pm & 10pm,
- Friday, November 02, 2012: Two performance Day, 8pm & 10pm
- Saturday, November 03, 2012: 4pm: Final Performance. After show Strike/Pizza
- \*NOTE: The Strike Pizza is for the cast/crew only when they take down the set.

# RP Arts Council Announces Scholarship<sup>1</sup>

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program awards scholarships each year to African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American students who plan to enroll full-time in a two-year or four-year college or university program. The scholarship is renewable and may be used in the freshman, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate years.

Students must have financial need and meet Pell Grant eligibility requirements. They must also maintain a grade point average of 3.3 and have a strong interest in leadership and community service. Students may attend any college or university they choose.

Established in 1999, the Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program is funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. GMS partners with four organizations to serve the needs of students in all states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands: The American Indian Graduate Center Scholars (AIGCS), the Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF), and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

The purpose of GMS is to prepare students to be leaders who can help build a stronger society. The organization supports students from groups who otherwise might not have an opportunity to earn a college education.

The deadline for this scholarship is usually in JANUARY of each year, and the award amount is usually \$500 - \$20,000.

For more details, visit [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) (<http://www.gmsp.org>)

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from Eric Olson's District 3 September Newsletter

# Community Circles

## Coffee with CM Eric Olson This Fall

Join County Councilman Eric C. Olson for a discussion about County issues this fall. Three events will be held at independent locally-owned businesses on Monday, September 17th at the Town Center Market in Riverdale Park, Monday, October 29th at Rebecca Ethiopian Café and Grocery in Landover Hills, and on Monday, December 3rd at the Pancake House in West Lanham Hills.

In early 2013, look for more details for another coffee event at Plato's Diner in College Park.

All events will be from 8:00am to 10:00am and coffee will be provided. Please stop by anytime. For more information, please call Tina Butler at 301-952-3060.

## Local Organizations

**Lion's Club Meeting:** Every Fourth Wednesday. Contact President Patrick J. Prangle at (240) 882-4993.

**Northern County Soccer Alliance:** Contact [NCSA@soccer.net](mailto:NCSA@soccer.net) or (301) 927-0560.

**Riverdale Park Daisy Troop #2546:** Contact Dannielle Glaros at (301) 779-5915.

**Riverdale Park Boys Scouts Troop 252—** Contact: Scoutmaster Bob Killen at (301) 483-8455.

**Madison Hill Homeowners Association--** For information, call (301) 583-8857 or [www.madisonhill.biz](http://www.madisonhill.biz)

**Riversdale Historical Society –** Riversdale Mansion. Contact (301) 864-0420.

**Riverdale Park Farmer's Market --** Contact Jim Coleman at 301-332-6258.

**Riverdale Boys & Girls Club—**Email [riverdaleboysgirlsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdaleboysgirlsclub@yahoo.com) (301) 277-KIDS

**Riverdale Park Business Association—**call Audrey Bragg at 301-277-7393 for meeting site

**Riverdale Park Arts Council—**Contact Emily Fanning at [ourdollmom@aol.com](mailto:ourdollmom@aol.com)

**The Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP)—**Website: [www.harp1920.com](http://www.harp1920.com)  
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