

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

Report No. 23 for 2021

November 12, 2021

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 November 26, 2021.

CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed	Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26, 2021	In observance of Thanksgiving and day after Thanksgiving
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Work Session	Monday, November 22, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83648483245?pwd=dWFhcE95OVVUc2xJSXhHKzVncFYyZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 836 4848 3245 Passcode: 579554
Legislative Meeting	Monday, December 6, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87675543964?pwd=djRjUXpJK3U0Z1RGTTThxdWINS0lFdz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 876 7554 3964 Passcode: 579554

- Acting Chief of Police: The Assistant Chief of Police, Rosa Guixens, will serve in the role of Acting Chief of Police until the appointment of a Chief of Police in accordance with Article VII of the Town Charter. Information on the process for appointment of a Chief of Police will be shared at the Mayor and Council Work Session on November 22nd. Assistant Chief Guixens has served in this acting role many times and will ensure continued delivery of quality police services to our residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Town Hall open for in-person services on Wednesdays: Town Hall will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays starting on November 17th for in-person services. The building will be open on Wednesdays until active construction begins on the Municipal Center Renovation project and while community spread of COVID-19 remains low. Expanded walk-in hours will be implemented as the renovation project and community spread of COVID-19 permits.
- Meetings with Staff: Staff are available for virtual meetings while the Town buildings are closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Municipal Center Project. Virtual meetings can be scheduled by phone or by e-mail. If you need assistance with scheduling a virtual meeting, please call 301-927-6381.
- Remote Notary Services available: Staff are available to perform Remote Notary Services for Town residents. Remote Notary Services will be performed through a virtual platform approved by the Maryland Secretary of State. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Keith Robinson at krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov, Denisa Caballero at dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or call 301-927-6381.

Council Direction Summary

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

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-OR-09 regarding Town Personnel Manual – Mandatory Vaccinations- ***Adopted***
2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-R-14 Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review Committee (M-UTC) Membership- ***Adopted***
3. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with ECM for an amount not to exceed \$615,000 for Roadway Repair Projects- ***Approved***
4. Motion to approve site at Tanglewood Drive and Riverdale Road for next Capital Bikeshare location in Town- ***Approved***
5. Motion regarding allocation of \$2,000 from the FY2022 Undesignated Social Concerns line item for turkeys for Thanksgiving Food Baskets- ***Approved***
6. Motion to send a letter stating the Town’s opposition to the Hawkins-Davis map, preference for Redistricting Commission’s map, and request for additional public hearings on the redistricting matter prior to November 16th- ***Approved***

Community Engagement

- County Council to finalize boundaries for County Council Districts on November 16th: On Tuesday, November 16th at 3:00 p.m. the County Council will meet to finalize the boundaries for County Council Districts based on the 2020 census. These new boundaries will go into effect for the 2022 election cycle. Details on the redistricting process including the Redistricting

Commission Map, the new map proposed in CR-123-2021, as well as how to sign up to speak can be found here: [2021 Prince George's County Council Redistricting Information | Prince George's County Legislative Branch, MD \(pgccouncil.us\)](#)

- **Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Vaccination Clinics:** The Prince George's County Health Department is hosting COVID-19 vaccine clinics at various schools throughout the County. COVID-19 vaccines are free and available for residents ages 5 and up at our school-based vaccination clinics. Schedule your child's appointment today at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccine>.
- **School Boundary Changes- Attend an Upcoming Community Conversation:** Prince George's County Public Schools has been engaged in a Comprehensive School Boundary Initiative for the past year. Many PGCPS school boundaries will be changing in the next 2-3 years as new schools are built, including the new William Wirt Middle School and new Glenridge Area Middle School

Earlier this year, PGCPS released the Draft Boundary Scenarios Report which presents three draft scenarios that offer different approaches to adjusting school boundaries in PGCPS. You can access the report at www.pgcps.org/boundary.

