

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 2 for 2020



January 24, 2020

To Mayor Thompson 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 February 7, 2020.

CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Department of Public Works Closed	Monday, February 17, 2020	In observance of Presidents Day
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MEETING AND EVENT DATES:

Council Work Session	Monday, January 27, 2020 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	Monday, February 3, 2020 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Mixed-Use Town Center (M- UTC) Local Design Review Meeting	Wednesday, February 5, 2020 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall

Employee Recognition

- **Employee Anniversaries:** Please join me in extending a sincere thank you to the following team members for their years of dedicated service to the Town’s residents:

- Germaine Green 10 Years of Service
- Jaime Amaya 4 Years of Service

Best wishes on your work anniversary and thank you for your dedicated service!

- **Prominent Award Received by the Town:** Please join me in congratulating our Finance Team on receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation

Award. This award is the gold standard for governmental budgeting. Well done Paul and Gentry!

- The below listed staff team members recently received **E⁵ = Excellence in Service** recognition certificates. This employee recognition program highlights employee performance in **E**thics, **E**xpectations, **E**fficiencies, **E**ffectiveness or **E**xecution in our daily work.
 - Job Blanco
 - Walter Bustamante
 - Denisa Caballero
 - Daryle Cunningham
 - Yancyjosh Estrada
 - Alexander Harbitz
 - Joseph Walch

Council Direction Summary

The Mayor and Council provided direction to staff through the following Legislative Actions:

1. Motion to approve Fence Permit Request: 6-foot wooden fence in backyard of 4715 Rittenhouse Street - **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize Town Manager to sign a conditioned Agreement of Sale to acquire real property - **Approved**
3. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-01 regarding purchase of 5002 Queensbury Road - **Introduced**
4. Motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of James Davis to the Defined Benefit Plan Board of Trustees - **Approved**

Community Engagement

- **Trash Concerns App Streamlines Process:** In partnership with Bates Trucking and Trash Services, the Town has launched a dedicated Trash Concerns app on our website! The Trash Concerns app can be used to order a new trash can, report missed recycling, and any other trash related concerns.
http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/ho.../trash_concerns/index.php.



- **Social Media Outreach:** The Leadership Team, along with key team members from the Office of Administrative Services, are reviewing the Social Media Outreach initiative to expand our reach in sharing information. The Town's website remains the primary source for electronic information. Facebook and secondary Twitter accounts will expand efforts to amplify our messaging. As we work to grow our social media reach, we have established a goal to have 1,500 Facebook followers by May 31, 2020. If you haven't visited, liked, and followed our Facebook page, please do so. If you already have, encourage your neighbors, friends, and business associates to do the same. Link:
<https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>



- The Town of Riverdale Park (TRP) is also active on the following social media platforms:
 - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en

- Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
- Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber

Environment

- Replacement Totes: Bates requests that damaged trash cans be placed curbside and turned upside down for collection on **Wednesdays**. It is recommended to label the cans as “trash”.
- Yard Waste Mondays: Yard waste collection is every Monday. Yard waste should be at the **curbside by 6:00 a.m.** Residents are responsible for the following items:
 - Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or reusable bins that are clearly marked "Yard Waste"
 - Branches and limbs need to be bundled with rope or string (do not use wire), additionally all branches, limbs, and bundles must be:
 - less than 4 feet long,
 - individual branches less than 3 inches in diameter
 - weigh less than 60 pounds
- Recycling Collection – important note: The Recycling Collection Program is provided by Prince George’s County. Items will not be collected if the items to be recycled are placed in any type of plastic bag. Town staff continue to receive reports that recycling items placed for pick-up are in plastic bags. Prince George’s County requires that recycling be placed in a blue tote or in a reusable collection container that is clearly marked “RECYCLING” or with an “X.” **NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER** (i.e., plastic grocery bags, plastic wrappers on soda or water containers). For additional information, please call 311 or 301-883-5810.

Development

- 2020 Census: The Town has partnered with Prince George’s County and the United States Census Bureau to ensure all of our residents are counted, and in the right place, for the 2020 Census. A Town Complete Count Committee is being established to implement a strategy for reaching our "Hard-to-Count" residents. Additionally, the Town has applied for the State's Supplemental Census Grant to fund a Census hub in Town Hall, providing residents with an opportunity to complete the census online. Remaining funds will be used for printing and mailing of outreach materials, and other census related events in our "Hard-to-Count" neighborhoods. The status of this grant application will be updated by the third week of February.

For more information about the 2020 Census and how you can be involved, please visit PGCensus2020.org.

- Purple Line Construction Notices: Purple Line construction continues. Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit purplelinemd.com, find “Construction” and click on “Subscribe for Updates.” The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.

- TRP-RPS - Riverdale Park Station News: For more information on store openings, events, and development news, check out the Riverdale Park Station transit and general websites and social media pages:
 - Transit Website: <http://www.rpstransit.com/>
 - General Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station
 - Twitter: @RDPStation
 - Instagram: rdpstation

- Notices received by Town:
 - A Stormwater Management Concept Plan application for the project the Hub at College Park (48561-2019-0) was filed on May 29, 2019, for review by the Prince George’s County Department of Permits, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE). The project consists of approximately 0.72 acres and the total disturbed area is 0.77 acres, located at 4210, 4212, 4214, 4216, 4218, and 4220 Knox Road in College Park. The nature of the application is to review the Conceptual Stormwater Management Plan for proposed redevelopment of the site into a mixed-use building containing student housing, retail, and parking. For more information, contact Benjamin Mosier at 301-794-7555 or DPIE at 301-883-5710.

 - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept an application for Dewey Property (DSP-19050/DDS-660). The property does not yet have an address assigned, but it is located at the north side of Toledo Road approximately 700 feet north of the intersection with Belcrest Road. The subject property is zoned M-U-I/TDO. The nature of the review is to develop a mixed-use building with multifamily residential and commercial use. For more information, contact Tom Haller at 301-306-0033.

 - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept East Pines Apartments (4-19031) Preliminary Plan. The project is located at 6739 and 6747 Riverdale Road and 6034 67th Place in Riverdale and includes the construction of an apartment building containing approximately 250 units and will also include approximately 25,000 sq. ft. of commercial space. For more information, contact Chris Hatcher at 301-952-3530.

- Upcoming Meetings: This feature in the Status and Information reports is provided to ensure awareness of upcoming meetings that may have information or agenda items related to development in or near the Town. Below please find links to the agendas for the Board of License Commissioners, the Planning Board, and the Historic Preservation Commission. Please visit the links for additional information:

Board of License Commissioners: January 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01282020-1488>

Planning Board: January 30, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1499&Inline=True>

Historic Preservation Commission: *No information available at time of report.*

- Development Activities from January 9, 2020 to January 22, 2020

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	1	42
Building Permits Issued	1	27
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	12

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2020-B-27	4715 Rittenhouse Street	6-foot fence	\$1,900
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$1,900
Est. Investment FYTD 2020 Total:			\$3,178,515

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from January 9, 2020 to January 22, 2020

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	5	70
Exterior Conditions	7	97
Interior Conditions	2	395
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	2	50
Safety	4	74
Sanitation	3	25
Total Violations Found:	23	711

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	8	158
Fines Issued	1	32
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	1	33
Violation Notices Issued	3	83
Warnings Issued	10	127

Total Services Provided:	23	433
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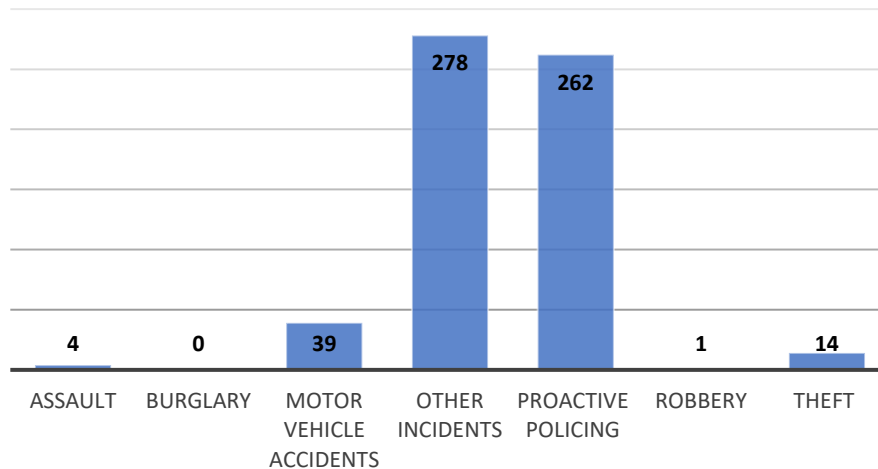
Note:

1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.*
2. *“Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish” includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.*
3. *“Exterior Conditions” include, but not limited to; chipping, flaking, and peeling paint, graffiti, storage of inoperable vehicles, damaged accessory structures, driveways, doors, overhangs, roofs, stairways, walls, windows, and other exterior components.*
4. *“Interior Conditions” include, but not limited to; cracks and holes in ceilings, floors, and walls, missing stair railings, water-damaged surfaces, and lack of proper ventilation.*
5. *“Overgrown Weeds” include grass or weeds more than 10 inches in height.*
6. *“Safety” includes, but not limited to; damaged/missing electrical outlets, covers, light fixtures, carbon monoxide and /or smoke detectors, lack of escape windows in bedrooms, missing address numbers, major structural damage, and unsafe buildings.*
7. *“Sanitation” includes, but not limited to; insect/rodent infestation, mildew/mold on surfaces, uncleanliness, and storage of hazardous waste.*

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Public Safety

598 Calls for Police Service 01/09/2020 to 01/22/2020



Calls for Service defined: A call for service is any activity performed by a sworn police officer in the performance of their assigned duties. Calls for service covers both proactive activities such as area checks and traffic enforcement; as well as a portion of field investigative reports, traffic accidents, and response to various incidents. Calls received for dispatch are also included in the calls for service total.

Staff are working to enhance reporting capabilities to more accurately differentiate between proactive police actions and responding to dispatched incidents. The above chart illustrates that at a minimum, 262 or 44 percent of calls for service were proactive actions on the part of the Town's police officers.

Proactive Policing includes traffic safety, business and residential checks, field interviews, and quality of life issues.

Other Incidents includes disorderly complaints, fights, suspicious subjects/vehicles, parking complaints, traffic complaints, and citizen assists.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a theft. The investigation determined the suspect is an employee of the business. The suspect was arrested and charged with theft.
- Officers responded to the 6000 block of Good Luck Road for a hit and run motor vehicle accident. Responding officers located the striking vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The operator of the striking vehicle was found to be intoxicated and was placed under arrest for DUI.
- Officers were conducting foot patrols in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace when they observed a group of individuals fighting. As the officers approached the group, they observed

one individual had been stabbed with a knife. The suspect, who was still on scene, was immediately placed under arrest. A razor knife was recovered from the suspect. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

- Officers responded to the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a single motor vehicle accident into a pole. Officers conducted a drug evaluation and the driver was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for theft. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a trespassing complaint. The store owner reported that an individual inside the business had been barred from the property. After confirming the individual had previously been warned several times not to return to the business, officers arrested the individual for trespassing.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Spring Lane for a robbery. The victims reported as they were exiting their vehicle the suspects approached and demanded their keys. One suspect displayed a handgun and the victims complied and handed over the keys. The suspects fled the scene in the victim's vehicle. The vehicle was recovered a short time later abandoned. The victims were not injured, and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a check on the welfare complaint. Contact was made with an individual who was walking in the travel portion of the roadway and appeared confused. The individual was found to be under the influence of PCP and was transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.
- Officers responded to the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a disorderly person on a Metro bus. The individual was removed from the bus at the request of the operator. A records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant for trespassing. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager