

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 20 for 2018



October 5, 2018

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 October 19, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Riverdale Park Day	October 6, 2018 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.	Riverside Neighborhood Park
Mixed-Use Town Center Meeting	October 9, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	October 20, 2018, 9:00 a.m.	Meet at intersection of Silk Tree Drive and Signet Lane (Madison Hill neighborhood)
Council Work Session	October 29, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	November 5, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

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Community Engagement

- Riverdale Park Day 2018!: The Town's annual community day, Riverdale Park Day 2018!, will be held this Saturday, October 6th from 12noon to 4:00 p.m. at Riverside Neighborhood Park. Event highlights include:
 - Bike Obstacle Course
 - Explore! Mobile Children's Museum
 - Face Painting
 - Food and Resource Vendors
 - Games
 - Inflatables
 - Live Music: The Smokin' Polecats & N2N Band

Encourage your neighbors to join us for a day of family-friendly fun!

- Community Walk: The next Community Walk will be held on Saturday, October 20th at 9:00 a.m. The walk will begin at the corner of Silk Tree Drive and Signet Lane in the Madison Hill neighborhood. Community Walks are a great time to meet new people and discuss opportunities for or concerns about your community!
- Town Clock: The clock in Town Center is scheduled for regular maintenance/repair this week.
- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>

Council Direction Summary

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

1. Fence Permit Application: 5012 Oglethorpe Street, 6-foot privacy fence in backyard (Ward 3) – **Approved; permit ready for pick-up**
2. Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement - **Approved**
3. Introduction of Ordinance 2018-OR-12 regarding revisions to Ethics Ordinance – **Introduced; Fair Summary placed in *Enquirer-Gazette* on 10/4/18.**
4. Introduction of Ordinance 2018-OR-13 amendments to Chapter 23 Charges and Fees – **Introduced; Fair Summary placed in *Enquirer-Gazette* on 10/4/18.**
5. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-R-15 regarding Competitive Negotiated Sale Process - **Approved**
6. Motion to designate 4603 East West Highway as property no longer needed for a public purpose and the property will be made available to interested parties through the Competitive Negotiated Sale Process - **Approved**
7. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter to the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners opposing the Special Entertainment Permit Application for El Sitio Restaurant located at 5837 Riverdale Road – **Approved; letter sent on October 4, 2018.**
8. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter expressing the Town's opposition to the Maryland Traffic Relief Plan - **Approved**
9. Motion to establish the Centennial Celebration Committee - **Approved**

10. Motion regarding nomination of Town's representative to Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) - **Approved**
11. Motion regarding nomination of CM Lingua to serve on the ATHA Governing Board – **Approved; letter sent on October 2, 2018.**

Environment

- Upcoming Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) Inspection: The Department of Public Works will have their quarterly SWPPP inspection on Thursday, October 25th.
- No disruption to Trash Collection due to Columbus Day Holiday: Regular trash **will be** collected by the Town's contractor on Columbus Day, Monday, October 8th.
- Saturday Drop-Off of Bulk Trash: The October bulk trash drop-off will be held on October 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Works building, 5012 Queensbury Road. For more information regarding the items that are acceptable for this service, please contact the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As a reminder, residents may also schedule a bulk trash pick-up through the Town's contracted trash collection provider, Bates Trucking and Trash, by calling 301-773-2069 or visiting their website, <https://www.batestrucking.com/customer-center/request-service/>.

- Trash Tote Repair/Replacement: To coordinate the replacement of damaged trash totes, residents should call the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803. The Town's contracted trash service provider will replace the damaged totes. Please note that a replacement tote will not be delivered if the damaged one is not there for pick-up. Replacements will take place on Thursdays.
- Recycling Collection – important note: Recycling will not be collected if the items to be recycled are placed in any type of plastic bag. Town staff have received reports that this continues to be a concern. 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

- Come Grow with Us! Grant Programs and Initiatives Update: Under the Town's economic development programs and initiatives, grants and program benefits were recently awarded to businesses and residents. Prior to disbursement, a senior staff team conducted a review process to ensure that applications met or exceeded all program guidelines. The process includes verification that the applications meet the Town's vision and standards for the programs and initiatives.
 - A. Spring Forward Grant Program - This grant program aids businesses making technology related improvements and upgrades for their respective operations to gain a competitive

advantage in the marketplace. A total of six (6) grants were disbursed in the amount of \$1,000 to each awardee. Please note the following awardees of this program:

No.	Business Name	Address	Total Invested by Awardee	Approved Use / Purpose for Grant
1	Americas Driving Academy	6218 Rhode Island Avenue	\$1,135.23	Purchased new computer and projector for presentations to driving students
2	Dumm's Pizza and Subs	4704 Riverdale Road	\$6,092.74	Purchased software to process customers' orders
3	Geppetto's Catering	4505 Queensbury Road	\$1,220.00	Purchased software for scheduling purposes
4	Riverdale Park Dental	6309 Baltimore Avenue	\$11,939.56	Purchased new air compressor and vacuum system for dental procedures
5	Total Auto Maintenance	5416 Quesada Road	\$8,461.00	Purchased new computer and auto lift system for auto repair services
6	Town Center Market	4705 Queensbury Road	\$4,209.26	Purchased mobile tablets to track inventory
Total Invested by Awardees in FYTD 19			\$33,057.79	
Total Grants Awarded in FYTD 19			\$6,000.00	

B. Go Green Initiative – This initiative promotes environmental sustainability by waiving Town application and permit fees for green technology improvements that require building permits. Currently, a total of three (3) applicants were awarded benefits through this initiative. Please note the following awardees of this initiative:

No.	Address	Total Benefit Awarded	Total Invested by Awardee	Approved Use / Purpose for Initiative
1	5805 Harrison Avenue	\$463.70 in fees waived	\$42,775.00	Installed solar panels
2	4905 Somerset Road	\$291.13 in fees waived	Not available at time of report	Installed solar panels
3	4906 Tuckerman Street	\$609.13 in fees waived	\$36,300.00	Installed solar panels

Total Invested by Awardees in FYTD 2019	\$79,075.00
Total Benefits Awarded in FYTD 2019	\$1,363.96 in fees waived

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

- Purple Line Construction Notices: Purple Line construction is underway. The next twelve (12) months of construction will focus on utility relocation work. 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.

- Notices received by Town:
 - A zoning variance application has been submitted to the Development Review Division of Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission for CP18001-2018 Kulp Munch Residence located at 4709 40th Avenue in Hyattsville. The applicant is requesting 35 percent lot coverage. For more information, contact Kayleigh Kulp at 240-535-4909 or kayleighkulp@gmail.com.

- 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: October 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_10102018-1164

Planning Board: October 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1438&Inline=True>

Historic Preservation Commission: October 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)
<http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/Historic-Preservation-Commission-3>

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- Development Activities from September 20, 2018 to October 3, 2018

Business Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Licenses Issued	3	131
Notices Issued	0	253
Fines Issued	0	0

Rental Licenses:

Description	Bi- Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	77	248
Licenses Issued	10	53
Notices Issued	0	78
Fines Issued	0	0

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	15	81
Permits Issued	35	64
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	5

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2019-B-20	4908 Sheridan Street	25'x18' 1-story addition	\$40,000.00
2019-B-21	4550 Van Buren Street	New tenant fit out	\$2,100,000.00
2019-B-22	5012 Oglethorpe Street	6-foot back yard privacy fence	\$1,000.00
2019-B-23	4906 Tuckerman Street	Installation of 55 roof mounted solar panels	\$36,300.00
2019-B-24-32	6600 Block of Rhode Island Avenue	Construction of 9 new townhomes	\$1,440,000.00
2019-B-33-38	4700 Block of Underwood Street	Construction of 6 new townhomes	\$960,000.00

2019-B-39-47	6400 Block of 47 th Street	Construction of 9 new townhomes	\$1,440,000.00
2019-B-48-53	4700 Block of Wells Run Place	Construction of 6 new townhomes	\$960,000.00
2019-UP-4	Riverdale Road and Baltimore Avenue	Replace cast iron main (Utility work)	N/A
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$6,977,300.00
Est. Investment FYTD 2019 Total:			\$7,720,635.00

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from September 20, 2018 to October 3, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	6	65
Exterior Conditions	5	70
Interior Conditions	4	92
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	4	26
Safety	48	253
Sanitation	0	21
Total Violations Found:	67	527

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	3	103
Fines Issued	0	1
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	6	41
Violation Notices Issued	11	43
Warnings Issued	1	45
Total Services Provided:	21	244

Note:

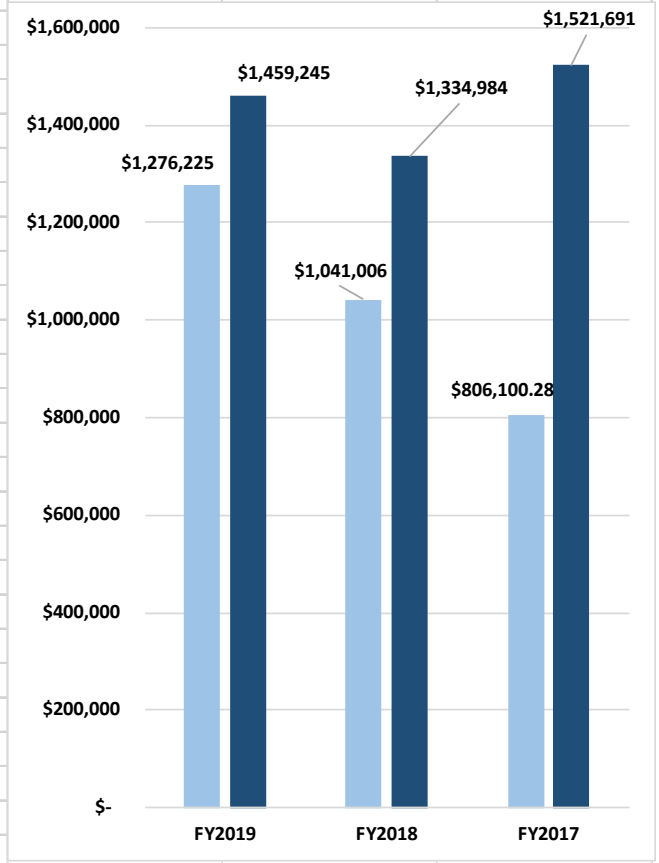
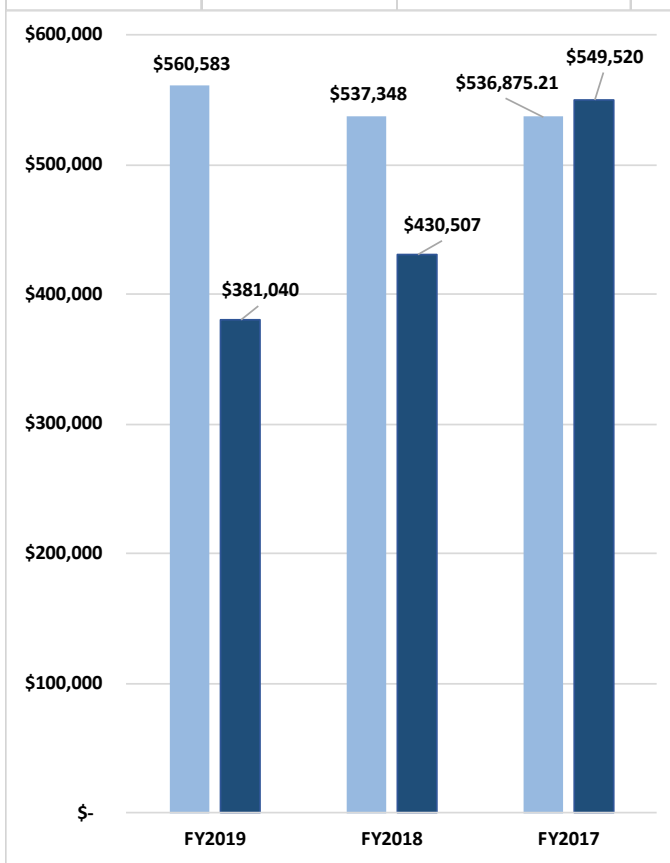
1. "FYTD" means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
2. "Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish" includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.
3. "Exterior Conditions" include, but not limited to; chipping, flaking, and 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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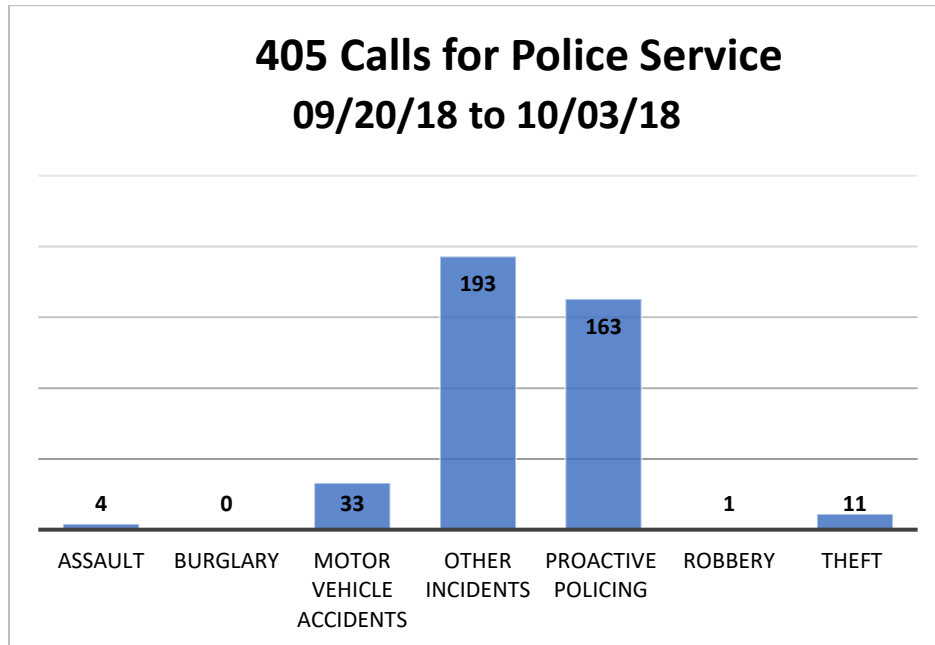
Sept			YTD Total		
FY2019	FY2018	FY2017	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
\$ 560,583	\$ 537,348	\$ 536,875.21	\$ 1,276,225	\$ 1,041,006	\$ 806,100
\$ 381,040	\$ 430,507	\$ 549,520	\$ 1,459,245	\$ 1,334,984	\$ 1,521,691
\$ 179,543	\$ 106,841	\$ (12,645)	\$ (183,020)	\$ (293,977)	\$ (715,591)



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Public Safety



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, 163 or 40 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 5600 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. A store employee reported an individual purchased merchandise from the business with counterfeit U.S. Currency. The counterfeit currency was recovered as evidence and the investigation is ongoing.
- Responding to community concerns, officers observed an individual drinking alcohol in public in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The individual was contacted and could not

produce identification, so a criminal citation could not be issued. Therefore, the individual was placed under arrest for consuming an alcoholic beverage in public.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop for suspended registration plates in the 5300 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for armed robbery. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for an animal bite. The investigation revealed an individual was walking their dog on a leash when another dog approached aggressively. The dogs began fighting and had to be physically separated. Prince George's County Animal Control Officers responded and took custody of a Pitbull and will handle the investigation. Neither animal was seriously injured.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a theft. The manager reported a suspect took detergent items from the shelf and fled the store without paying for the merchandise. The manager attempted to photograph the suspect and was physically assaulted. Officers searched the area and contacted an individual matching the suspect description a short distance away. The manager positively identified the suspect as the same person who stole the items from the business. The individual was placed under arrest for theft under \$1000 and 2nd degree assault.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace for an assault. The victim reported he was involved in a verbal altercation with an unknown individual. The altercation turned physical and the victim was punched and knocked to the ground. The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries and refused medical treatment. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 4400 block of East-West Highway for a commercial armed robbery. The investigation revealed the suspect entered the business, approached the teller and passed a note demanding money. The note implied the suspect was armed and the teller complied handing over U.S. Currency. The suspect fled the scene, and no one was injured. Through investigative means and collaboration with the PGPD/FBI Robbery Task Force the suspect has been identified and charged with armed robbery.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager