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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.



Town of Riverdale Park ELECTION NOTICE

In compliance with the terms of the Charter of the
Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland, an election will be held

Monday, May 6, 2013
To elect Mayor & Council Members

**Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the
Riverdale Park Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road**

Candidates for office must file Petition and Financial Disclosure Affidavits with the Election Judges at the Town Hall no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2013, in order to have their names on the official ballot. (Financial Disclosure affidavits and filing Petition forms are available at the Riverdale Park Town Hall.) There is a \$25.00 filing fee for all candidates.

All citizens, eighteen years of age or older, who have resided in the town of Riverdale Park for 45 days or more preceding Monday, May 6, 2013, and who are registered to vote in the Town of Riverdale Park, will be entitled to vote. In order to request an absentee ballot the form must be picked up at Town Hall by April 16, 2013

All residents who wish to qualify to vote in a town election must register with Prince George's County Board of Elections. To qualify to vote, your registration form must be received at the Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro by Monday, April 8, 2013 by 4:30 p.m. You may pick up a voter registration application at Town Hall, or go to www.elections.state.md.us

La Ciudad de Riverdale Park AVISO ELECTORAL

Conforme a las reglas de la Ciudad de Riverdale Park, Maryland
Una Elección se llevara a cabo

El día Lunes 6 de Mayo del 2013
Para elegir a funcionarios de la ciudad para Alcalde y Concilio

**Las urnas abrirán de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. en la
Municipalidad de Riverdale Park, 5008 Queensbury Road**

Candidatos electorales deberán llenar una petición y declaración financiera jurada ante los Jueces Electorales en la Municipalidad antes de las 5 p.m. el día Jueves 11 de Abril del 2013 para tener su nombre en la boleta electoral. (Las formas de petición y declaración financiera están disponibles en la municipalidad de Riverdale Park.) Tienen una cuota de \$25.00 para todos los candidatos.

Todos los ciudadanos de dieciocho años de edad o mayores, que han vivido en la Ciudad de Riverdale Park por 45 días o más precedente al día Lunes 6 de Mayo del 2013 y que están registrados para votar en la ciudad de Riverdale Park tienen derecho a votar. Para poder requerir una boleta para votar ausente necesita recogerla el 16 de Abril, 2013 al más tardar.

Todos los residentes que deseen calificar para votar en las elecciones de la ciudad deberán estar registrados en Prince George's County. Para votar, su formulario de registro deberá ser recibido en el Consejo Electoral (Board of Elections) en Upper Marlboro el día Lunes 8 de Abril del 2013 a las 4:30 p.m. Puede recoger la aplicación de registración en la municipalidad o ir al internet a la siguiente dirección www.elections.state.md.us

Joyce K. Marcos, Chief Judge
Geraldine Gee, Deputy Chief Judge

Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

**Regular Legislative Meeting
February 4, 2012**

- 1. Approved**— Motion to send to Planning Board a letter of approval with conditions for Riverdale Park Subdivision project, 4-11010, and preliminary plan of subdivision, Property Address 5601 47th Avenue, Applicant Danner Development, represented by Nagy (Ward 3).
- 2. Approved**— Motion to send to Planning Board a letter of approval with conditions for Litton Technology Center, 4-12014, preliminary plan of subdivision, location: north side of River Rd, south Paint Branch Parkway, 51st St. and 52nd Ave (Ward 2).
- 3. Adopted**— Ordinance Resolution 2013-OR-01, concerning redistricting.
- 4. Approved**— Motion to send a letter to Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development Director Brown regarding CDBG Project Years 35, 36 and 37.
- 5. Adopted**— Resolution 2013-R-01 regarding the time and place for the Town election.
- 6. Adopted**—Resolution 2013-R-02 to authorize paper ballots for the Town election.
- 7. Adopted**— Resolution 2013-R-03 to establish a filing fee for the Town election.
- 8. Adopted**—Resolution 2013-R-04 to establish a filing deadline for the Town election.
- 9. Adopted**—Resolution 2013-R-05 regarding speed hump policy.
- 10. Adopted**—Resolution 2013-R-06 to appoint and establish compensation for election officials for the Town elections.
- 11. Adopted**—Resolution 2013-R-07 to confirm and clarify appointments and terms of ethics commission members.
- 12. Adopted**—Resolution 2013-R-08 to support the preferred alternative design for the Youth and Community Wing project (Two-story design).

Town of Riverdale Park

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Riverdale Park, MD 20737

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Mayor Vernon Archer, 240-832-2257
varcher@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Council Members

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Chair, Econ Development, 404-626-2082
jebbeler@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 2 – Alan Thompson
Chair, Finance Committee, 301-927-7407
akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 3 - David Lingua
Chair, Public Safety, 301-779-3849
djlingua@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 4 - Christopher Henry
Chair, Public Works, 301-910-9855
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Ward 5 – Raymond Rivas
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Ward 6 – Alejandro Silva
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Information - 301-927-0356

Charles Ryan, **Chief**
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It is the policy of the Town of Riverdale Park, pursuant to the provision of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and The Americans with Disabilities Act, to prohibit discrimination against qualified persons with disabilities in any aspect of employment within the government.

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
towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov

13. **Approved**—Minutes for regular legislative meeting on January 7, 2013.
14. **Approved**—Minutes for special legislative meeting on January 15, 2013.

Riverdale Park Police Department: Updates

By Captain Patrick Timmons

On February 4, 2013, the Riverdale Park Police Department held a promotional ceremony during the Legislative Meeting, to recognize the promotion of Officer Adam Swann to Private First Class.

When members of the Riverdale Park Police Department are promoted, they also re-affirm their oath of office, which Mayor Vernon Archer administered during the ceremony.

Please join me in congratulating PFC Swann on his promotion.



Riversdale House Museum Events

RIVERSDALE KITCHEN GUILD OPEN HOUSE

Are you curious about joining the Riversdale Kitchen Guild? Guild member invite you to an **Open House** on **Sunday, March 17, from 3:30 – 5 pm**, where guests will be welcome to sample soups, assorted breads, and other dishes prepared over the open hearth. If you have ever thought about volunteering in the open hearth kitchen, this is the perfect opportunity to learn a bit more!

Kitchen Guild members prepare seasonal foods using 19th century recipes and demonstrate open hearth cooking techniques on Sunday afternoons and during special events.

This program is **FREE** and open to the public. Registration required by **March 15**.

TAVERN NIGHT AT RIVERSDALE

Riversdale invites you to come make merry at the always popular **Tavern Night**. The 1812 sailors of Ship's Company bring a night of rousing entertainment and costumed hands serve up tavern-style foods and beverages. Riversdale is proud to partner with Franklin's Brewery, Restaurant, and General Store, who will once again be providing beverages. Come raise a glass!

Saturday, April 6th at 8 pm. \$25 residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties; \$30 non-residents; advance payment required by March 29; must be at least 21 years of age. Please note that this popular program will likely sell out before the registration deadline. Register early!

SEASONAL SELECTIONS & STORYTIME

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 "**Soup's On**" on **Sunday, March 17**. The demonstrations run from noon – 3:30pm and viewing is **FREE!** Kids, there's a brand new part of our Seasonal Selections program just for you! At 12:30 and 2:30 pm, gather for **Seasonal Storytime!** Staff will be reading a story related to what's cookin' in the kitchen and this time we're featuring a children's classic – *Stone Soup!*

You are also invited to tour Riversdale House Museum. Admission is \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/\$1 students and FREE children 4 & under. For more information or to register, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; email Riversdale@pgparks.com; or visit our website: history.pgparks.com.

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale Park, Maryland. This facility is owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

Mayor's Report

By Mayor Vernon Archer

Initiative to Improve Our Schools

It is a truism of our region that about the biggest challenge we face as residents of Prince George's County is living with a school system that performs poorly compared to almost all of our neighbors. This situation causes difficulties for us all that range far beyond simply trying to ensure that our own children receive an education adequate to giving them a chance at a bright future. Among other things it undermines: 1) our property values; 2) opportunities to attract commercial investment and the jobs that go with it; and 3) leaves us incessantly beholding to state regulators and politicians who too often see our county as lacking.