In order to get input on the final recommendations, five virtual Community Conversations have been scheduled, two of them will be conducted in Spanish:

- Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30-8:00 PM (English)
- Wednesday, November 3 at 6:30-8:30 PM (Spanish)
- Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30-8:00 PM (English)
- Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30-8:00 PM (Spanish)
- Saturday, November 13 at 10:30 AM to Noon (English with Spanish interpretation)

These virtual meetings will share information on the various boundary change scenarios and provide an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback. Register online bit.ly/PGCPS_RSVP

- **Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund:** The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will be launching The Maryland Homeowners Assistance Fund in late 2021. The Fund will be open to homeowners statewide. Visit the Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund webpage to learn more about the program and the eligibility requirements. <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund.aspx>

Complete an Expression of Interest Form and be added to the MD-DHCD's email list. <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund/ExpressionofInterest.aspx>

- **Water Bill Assistance:** The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has resumed water service turnoffs. WSSC Water is encouraging customers that need assistance to establish convenient payment plans or apply for financial assistance to prevent a water service turnoff.

Contact WSSC Water at 301-206-4001 Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit the WSSC Water website

https://www.wsscwater.com/assistance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

- **Report Fire Hydrant Leaks:** WSSC Water is seeking the community's help with reporting suspected fire hydrant leaks. Fire hydrant leaks can be reported by calling 301-206-4002. For more information, go to wsscwater.com/hydrant.
- **Community Input:** Input from the community is welcomed and encouraged as we navigate a new medium for holding public meetings. The public is invited to join the meetings virtually or e-mail comments to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov. The internet or a smart phone are not the only ways to join in. You may also call from a landline telephone to listen to the meeting and provide comments or call Town staff prior to the meeting and we will assist you with submitting your comments. We look forward to hearing from you!

- **Trash Concerns App Streamlines Process:** 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.gov/how_do_i/trash_concerns/index.php



- **Social Media Outreach:** Thank you to those who follow the Town on our social media platforms. The Town's social media continues to expand our reach in sharing information. The Town's website remains the primary source for electronic information. Facebook and secondary Twitter accounts expand efforts to amplify our messaging. At this time of great change, it is important that residents and businesses assist the Town in growing our social media outreach. As of today, you have increased followers to 2,125. The new goal is to increase followers to 2,250 by the end of the calendar year. We need your assistance to continue the Town's outreach efforts. If you have not 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 and ask that you join us:
 - 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

- **Climate Action Plan:** The County recently released the Climate Action Plan (mypgc.us/climateactionplan - prepared by the Climate Action Commission- a group of residents, experts and gov. reps from across the county) for public comment. The comment period runs from November 1- December 1. Individuals can fill out an online survey for overall comments and support or detailed comments by section <https://bit.ly/3mWKiHB>

A series of public sessions are scheduled:

- In Person:
 - Monday, November 15th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (College Park Community Center)
 - Wednesday, November 17th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Surrattsville Senior High School)
 - Thursday, November 18th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Laurel/Beltsville Senior Activity Center)
- Virtual: (register at bit.ly/PGCvirtualCAPmtg)
 - Tuesday, November 9th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
 - Tuesday, November 23rd, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
 - Tuesday, November 30th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- County DPW&T Annual Snow Summit: DPW&T will hold their Annual Snow Summit, virtually, on Thursday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. Attendees will receive pertinent information on snow operations, as well as tips and resources for staying safe this winter from County agencies. Registration is required at <https://bit.ly/PGCSnowSummit2021>.
- Weatherization programs: Programs are available to help income eligible households lower their energy bills. The [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development \(DHCD\)](#) offers programs that may provide help with things like insulation, hot water system improvements, heating/cooling repair or replacement, renewable energy systems, and other health and safety enhancements free of charge. For questions or help with the application call 1-855-583-8976.
- Leaf Collection: Residents are encouraged to bag their leaves and/or mulch them during lawn mowing instead of pushing them into the streets. It is extremely important to keep storm drains clear of leaves to allow the system optimal performance during a rain event.

To support leaf bagging, Public Works staff will distribute ten (10) leaf bags to each single-family residence in Town, on or before the week of October 18th. FREE leaf bags will also be available for pick up on the third Saturday of the month (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at the bulk trash drop off at the Public Works building until mid-January. Identification confirming residency is required.

Bagged leaves should be set out curbside by 6 a.m. on Mondays for collection by the Town's hauler. If residents choose to mulch their leaves or will otherwise not use the leaf bags, they are encouraged to give them to a neighbor.

- WSSC Notification System: If there is a water or sewer emergency in or near your neighborhood, get alerts via text or email. Visit <http://wsscwater.com/cns> to register.
- JEDA Trucking Bulk Trash Pick-up Services: As a reminder, Bulk Trash Collection is provided by appointment only on Thursdays. Schedule collection by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays by calling 240-604-6077 or online at www.jedatruckinginc.com/book-online.
- Yard Waste Mondays: Yard waste collection is every Monday. Yard waste needs to 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

- Contractor selected to complete Purple Line: Purple Line Transit Partners (PLTP), in partnership with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), selected Maryland Transit Solutions (MTS) to complete the Purple Line. The comprehensive and joint PLTP-MDOT MTA evaluation selected MTS, comprised of Dragados USA Inc. and OHL USA Inc., as offering the best value.

The next steps in the procurement process include finalizing contracts as PLTP advances efforts to secure required financing. MDOT MTA intends to return to the Maryland Board of Public Works (BPW) with the selected contractor, replacement design-build contract and amended P3 Agreement, which will include an updated project cost and schedule for completion.

Click [here](#) for the complete news release.

- Trolley Trail Lighting Project Update: Staff recently received an update from PEPCO regarding the construction timeline for the Trolley Trail Lighting Project. It was reported that construction is scheduled to start on December 6th with a completion date of December 15, 2021.
- Purple Line Updates:
 - Pedestrian Detour to College Park Metro: On or about November 15, 2021, the sidewalk adjacent to the College Park Bus Loop from River Road (identified in the graphic [here](#)) will be closed through December 31, 2021. Signage will be in place to guide bicyclists and pedestrians to the open sidewalk. Work may take place from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and weekends as needed through completion of the work
 - Temporary Lane Closures on Riverdale Road: Beginning on November 11, 2021, crews will perform underground utility work along Riverdale Road at 67th Court for one week, weather permitting. Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and as needed, on weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur. The bus stop at Riverdale

Road and 67th Court will be closed, please use the bus stop at Riverdale and 67th Place during this time.

- Temporary Lane Closures: Beginning on or about November 14, 2021, resurfacing on project roadways between Riverdale Road and Arliss Street will occur in two shifts Monday – Friday, and as needed on weekends through mid-December.
 - Temporary Lane Closures on Campus Drive: Beginning on or about November 14, 2021, resurfacing across the Purple Line alignment will occur through mid-December. The work zone will include Campus Drive. Work will occur in two shifts Monday – Friday, and as needed on weekends; temporary lane closures and uneven surfaces will occur during this effort.
 - Temporary Lane Closures on Campus Drive: Beginning on or about November 15, 2021, temporary lane closures of northbound Campus Drive will occur, with flagging operations between Route 1 and River Road for approximately one week. Work may take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the weekend as needed. The pedestrian path will not be impacted during this time.
 - Temporary Lane Closures on Riverdale Road: Beginning on or about November 14, 2021, resurfacing across the Purple Line alignment will occur through mid-December. The work zones will include Riverdale Road, Kenilworth Avenue, and Haig Drive Circle. Work will occur in two shifts Monday – Friday, and as needed on weekends; temporary lane closures and uneven surfaces will occur during this effort.
- **Purple Line Construction Notices:** Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit www.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:
 - General Website: <https://thestationrp.com/>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station: <https://www.facebook.com/TheStationRP/>
 - Twitter: @thestationrp: <https://twitter.com/thestationrp>
 - Instagram: thestationrp: <https://www.instagram.com/thestationrp/>
 - **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: November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_11162021-2008

