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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.

**Bulk Trash Collection 301-773-
2069**

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Bates Trucking and Trash
Collections

Residents must call by 2pm Tuesday
for Wednesday pickup.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

November 28, 2013
12:00noon - 3:00PM

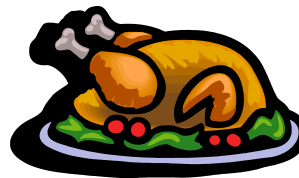
The Alamo restaurant and Christian Life Center will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner with all the holiday trimmings. Come join us for a free thanksgiving dinner!

The Alamo Restaurant is located at 5508 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD.
Dinner will be served from 12:00 - 3:00.

For more information contact Rev. Ben Slye at 301-277-5969

If you would like to help support our dinner
Food & Monetary Donations are welcomed.

To support our Coat Drive we are in need of
New and gently used Coats; New Hats and Gloves
To be brought to Town Hall by 11/16/2013



Annual Para El Día De Acción De Gracias

El 28 de Noviembre de 2013
12:00 - 3:00PM

El Restaurante Álamo y el Centro Cristiano de la Vida estarán sirviendo una Cena para el Día de Acción de Gracias. Venga y acompañenos, la cena será GRATIS para todos.

El Restaurante Álamo se localiza en 5508 Avenida Kenilworth, Riverdale, MD.
La cena será servida de 12:00 - 3:00pm.
Para más información llame al Pastor Ben Slye al 301-277-5969.

Si nos quisiera ayudar y apoyar con esta cena, comida o ayuda monetaria son bienvenidas.

Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

Regular Legislative Meeting
October 7, 2013

Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes from legislative meeting on July 1, 2013
2. Minutes from legislative meeting on September 3, 2013

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion regarding Building Permit Application: Crescent Cities Health & Rehabilitation Center request for 6' chain link fence, 7' high block retaining wall (Ward 1) – **Approved with Conditions**
2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-22 regarding the Town's Community Legacy application- **Approved**
3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-23 to confirm and ratify the Town Administrator's appointment- **Approved**
4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-24 regarding the purchase of police vehicles- **Approved**
5. Motion to award a contract for CDBG PY 37 project, Jefferson Street Road Improvements- **Approved**
6. Motion to award a contract for CDBG PY 38 project, Spring Lane Road Improvements- **Approved**

Riverdale Park Police Department

By Lt. Col. Patrick Timmons



On September 30, 2013, Johnnyrhette Harris, the newest member of the Riverdale Park Police Department, was sworn in by Mayor Vernon Archer during the Work Session. Officer Harris, a recent graduate of the Anne Arundel Community College Police

Academy, will be assigned patrol duties after completing field training. Please welcome Officer Harris to our town.

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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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Riverdale Park Day

Riverdale Park Day was held on October 5, 2013. The community enjoyed plenty of great food and entertainment. In addition to the numerous vendors on hand; there were demonstrations by the PGPD Canine and Aviation Units. As always, the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department played a major role, providing food and equipment demonstrations.

The RPPD distributed large amounts of public safety materials and lots of fun stuff for the young ones, including balloons and coloring books. The warm weather made the day especially enjoyable for all who attended.



Riversdale Events

ENJOY BREAKFAST WITH SINT NIKLAAS AT RIVERSDALE

Do you know where the tradition of hanging stockings comes from? Learn about this and other traditions as the Flemish forerunner of our modern Santa Claus, Sint Niklaas, makes his annual visit to Riversdale. The gift-giving, kindly bishop will arrive for breakfast at Riversdale on **Saturday, December 7, 2013. Choose the 9 am or 11 am seating.** Children, ages 3 to 10, will receive a gift and, along with their parents, are invited to enjoy a Belgian-inspired breakfast as Sint Niklaas makes his rounds. Registration is \$10 per child and \$7 per attending adult for residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties and \$12 per child and \$9 per attending adult for non-residents. **Advance reservations are required by November 16th.** We are sorry, but walk-ins cannot be accommodated. Register early to ensure a spot!

Riversdale celebrates this holiday in honor of Rosalie Stier Calvert, mistress of Riversdale in the early 19th century and a Flemish immigrant, who kept her homeland customs for her own nine children.

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 the final Seasonal Selection of the year, *Fall Feast*, on November 10. The demonstration runs 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.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FALL CONCERT SERIES AT RIVERSDALE

Born at Riversdale in 1808, Charles Benedict Calvert founded the Maryland Agricultural College, now the University of Maryland College Park. This November, the University Music Fellowship Program and Riversdale House Museum are partnering to present a fall concert series.

Visitors are invited to enjoy the sounds of the **US Army Field Band Woodwind Quintet** on **Sunday, November 3** and the **US Army Field Band Clarinet Quartet** on **Sunday, November 24**. The concerts are **FREE** and run from **2:30-3:30 pm**.

Make it an afternoon at Riversdale with a tour of the historic home prior to the performances. Admission is \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/\$1 students/FREE children 4 & under and tours begin at the Visitor Center at 12:15, 12:45, and 1:15 pm.

Founded in 2008, the Woodwind Quintet performs frequently at middle, high school, and public programs throughout the area. Community outreach and exposing a new generation of musicians to professional-standard performances remains at the heart of their mission.

The Clarinet Quartet was formed in 1989 as an official ensemble of the Musical Ambassadors of the Army and has been featured at a variety of professional conferences throughout the country. This ensemble is an active participant in the Army Field Band's educational outreach programs, performing and presenting master classes for students ranging from pre-school to postgraduate. For more information, visit www.armyfieldband.com.

Riversdale, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737. 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 Vernon Archer

Residents Keeping Out Town Safe, Clean and Beautiful

It is always a pleasure to recognize residents doing good things in our town, but in this report I am doubly pleased to recognize the street cleanup efforts that have occurred in town. After hearing a number of others join her in expressing concern and anger about litter in town, Valrie Hames stepped forward and agreed to organize residents in cleaning up in and around her home in Ward One. I immediately asked Public Works to assist her and any other residents in their efforts. If you want to organize a cleanup in your neighborhood please contact us and let us help get the word out and provide you bags, gloves and any other assistance you might need.

Soon after Ms. Hames spearheaded her cleanup efforts, our local Girl Scout Troop 6892 under the leadership of Sarah Michailof quickly joined in the cleanup efforts too. I for one feel a renewed sense of mission to keep our town safe, clean and beautiful because of the commitment of these residents both young and old. Thank you to them, one and all!

Books for All

The new school year is well underway I know there are many great projects in area schools. One brand new project I want to tell you about aims to make sure that every student at Riverdale Elementary School will get at least one book of their own to keep this school year.

This started out when I was approached by Marianne Warner from Birthday Book Project (www.birthdaybooks.net) last Spring. We quickly decided that Riverdale Elementary would be a good fit for this project and went to work creating a partnership to make it happen. The books are delivered and put into birthday bags that are coded by age and gender at the church Marianne and I both attend, Cedar Ridge

Community Church. From there I deliver the books/bags to Riverdale Elementary and the school then gives the books to the students on their birthdays. Riverdale Park Town Government also joined as a partner by paying the shipping costs to get the books from the clearinghouse/publishers that Birthday Books gets the books from. At the end of the year all those kids who have summer birthdays will get their presents a little early.

If any of you are involved in unique and useful projects in Riverdale area schools please send the story to the Town Crier so that we can share and celebrate them!

Coats for Those in Need

This year Riverdale Park will again be partnering with Passion and Compassion Ministries to get coats, gloves and hats into the hands of needy residents in our area. Please check your attics and closets for gently used coats that you may not be using and donate them. You can either drop your donations at town hall or contact us and we will pick them up.

If you are like me and find the closet is already pretty well cleaned out, you might consider asking civic, faith or fraternal organizations you are associated with to help us out. Last year I received 3 dozen coats and jackets from my church just for asking! As the old saying goes, ask and you shall receive!

Calvert Tract/Cafritz/Whole Foods Next Steps

As has been widely reported, the Calvert Tract/Cafritz/Whole Foods project has received its final approval from Zoning and Planning to move forward and obtain permits to start construction.

The first activity that will take place is a small scale project to preserve a historic site on the property-- preserve the area immediately around an ice house that once operated on the site. This is scheduled to begin and may actually start prior to publication of this report. A construction grading permit will follow several months later.

In the meantime the council and I are working with the applicant and other stake holders to finalize the details related to the CSX rail crossing. The last design item is finalizing the connection between the new bridge and Lafayette Street. As of this writing I am anticipating the council will take final action on this at our regular legislative meeting Monday November 4. The two competing designs are a simple T intersection and a small traffic circle. Please feel free to contact town hall, me or your council member to get more information on this as we move forward

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Finance Committee Report

Greetings after a longer-than-expected break! A combination of work, Town Council activities, and the beginning of the school year kept me away from my keyboard during September, but I'm back now.

TOWN OPERATIONS: The Finance Committee met on October 14. The main topic of discussion

was staffing in general government, because one employee, Verence Ciciliano, has left for a job at the University of Maryland, and a part-time contractor, Mike Lightfield, will be leaving at the end of November to devote more time to his own business. While we wish them both the best of luck, staff time will be in short supply until replacements are hired. We discussed possible reorganizations of general government (i.e. not replacing them directly) and the Town Administrator is developing alternatives for us to consider. Another topic we discussed was progress on the Town's efforts to manage documents

electronically, both the vouchers we use to track spending and a cloud-based system for managing public documents (such as the material given out at Town Council meetings).

BRIDGE OVER THE CSX RAILROAD: Over the summer I worked with Carl Marquis-Olson, a Ward 2 high school senior, to develop a three-dimensional model of the design for the bridge that will connect Ward 2 to the Cafritz development. Carl finished his part of the project in late August, and I polished it a little bit by adding sidewalks, bike lanes, railings, and a few vehicles. I put renderings of this model up on my web site in mid-October, which you can see at <http://www.thompsonward2.org/CafritzBridgeWebPage/> These renderings show the overall mass of the bridge, with the ERCO building (and some of the trees that we believe will be there after construction) for scale.

One thing that is not shown in the renderings is what the intersection at the landing of the bridge will be. We have discussed two possible designs for this intersection – a “T” intersection (where Rivertech Court, extended, will meet Lafayette at a right angle), or a traffic circle. A rough design for a traffic circle had been sketched out previously, but it seemed to be too large, and would swallow up a large amount of land. After seeing some smaller traffic circles in Greenbelt, I reopened discussion of a traffic circle, and the Town has now hired an engineer to determine whether a smaller traffic circle can be put in the space, handle expected traffic levels, and be safe for both motorists and pedestrians. I'm hoping that this design study will be complete in very late October or early November.

DOG PARK: A memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) department of Parks and Recreation about the dog park is under legal review, and may come up for a vote at the November Town Council legislative session. My major concern with the MOU is ensuring that responsibility for policing the park is clear – the

Riverdale Park police department must be able to quickly respond to emergency situations there if needed. There are also a few minor issues regarding maintenance that are under discussion.

M SQUARE DEVELOPMENT: I invested a lot of time and effort during August and September on the future of the M Square area in the northern part of Ward 2. There were two meetings to discuss what sort of development will be allowed there (including transportation options, streetscapes, uses (residential/commercial/office), etc.) as part of MNCPPC's “College Park / Riverdale Park Transit District Development Plan” process. (The area covered by the plan is split between College Park and Riverdale Park.) The existing planning document is around 15 years old, and will be updated at the end of the process. There are more meetings planned for November and beyond – let me know what you think, or attend a meeting yourself if you want to get involved! (The next meeting is November 20 from 7-9 pm at 6600 Kenilworth Ave., Riverdale Park, MD) In addition to the TDDP, I worked with the University of Maryland to make some small but important adjustments to a detailed site plan for a building proposed for the corner of University Research Court and River Road (northeast of the existing roundabout).

RIVERDALE PARK DAY: Finally I would like to thank all of the volunteers, town staff, community groups, and vendors that helped make another fabulous Riverdale Park Day on October 6. I had a great time talking to people, listening to music, learning about policing techniques, and eating my once-a-year funnel cake.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns -- the Town needs residents' input and values it highly.

Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Robert Killen

Another month has flown by! Scouts in Troop 252 have been busy with school, and on the night of 4 October, we helped staff the third annual Phyllis E. Williams Elementary School Sleepover.

Joseph Elliot and his mom and sibs, Ms. Tolson and SM Killen attended. We set up the tipi, assisted students' moms and dads set up their tents, fresh from Walmart, and Joseph was the Guardian of the Fire. We had knee-high fires in two half-drums, and Joseph and family departed about midnight. When SM Killen left after 2 AM, parents and teachers (and some night owls) were still cooking Smores over the fires, and there were several students asleep in the tipi. Cleaned up Saturday afternoon.

Remember the rain all last week? On 11-13 October, we helped staff the Prince George's District Fall Camporee in Cheltenham Friday-Sunday. Samir, Guillian and Joseph led the Fire-building Station (and others), MHB led the Wig-Wag (Semaphore) Station, and SM Killen assisted in the Knot-tying Station, all out-of-doors in the rain. There were obstacle courses, Gunny Sack races, football throwing contests, and the food was delicious!

The weekend of 18-20 October, we're going to Jug Bay to help staff National Capitol Park and Planning's Pow Wow at Jug Bay. We'll set up the tipi, camp out Friday and Saturday nights, and help teach Native American games on Saturday. We'll help with the cleanup and go home for homework Sunday.

The weekend of 25-27 October, we're camping out, doing the Cooking Merit Badge in SM Killen's back yard. Scouts will plan the meals, purchase the food, and cook Dinner (Friday night), Cracker Barrel, then Breakfast and Lunch Saturday. We'll clean up in the evening and return home for homework and religious services.

The first weekend in November, we're planning on camping out at the Baltimore Area Indian Council's Pow Wow at Towson University; yes, you guessed it, tipi, tents and uniforms. We will assist with the set-up, Grand Entry, and dance. Back home Sunday afternoon.

Second weekend in December will see us skiing! Join us to have fun and Be Prepared for the future! Touch base with MHB (301) 864-0059, Sandra Tolson (saanee@yahoo.com) (301) 927-2275, or Bob Killen (rfikille@yahoo.com) (301) 483-8455.

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Saturday Drop-off – The Saturday drop-off schedule is as follows: **November 16**, and December 21.

Holiday collection –

- **Regular Trash Collection** – Regular trash **will be** collected on **Veteran's Day**, Monday, November 11, 2013.
- Regular trash **will not be** collected on Thursday, November 28, 2013, in observation of the **Thanksgiving holiday**. The next collection day for regular trash will be Monday, December 2, 2013.

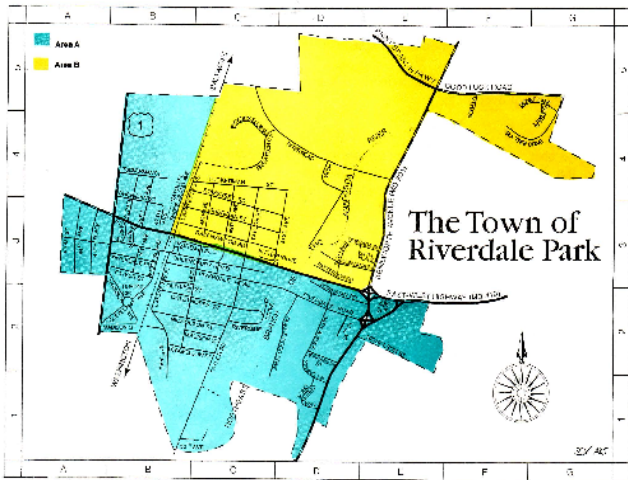
Office Closings – Town offices will be closed Monday, November 11th for **Veteran's Day**, Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of the **Thanksgiving holiday**.

Volunteer Litter Pickup – The director and staff of the Department of Public Works (DPW) express their appreciation to **Valrie Haines** on 48th Street in Riverdale Park for volunteering to pick up litter in her neighborhood. This initiative is supported by our Mayor Vernon Archer in an effort to get our neighborhoods involved in keeping our Town clean and safe.

The DPW provided Ms. Haines with trash bags, gloves and litter pickers to get this project off to a good start. We commend Ms. Haines for her efforts and invite other residents to join her in being proactive about keeping our community clean. The few men who tackle this ongoing problem are also praised and appreciated for policing our Town daily during normal business hours. Residents working cooperatively with the DPW can help us by picking up litter during non-business hours.

Our gratitude also goes to Sarah Michailof and youth members of Girl Scout Troop #6892 that meets at Riverdale Park's Town Hall monthly, for joining in our efforts to keep our community clean. The group cleaned up the Town Center parking lot and the MARC station area, the park where the Calvert family cemetery, the trolley trail and the

playground in the park between Tuckerman and



Sheridan. They had five Girl Scouts and their families. Their girl scout Troop #6892 includes Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors from Riverdale, College Park, and University Park. They meet at the Riverdale Park Town Hall and will probably, according to Ms. Michailof, participate in these clean ups a few more times

The Troop is going to participate in the cleanup and planting on October 19 that is being sponsored by the Prince George's County DPW's "Clean Up, Green Up" program. They'll be with Riverdale Elementary PTO to clean up and plant perennials and bulbs at Riverdale Elementary School.

Ms. Michailof and Nancy Pretto, also a leader, will discuss the possibility of having a town-wide cleanup effort in November. It will certainly be exciting to have the community unified in this effort.

If you are interested in forming small groups in your neighborhood, as an extension of the "Neighborhood Watch" concept, to pick up litter in the evenings or on weekends, please contact the DPW for supplies at 301-864-1803, Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Thanks again, Valerie, Sarah, Nancy and Troop #6892 for caring!

Riverdale Park Day – At the October Riverdale Park Day celebration in Riverside Neighbor Park, the DPW distributed 75 bulk trash flyers to residents to give them the information they need

to arrange for bulk trash pickups, and Saturday bulk trash drop-off. Twenty-five public works brochures were also given to residents to assist them in accessing other important public works services. Games were played and over 150 prizes were won by the children as they had a great time throughout the day.

Trash Toter Repair/Replacement – Residents should call Bates Trash and Trucking Company at 301-773-2069, for the repair or replacement of damaged trash toters, i.e., broken lids, missing wheels, cracked toters, etc. Bates will replace toters that are beyond repair. Contact the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803 with questions.

Leaf Collection - As part of our fall leaf collection services, leaves will be collected from **November 15th** through **January 15th**. DPW will vacuum leaves from Town streets following our previous trash collection schedule. Please see map below.

In order to make this process work as efficiently as possible, residents are encouraged to:

- Rake leaves to the curb. Pile leaves away from cars and storm drains. The leaf vacuum cannot reach around cars.
- Remove tree limbs, rocks and other debris from leaves to be collected. They can damage the equipment and cause delays.
- Please put bagged leaves out on Wednesdays with the yard waste. **Do not put them out with regular trash.**

Noise and dust may be noticeable during the leaf vacuuming process. Dry conditions generate more dust. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Monday – AREA A residents – leaf vacuum service
Tuesday - AREA B residents – leaf vacuum service
Wednesday (yard collection day) – Bates Trucking Company will collect BAGGED LEAVES. Please do not include tree branches, wood or other debris in the bags.

Thursday – AREA A residents – leaf vacuum service
Friday – AREA B residents – leaf vacuum

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 should 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.

School Events

Hyattsville Elementary School

PTA Meeting: November 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

November 11, 2013, Parent /Teacher Conferences

Northwestern High School

Varsity Football: November 9, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Northwestern High School

Parkdale High School

Varsity Football: November 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Parkdale High School

Riverdale Elementary School

November 11, 2013, Parent /Teacher Conferences

November 27-29, 2013 School closed for students and Teachers (Thanksgiving Break)

Veteran's Day Memorial Service

Riverdale Park will host a Veterans' Day memorial service on Monday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Park, near the MARC station. Please come out to support and honor our service men and women.



Farmer's Market Update

Riverdale Park Farmers Market now accepts the following forms of payment: WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program coupons, WIC FVC checks, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program coupons, EBT (Independence Card), debit and credit transactions. Please contact Market Coordinator Jim Coleman (rpkfarmmkt@gmail.com) & phone: 3015865973) for more details.

Community Circles

Local Organizations

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

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: E-mail riverdaleboysgirlsclub@yahoo.com (301) 277-KIDS.

Riverdale Park Business Association: Contact Bruce Wernek at 240-684-0795 for meeting site.

Riverdale Park Arts Council: Contact Jeffrey Yorke at (301) 502-1243 or yorkedial@gmail.com

The Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP): Website: www.riverdaleparkhistory.org E-mail: harp@riverdaleparkhistory.org.