Yet, knowledgeable residents know that all is not bleak in our public school story. There are many quality schools and success stories to be told after you look at individual schools within our system. We have vibrant magnet schools that are quite attractive and have top notch reputations throughout the Washington area, and numerous quality neighborhood schools as exceptions to the overall rule. While there is no single factor to

explain the reason for the success stories we all know of, there is one factor that frequently pops up—the high quality schools in our county are overwhelmingly within strong municipalities. This is no accident.

Strong, vibrant municipalities function as natural constituencies and pressure groups to demand quality schools for their residents. Schools of high reputation like Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt and University Park Elementary are, in part, evidence of town advocacy for their residents before the Prince George's County School System. I would further put our own Riverdale Elementary School as evidence of this, as our school certainly rates very well in comparison to the average inner-beltway school that exists outside municipal boundaries.

So you may ask, “What does this mean for us?” Well, I believe that we can become much more conscious and organized in Riverdale Park to advocate for the schools that educate our children. There are already numerous groups, activities and organizations at work to benefit our area schools, but there is no central advocate, for all, within Riverdale Park except the town government. We, the Government, have many successes to point to, but it has also been rather hit and miss with little thought being given to the big picture of ensuring ALL our residents have quality educational opportunities. It's time for change.

I am crafting a proposal to present to the Town Council that will start the process of such a renewal. We will start by bringing together stake holders to evaluate the current state of education for our children. Then, we will develop an action plan to make sure that our school system KNOWS, HEARS and ACTS on the needs of our students. The Town of Riverdale Park can, and should, be front and center in advocating for our students. If you are interested in working on this project feel free to contact me directly at mayor@riverdaleparkmd.gov and watch for future postings in the *Crier*!

Initiative to Preserve Our Town's Living History

While taking a walk recently, I had the good fortune to catch up with several friends who happen to be among those who have lived the longest in our neighborhood. As we discussed recent events, how our respective families are doing and shared some optimistic thoughts about how are town can and is improving we in both conversations found our way into stories of decades past. I so enjoyed the tales at the time and as I walked back home through my familiar streets I started taking stock of the houses I'd passed thousands of times before. It then struck me how many people who had lived in these houses when I first moved to town had by now either moved away or passed on, taking their stories and reflections with them on life in Riverdale past.

That afternoon's visits and the thoughts sparked by them have convicted me of the need to embark on a town “living memory” project. While we still have many residents who can tell us their perceptions of life in town going back as far as the middle years of the Twentieth Century we need to systematically seek out and record their stories. Certainly this is not an entirely new idea, nor is it original to me, but I think now is a truly pivotal time to initiate such a project.

Projects like the one I propose tend to depend on a methodology of oral history. Typically such histories begin with a group of interviewers finding and then interviewing persons who witnessed the times and events that are of interest to the project. In our case we will be looking for those residents that lived in Riverdale Park and have interesting reflections to share on the cultural, social, economic and political changes that shaped the town and larger society during the Twentieth Century. Residents who are willing to share their knowledge and remembrances will get the chance to pass their stories down to future generations here in Riverdale Park and through the Maryland Historical Trust.

To put this initiative into effect I will call upon the local resources ranging from the Riversdale House Museum, Riversdale Historical Society, University of Maryland and the Maryland Historic Trust to work with the town government and volunteers from the community. How exactly the plan will be managed will of course be decided in league with the town council and shaped by input from YOU the residents of Riverdale Park. If you are interested in working on this project feel free to contact me directly at mayor@riverdaleparkmd.gov and watch for future postings in the *Crier*!

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward One Report

By Council Member Jonathan Ebbeler
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Economic Development Committee Report

The Douglas Development team continues to make progress with their Town Center real estate holdings. We have been in almost monthly meetings with the Douglas team, the Michael's Company (for leasing), Howard Ways of the County Redevelopment Authority, and Dannielle Glaros from County Councilman Olson's office. We are also on the County Executive's radar and his Deputy Chief of Staff, Brad Frome, attended our last meeting. Please feel free to email me directly with any comments on what kind of retail/commercial offerings you would like to see there in the future.

The Douglas team is hoping to finish off utilities in an April timeframe. We think a June timeframe is more realistic. They are currently working with Pepco for the electricity I have coordinated with the Douglas teams as the M-UTC liaison for design considerations in regards to the high-pressure gas line they are bringing into the building through WSSC.

I am happy to announce that legislation the Town Council passed in the fall of 2012 has been put into effect; Riverdale Park has been accepted into the Sustainable Maryland Certified program administered through the University of Maryland. The Green Team had their first meeting in early February with Ashley Wilburn, Meg Kiernan, and Carissa Hipsher attending (Adrienne Allegretti and I had prior obligations and could not attend). They will be managing and auditing the assessment the town has to undertake to be formally certified. I, for one, am very thankful for the time and effort these volunteers are providing to the town; please email me if you have skills in the sustainable world and want to be involved.

Please keep an eye out for a new Economic Development report that will be posted to the town

website. This will be a monthly publication available to the public, other municipalities, developers etc. that highlights the current projects currently underway in town, pictures of the subject property, and where they are in the development process. It will include everything the town is aware of from currently permitted projects to ones in the exploratory pipeline. I hope you will all agree that this is an informative publication that will help Riverdale Park put its best foot forward as we continue to market ourselves as the DC Metro's best kept secret.

One initiative I am happy to announce and will be bringing forward at the March Legislative meeting is a public art project. I am currently in the process of identifying potential spots around town where selected artists will display pieces of sculpture on contract to the town for one year. I consider this a win-win for the town and the artists; the artists get public viewings of their art (with potential sales of the artwork) and the town has the potential to activate underutilized parcels of land. The town has an enormous opportunity along Baltimore Avenue and East-West Highway (due to the volume of daily traffic) to re-introduce ourselves to the general public and mitigate prior land-use decisions from decades ago.

These projects are all interconnected. We cannot expect the town to thrive and attract economic development with the Farmer's Market or Town Center Market build-out alone. We have to continue to drive initiatives forward to help define who we are as a town and where we want to go in the future. Projects like public art, at a minimum, visually improve and help activate spaces. More importantly, they provide an opportunity for the town to become a destination, not a pass-through. We have too many inherent assets, be they the trail system, the Anacostia River, the Riversdale Mansion, and the Trolley Trail, not to celebrate who we are and where we want the town to go in the future.

Lastly, please keep an eye out for the 2013 Lion's Club Scholarship. We are currently in discussions on this year's funding level as well as

projected awards. In 2012 we were able to fund 3 local students including two from Riverdale Park.

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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Finance Committee Report

The last month has involved a lot of reviewing real estate development activity by the Town Council, and the successful passage of a redistricting plan. The Finance Committee had a pause in meetings but will resume in March.

I was pleased that the Town Council voted unanimously for the redistricting plan. In the 2010 census, Ward 2 and Ward 6 came up short of residents, while Ward 1 and Ward 4 had too many. These discrepancies were resolved without a major rearrangement of ward boundaries, as the current ward structure seems to work well. I welcome all of the new residents of Ward 2, and I will be working to meet each of you personally over the next few months.

The first real estate issue was with the Cafritz Project. The big news in January was that the Cafritz team withdrew their preliminary plan of subdivision a few days before it was to be considered by the County Planning Board (because they could not, at that time, meet some of the requirements that had to be met before a preliminary plan could be approved). From discussions I have had with their team and others in the county since that event, this is a minor setback. The team is still hard at work (with some new faces on their legal team and a new project manager) and a new, improved preliminary plan is expected to be submitted, probably in March.

The other real estate issue was with the Litton Technology Center, which will be located on the far northern end of Ward 2, along the border with College Park (near the College Park Metro station). The Town Council had worked with the University of Maryland / M Square on part of this development a few years ago. Their new plan, while having elements that they had discussed with us previously, brought up concerns during full consideration that had not been fully worked out by the time of the February Town Council meeting. As

a result, we did not approve those sections of their preliminary plan of subdivision. Since the February Town Council meeting, the Planning Board date has been changed to be in the middle of March, and we are again working with them to resolve our concerns.

A few people have contacted me about the new tax assessments on their houses, which were lower than they had been during the last assessment cycle. The Town recently received the updated “assessable base,” which is the sum total of all taxable real estate in town, and fortunately that number (which includes both residential and commercial properties) is actually a little bit higher than last year. This is good news for the Town’s finances, and means our tax rates will not need to change much to maintain the current level of revenue.

One final tidbit before I sign off – the design of the dog park planned near 51st Avenue in Ward 2 has been revised. Please contact me if you want more information, or want to be informed of any meetings regarding the new design.

Ward Five Report

By Council Member Raymond Rivas
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Community Affairs Committee Report

Being accountable for your actions? This may be foreign to most of our elite citizens being there is no “Watch Dog” overseeing their input onto their devices. Many in our community do not believe that this applies to them. In witnessing this personally with my interactions of various groups within our community, integrity seems to be the first thing most individuals just chuck out the window. As I mentioned before, and will mention again, a good portion of this community has been affected by all these new technology and devices and become antisocial, walking, clueless ZOMBIES. As the community chairman for the last four years, I have seen the dwindling of participation to the various events. There are very few volunteers and weigh less participation by our youth thru community service hours. Sure, some part might be the economy but most are comfortable

just sitting behind their computers making negative comments on Town Talk, Facebook, Instagram, twitter, LinkedIN, and various other social networking outlets to post your frustration. We need to stand up and take the challenge of making a difference. Can we make a sort of Riverdale Park Challenge by seeing who can donate at least 24 hours a year to volunteering or community service? Suck it up and get up off your couch, get out of the house to start having some fun interacting face to face with real live people.

The Riverdale Youth Group of Ward 5 has come together and formed a Youth Council Committee (Anthony Gomez, Julio Guerrero, Jessica Rojas, Alberto Martinez, Licet Mendez and Jasmine Rosales). We will decide on various issues pertaining to the youth of Ward 5. This is small, but it is a start. I want to them to experience the inter-workings of the municipality. The diplomatic decisions that are made as a group will be witnessed and learned by other youth. It is time for them to voice their opinions and stand up to be noticed.

¿Ser responsable de tus acciones? Esto puede sacar lo mejor de nuestros ciudadanos de la élite, no hay ningún vigilante que supervise su entrada y sus cosas. Muchos en nuestra comunidad no creen que esto aplique a ellos. He presenciado esto personalmente con mis interacciones con distintos grupos dentro de nuestra comunidad, y la integridad parece ser la primera cosa que mayoría de los individuos tiran por la ventana. Como he mencionado antes y menciono otra vez, una buena parte de esta comunidad habrá sido afectada por todas estas nuevas tecnologías y dispositivos y se han convertido antisociales poca a poco como ZOMBIES despistados. Como el Presidente de la comunidad durante los últimos cuatro años, he visto la disminución de la participación en los distintos eventos. Hay muy pocos voluntarios y poca participación de nuestros jóvenes a través de sus horas de servicios sociales. Seguramente alguna de las razones es por la economía pero la comodidad de estar sentados enfrente de sus computadoras promoviendo comentarios negativos por medio de Town Talk y otras redes sociales como Facebook, intagram, twitter, linkIn. Necesitamos levantarnos y tomar el reto de hacer una diferencia. ¿Podemos

hacer una especie de desafío en Riverdale Park por ver quién puede ser voluntario por lo menos 24 horas al año en servicio comunitario. Levántate del sillón y sal de casa para empezar a tener un buen rato e interactuar cara a cara con personas reales en vivo.

El grupo de jóvenes de Riverdale del Sector 5 ha reunido y formado un joven Consejo (Anthony Gómez, Julio Guerrero, Jessica Rojas, Alberto Martinez, Licet Mendez y Jasmine Rosales). Decidiremos sobre diversas cuestiones relativas a la juventud del Sector 5, esto es pequeño pero es un comienzo. Quiero que experimenten el funcionamiento y transformación del proceso municipal. La burocracia y las decisiones diplomáticas que se realizan como grupo serán vistas y aprendidas por otros jóvenes. Es el momento para que puedan expresar sus opiniones y dejarse ver.

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, are as follows:

March 16, May 18 and June 15.

Community Events

- **Community Clean Up** - Riverdale Park is having its annual community spring cleanup on April 20, 2013. Residents are offered the opportunity to put their yard waste/bulk trash items on the curb the evening of Friday, April 19th for pick up on Saturday, April 20, 2013.
- **Earth Day** - As part of its contribution to the Anacostia Watershed Society's efforts to clean up the Anacostia River in celebration of **Earth Day**, on Saturday, April 20, 2013, residents are asked to join us as we do our share to clean a portion of the river. The site designated for our area is the site behind the bowling alley off of Kenilworth at 6322 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park, Maryland.
- **NO Saturday Bulk Trash Drop Off** – There will be no Saturday Bulk Trash drop off on the scheduled third Saturday in April because the Community Cleanup and Earth Day events are on the same day. Residents will be able to put at curbside any

bulk trash or yard waste by 7:00 a.m. on Friday, April 19th for pickup on Saturday, April 20th.

Volunteers wishing to participate in the Earth Day event are asked to call the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Student volunteers earn community service hours for this activity.

Snow and Ice Removal

As we enter into the snow season, please note that Public Works crews will be plowing and salting Town streets and parking lots to clear snow and ice. As in the past, we will treat our streets in the following method:



Primary Streets - i.e., Riverdale Road Taylor Road Lafayette Avenue, Queensbury Road, etc.

Secondary Streets – i.e., DuPont Circle, Cleveland Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue, Quesada Road, Beale, 49th and 48th Avenues., Silk Tree Drive, etc.

Residential Streets – i.e., Oliver St., Madison St., Rittenhouse St., 47th Ave., Somerset Rd., Sora Ln., etc.

Please note: our major roadways, (Rt. 201, Rt. 1, Rt. 410, Good Luck Road), will be treated by the State and County.

Residents of our Town should note that they will be responsible for doing their part by keeping the walkway in front of their property cleaned of snow and ice after each event.

What Residents Can Do?

- Whenever possible, move parked cars off the street so that snowplows can remove the snow from the street from curb to curb.
- If off-street parking is not available, **park on the even side of the street (violators will be subject to having their vehicles impounded and fined \$250 – 64-10(b)(c)).**
- Be patient during any snow emergency as crews work around the clock to clear the streets.
- Clear sidewalks in front of residence and refrain from depositing snow back on to the roadway (this can potentially cause an accident).

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 appointment for the items to be picked up 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.**

Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information

Town Hall 5008 Queensbury Rd
301-927-6381

Services: park permits, personal property taxes, finances

Department of Public Works 5012 Queensbury Rd
301-864-1803

Services: litter pickup, tree maintenance, leaf collection, street maintenance, snow & ice removal, landscaping, parks & playgrounds_ used motor oil, street lights (on black metal poles only), metal collection, sign posting

Police Department 5004 Queensbury Rd
301-927-4343

Services: traffic violations, payment of tickets received, records management, fingerprinting, background checks, report criminal activity

Other Services

- **Yard Waste** – collected on Wednesdays – materials should be at curbside before 7:00 a.m.
- **Bulk Trash** - bulk trash must be scheduled by appointment and is picked up on Wednesdays. Bates Trucking should be contacted at 301-773-

2069, before 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays for pickups on Wednesday.

- **Regular Trash Pickup** – regular trash is collected on Mondays and Thursdays weekly.
- **Recycling** - Recycling is picked up on Wednesdays by Prince George's County (not the Town of Riverdale Park). Please call 301-952-7630 for missed pickups or questions.
- **Pepco** – call 301-833-7500 for street light outages that are on wooden poles. For faster service, , please record and report the location and pole number that is on a metal tag located on the pole.
- **Storm Drains** – 301-433-8530
- **Water Main Breaks- WSSC** - 301-206-4002
- **Prince George's County Public Works** – 301-883-5650

Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Robert Killen

Scouters from Troop 252 just got back from camping this weekend (15-17 February) at Camp Ware, PA., where Boy Scouts assembled rockets yesterday morning and launched them at the parade grounds yesterday afternoon, after it stopped snowing. We lost four rockets in the trees due to the unpredictable gusts of wind, but 17 of them landed on the ground, and another five rockets were caught by Boy Scouts before they could hit the ground, during pauses in the wind. Most of the parachutes worked, but some burned and others just didn't open. Good news! All Scouts who made rockets earned the Space Exploration Merit Badge, nobody got sick or hurt, and we laughed a lot! We ate well, because the Boy Scouts cooked for themselves, and us Scouters cooked for ourselves.

Let me start where we left off last month - and only what I remember that we did - we attended the Eswau Huppeday O/A Carolina Indian seminar Jan 25-27 in Statesville, NC; we arrived after an all-night drive in the snow and ice in time to attend class all day - on Native American crafts - Introduction to Fancy Dancing - Finger weaving - Cherokee tipi dangles - Dancing to Native American songs - Cherokee History Pre- and Post-Removal. After supper the Gourd Dancers readied the arena and set the scene for the Powwow's Grand

Entry. SM Killen was given the honor again of carrying the American Flag in the Grand Entry after the day's classes; there were about 400 Veterans, Scouters, Boy Scouts and Venturers in regalia and Scout uniforms in the Grand Entry. After the National Anthem, we danced the Veterans Dance, then Intertribals, Round, Fancy; Grass and Straight dancers took over until about 1:00 a.m. We bedded down, and then early on Sunday morning ate a healthy breakfast, packed and returned home, another 7-hour drive.

On 2 February we participated in the "Ten Commandment Hike" - hiking almost five miles to five Virginia churches of different denominations, where their pastors explained a little about their churches. Windy snowy cold weather didn't stop us, but made the warm Pizza Parlor where we ate lunch feel great.

The National Capital Area Council Protestant Committee on Scouting held its annual Protestant Scout Religious Award Ceremony on 10 February at the Groveton Baptist Church, VA. MHB chauffeured our Boy Scouts where everyone participated.

Troop 252 met at the Greenbelt Swimming Pool Friday, 15 February, and found out that our younger Scouts still have to build up their stamina to pass the Boy Scout swimming test. Opportunity for improvement! More swimming time will build their endurance and familiarity with the sport.

NCAC is holding its University of Scouting on 23 February in Alexandria, VA., and Baltimore Area Council is having its University of Scouting on 16 March at Carroll Community College, in Westminster.

We'll be biking and boating in early April at Jug Bay, then the Catholic-Protestant Religious Retreat at Mattaponi 19-21 April. Call one of us and join in the fun! Contact Bob Killen, Scoutmaster, at rfskille@yahoo.com - (301) 483-8455, Eneida Martinez-Brown (301) 864-0059, or Sandra Tolson at (301) 927-2275 for a free demonstration. You'll like it or we'll give you all your money back, plus interest.

Don't Miss!/No Te Pierdas!



Riverdale Park Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Búsqueda de Huevos de Pascuas en Riverdale Park

Saturday, March 30, 2013 – 30 de Marzo
2013

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On the grounds of Riversdale Mansion
En la Mansión de Riversdale

4811 Riverdale Rd. Riverdale Park, MD
20737

Special Appearance by Easter Bunny

Children, bring
your baskets!
Niños, traigan
sus canastas!



Community Circles

12th Annual UPES Azalea Classic

It's that time again! The 12th annual UPES azalea classic 5k, 1 mile kids challenge, and 1k family fun run will be on April 20, 2013. For more information and to register go to www.azaleaclassic.com.

Local Organizations

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

Brownie Troop-#6892

Andrea Huberty (afhuberty@gmail.com)

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

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

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

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market -- Contact Jim Coleman at 301-586-5973

Riverdale Boys & Girls Club—Email 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

The Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP)—Website: www.riverdaleparkhistory.org
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