Historic Preservation Commission: November 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting.
https://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_11162021-596

Planning Board: November 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1617&Inline=True>

- Development Activities from October 28, 2021, to November 10, 2021

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	2	20
Building Permits Issued	2	20
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	2

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2022-B-19	4901 Sheridan Street	Install Driveway Apron	\$2,000
2022-B-20	6731 46 th Street	Interior Alterations	\$250,000
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$252,000
Est. Investment FYTD 2022 Total:			\$759,628

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	22
Multifamily Licenses Issued	5	15
Single-family Rental Inspection	13	34
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	12
Business License Inspections Conducted	2	88
Business Licenses Issued	3	87

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from October 28, 2021, to November 10, 2021

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	1	47
Exterior Conditions	12	63
Interior Conditions	0	115
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	29

Safety	1	32
Sanitation	0	3
Total Violations Found:	14	289

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	10	87
Fines Issued	0	7
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	8	62
Violation Notices Issued	5	40
Warnings Issued	8	78
Total Services Provided:	31	274

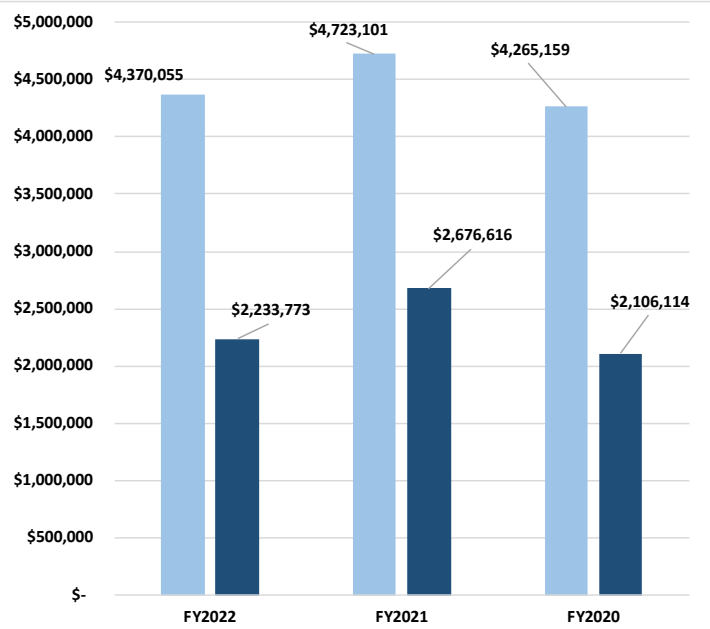
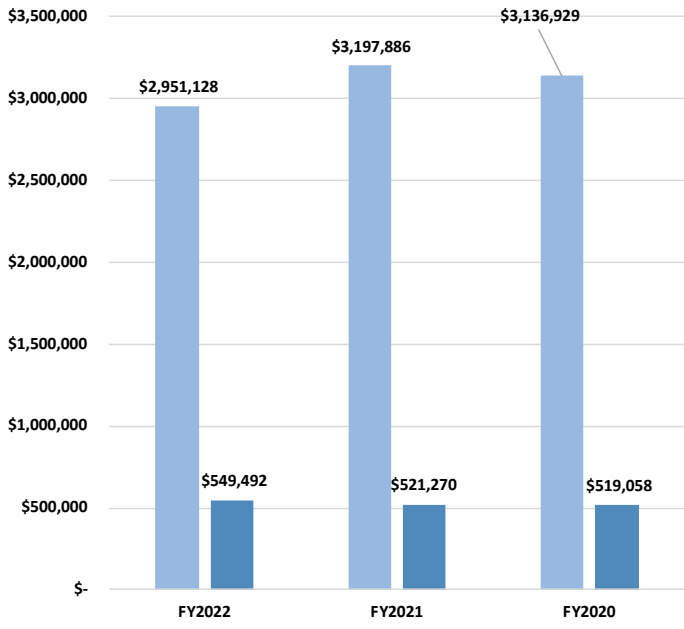
Note:

1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.*
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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Finance

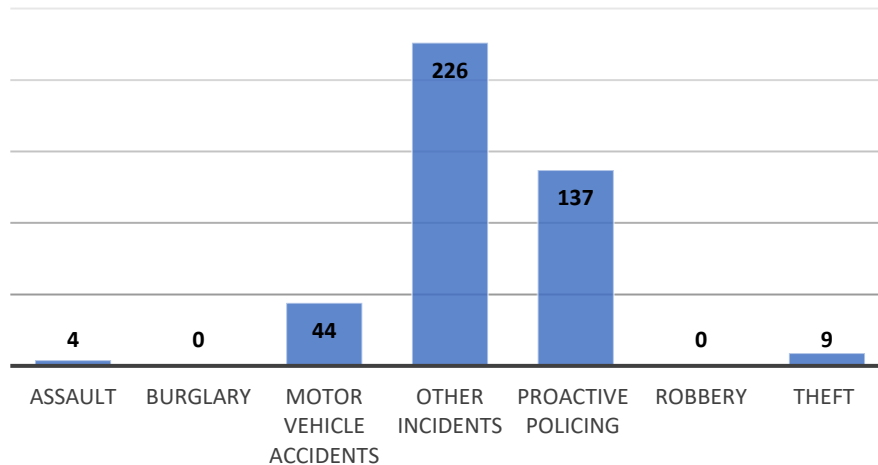
Oct			YTD Total		
FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020
\$ 2,951,128	\$ 3,197,886	\$ 3,136,929	\$ 4,370,055	\$ 4,723,101	\$ 4,265,159
\$ 549,492	\$ 521,270	\$ 519,058	\$ 2,233,773	\$ 2,676,616	\$ 2,106,114
\$ 2,401,636	\$ 2,676,616	\$ 2,617,871	\$ 2,136,282	\$ 2,046,485	\$ 2,159,045



Revenue =	
Expense =	

Public Safety

420 Calls for Police Service 10/28/2021 to 11/09/2021



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, 137 or 33 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 assisting individuals.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to the intersection of Baltimore Avenue and East-West Highway for a suspicious occupied vehicle. As the officers arrived three individuals fled from the vehicle. One suspect was apprehended and found to be in possession of a loaded semi-automatic pistol. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to 4600 block of Van Buren Street for a theft. The victim reported their bicycle was stolen from a secured bicycle rack.

- Officers responded to a business in the 4400 block of East-West Highway for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) removed the catalytic converters from two vehicles in the parking lot. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the RPPD station for a walk-in warrant service. An individual with an active arrest warrant through Anne Arundel County, turned himself in. The warrant was confirmed, and the individual was transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a contact shooting. The investigation revealed two individuals were involved in a physical altercation. The suspect produced a handgun and struck the victim several times. The victim's brother attempted to intervene and was shot by the suspect. An additional victim who was not involved, was also shot by the suspect. All three victims were transported to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The scene was processed by investigators and numerous pieces of evidence were recovered. Through investigative means the suspect has been identified and charged with three counts of 1st degree attempted murder.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a hit and run motor vehicle collision. The operator of the striking vehicle fled the scene on foot. Responding officers located and arrested the suspect a short distance away. The individual was charged with leaving the scene of property damage collision.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a stolen vehicle. The victim reported their Ford Ranger pickup was stolen from the parking lot. The keys were left inside the vehicle.
- Officers observed an individual in the parking lot of 5500 54th Avenue tampering with motor vehicles. The individual was contacted and placed under arrest for trespassing and rogue and vagabonds.
- Officers responded to a single car accident in the 4700 block of Riverdale Road. The operator of the vehicle failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager