

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 23 for 2018



November 16, 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 November 30, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Visioning Workshop for Field of Dreams	November 17, 2018, 10:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Public Hearing	November 26, 2018, 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session and Special Legislative Meeting	November 26, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	December 3, 2018, 8:00 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:
 - Patti Butler 18 Years of Service
 - German Garcia 'Ulloa 14 Years of Service
 - Jessica Barnes 6 Years of Service

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

Community Engagement

- Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) Project: Staff and NDC will host a visioning workshop this Saturday, November 17th at Town Hall from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The purpose of this workshop is to receive input from residents on design and desired use of the park area located at Tuckerman and Lafayette Street (Field of Dreams). The Town looks forward to your participation. Please see and share the attached flyer below:

[Field of Dreams Vision Workshop Flyer](#)

Additionally, an online survey is available for residents to offer input. Please review the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUPe85_g_IWLVj_14Hdaz_JnqDY8VlfzJgYsW_kXIXwUH8g/viewform

If you are not able to complete the survey and/or attend, you may also share your thoughts by emailing to Community_Input@RiverdaleParkMD.gov

- Upcoming Public Hearing: The following Notice of Public Hearing was run in the *Enquirer-Gazette* on Thursday, November 15th:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and Council of Town of Riverdale Park, a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland will hold a public hearing to consider an Ordinance authorizing the (i) reallocation of a portion of the proceeds of the previously issued Town of Riverdale Park Infrastructure Bond, 2013 Series A-2 and Town of Riverdale Park Infrastructure Bond, 2013 Series A-3 (the “Prior Bonds”) in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,103,875 to fund projects not originally authorized, (ii) prepayment of a portion of the Prior Bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,700,000, and (iii) use of a portion of the Prior Bonds to pay the transaction costs associated with such reallocation and prepayment. The Prior Bonds and original projects were authorized pursuant to Ordinance No. 2013-OR-07 and Emergency Ordinance No. 2013-OR-08 and issued under the State of Maryland’s Local Government Infrastructure Financing Program, pursuant to the authority of Sections 4-101 through 4-255 of the Housing and Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended. The reallocated proceeds of the Prior Bonds will be used to (i) finance all or a portion of the costs of reconstructing, renovating, and improving structures and premises, storm water management system improvements, acquisition of real property, street improvements, sidewalk improvements, park and open space improvements, and demolition of town-owned structures for public purposes, and (ii) to pay the costs of such reallocation efforts.

PLACE OF MEETING: Riverdale Park Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DATE: November 26, 2018

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO: The Town of Riverdale Park at 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737.

- 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. Motion to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Lieutenant Robert Turner and Gentry Jones, Jr. to the Defined Benefit Plan Board of Trustees - *Approved*
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-OR-12 regarding revisions to Ethics Ordinance - *Adopted*
3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-OR-13 amendments to Chapter 23 Charges and Fees - *Adopted*
4. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter regarding the 2040 Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP) Draft Plan - *Approved; Letter sent 11/14/18*

Environment

- Tonnage Report: The Town’s contracted trash service provider reported the following for the month of October:

October

WEEK OF	TRASH (Tons)	RECYCLE (Tons)
1-Oct	12.46	9.03
7-Oct	17.65	7.76
14-Oct	20.01	8.09
21-Oct	17.94	7.78
28-Oct	10.91	7.94
TOTAL:	78.97	40.6

- Trash Tote Replacement Delayed: The Town’s contracted trash service provider has notified the Town that they have run out of replacement trash totes. They expect to have more in stock in 2 to 4 weeks.
- Trash Tote Repair/Replacement Process: To coordinate the replacement of damaged trash totes, residents should call the Department of Public Works at 301-927-6381. 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.

- Leaf Collection Begins: The official start of the leaf collection season was Monday, November 5th. Please see below for the schedule of leaf collection activities:

Day of the Week	Regularly Scheduled Services	Leaf Collection Services
Monday	Trash Collection	Leaf vacuuming in Wards 1, 3, 5, and 6
Tuesday		Leaf vacuuming in Wards 2 and 4
Wednesday	Recycling, Metal, and Yard Waste Collection	ALL WARDS as part of regular Yard Waste Collection
Thursday	Trash Collection	Leaf vacuuming in Wards 1, 3, 5, and 6
Friday		Leaf vacuuming in Wards 2 and 4

To make the leaf collection process work as efficiently as possible, residents should adhere to the following:

- Do not put bagged leaves out with regular trash or mix them household trash.
- Put leaves in paper bags or containers clearly marked as "Yard Waste" and place them at the curb on Wednesdays as part of regular yard waste collection.
- Excess leaves may be raked to the curb and piled away from cars and storm drains as the leaf vacuum cannot reach around cars.
- Be sure to remove tree limbs, rocks, and other debris from leaves to be vacuumed or collected as yard waste. These items will damage the Town’s equipment and cause delays.

Development

- Riverdale Park Station Updates:
 - Townhomes: The construction of the next section of townhomes between Rhode Island Avenue and 47th Street south of Underwood Street is underway. Stanley Martin expects those townhomes to be completed by the beginning of 2019. Currently, over 75 townhomes have been sold. Replacement street trees for those which did not recover

from the Spring storms or have otherwise died are scheduled to be installed between November 12th and 19th.

- Parking Structure Progress: CBG Building Company has completed the construction of the new multi-level parking structure on the Building 5 pad site. It is anticipated that DPIC will issue a Use & Occupancy Permit by Friday, November 19th.
 - Hiker-Biker Trail: The Hiker Biker trail has been opened between Townhomes 30 and 31 to provide a more direct route through the development. Hikers and Bikers should continue to watch for and follow the detour signs indicating the directions of this trail around ongoing construction works adjacent to the new parking structure, and Townhomes South of Underwood Street. The installation of the raised speed tables where the hiker-biker trail crosses Van Buren Street, Woodberry Street, and the alley behind the corresponding townhomes has been completed.
 - Paving: Final pavement of Rhode Island Avenue and 47th Street North of Underwood has been completed, as has final pavement of Van Buren Street around the Village Green and alley behind Townhomes 60-89. Unfortunately, the substantial rainfall continues to delay the installation of pavement markings (lane striping, stop bars, etc.). That work is currently scheduled to be completed (weather permitting) by the end of November. The final pavement of the extension of Woodberry Street in front of the playground is scheduled to be completed by November 16th.
- 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:
 - Maryland-National Capital Park and the Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) are ready to accept the CP18001-2018, Kulp Munch Residence, located at 4709 40th Avenue, Hyattsville. A variation is requested for the coverage of the lot for a new detached house in the R-55 Zone. The applicant is requesting batch coverage of 35 percent. For more information, contact Kayleigh Kulp at 240-535-4909 or kayleighkulp@gmail.com.
 - A Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for College Park Marriott 4-18027 will be submitted to Maryland-National Capital Park and the Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The subject property is located at Campus Drive and Corporal Frank S. Scott Drive. The nature of the review is to construct a hotel with ground floor retail. For more information, contact Arthur Horne at 301-925-1800.
 - A Detailed Site Plan for College Park Marriott DSP-18047 will be submitted to Maryland-National Capital Park and the Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The subject property is located at Campus Drive and Corporal Frank S. Scott Drive. The nature of the review is to

construct a hotel with ground floor retail. For more information, contact Arthur Horne at 301-925-1800.

- Maryland-National Capital Park and the Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept NSR Properties, LLC 4-18013. The nature of the review is for a resubdivision to accommodate the reconstruction of a gas station, food and beverage store, and offices. The property is located at 35999 East West Highway in Hyattsville. For more information, t Daniel Lynch at 301-441-2420 or M-NCPPC case reviewer, Joseph Onyebuchi at 301-952-3665.

- 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.

Historic Preservation Commission: November 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)
http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_11202018-226

Board of License Commissioners: November 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_11272018-1174

Planning Board: November 29, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro) *Agenda not available at time of report.*

- Development Activities from November 1, 2018 to November 14, 2018

Rental Licenses:

Description	Bi- Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	66	388
Licenses Issued	2	77

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	0	95
Permits Issued	2	74
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	6

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
FY 2019-B-59	5408 Riverdale Road	Interior Repair and Alteration	\$50,000.00
FY 2019-B-60	5700 Rivertech Court	Demo of partition walls, construction of new partition walls and new finishes	\$80,000.00
FY-2019-UP7	5000 Queensbury Road	Service Replacement (Washington Gas)	Not provided at time of report
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$130,000.00
Est. Investment FYTD 2019 Total:			\$8,379,995.00

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from November 1, 2018 to November 14, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	2	77
Exterior Conditions	0	88
Interior Conditions	0	94
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	28
Safety	0	264
Sanitation	0	21
Total Violations Found:	2	572

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	1	121
Educational Materials Distributed	264	264
Fines Issued	0	5
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	13	75
Violation Notices Issued	1	54
Warnings Issued	1	55
Total Services Provided:	280	572

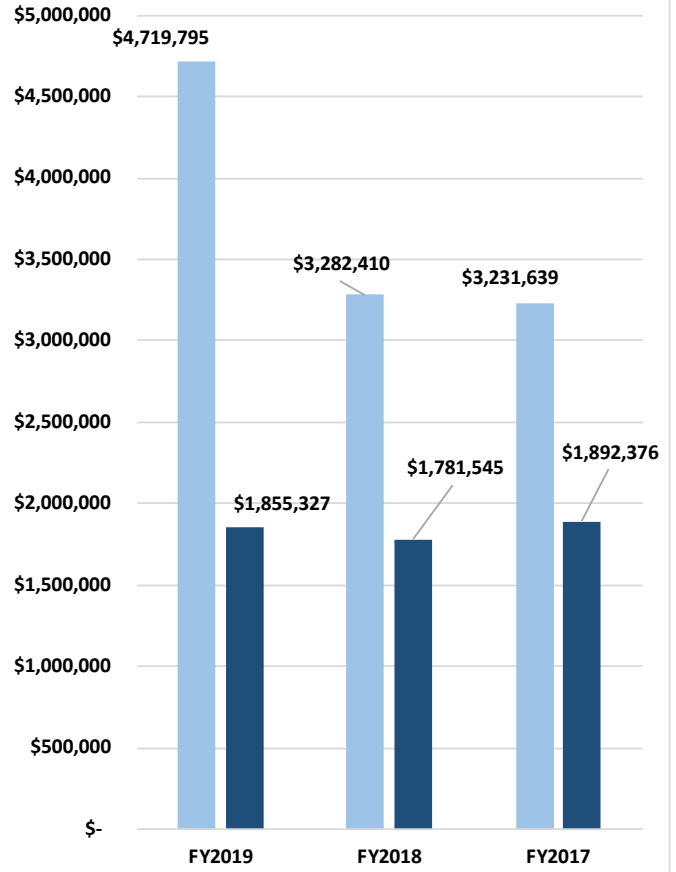
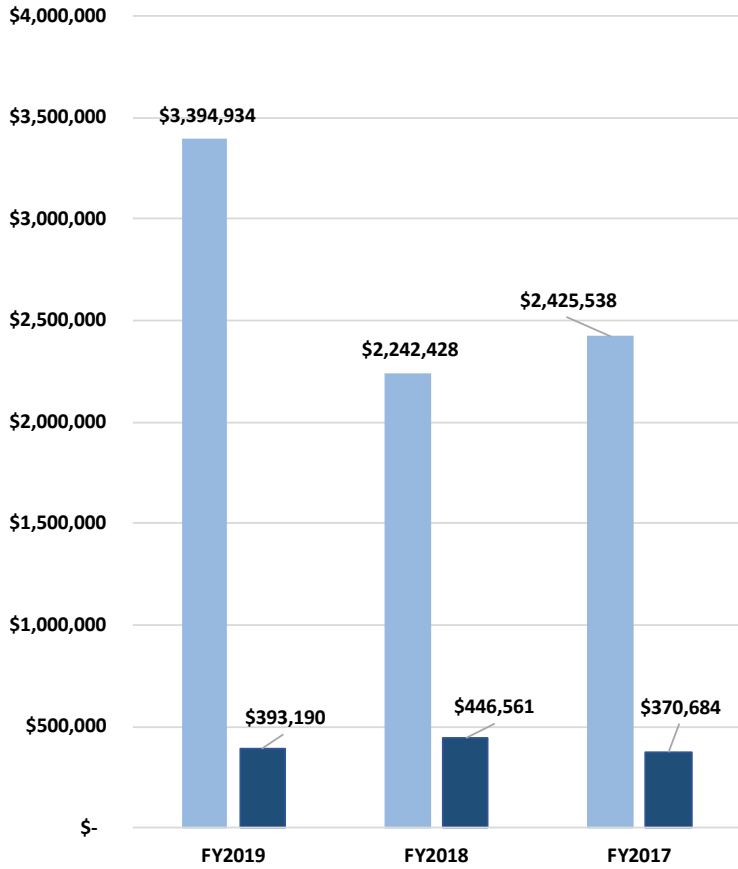
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1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.*
2. *“Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish” includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.*
3. *“Exterior Conditions” 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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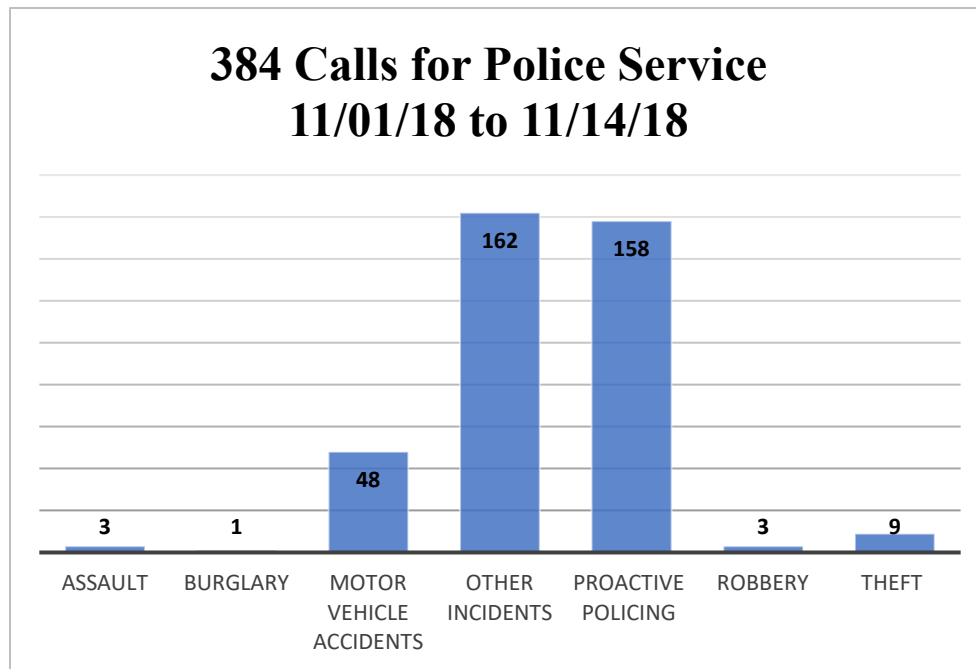
Finance

Oct			YTD Total		
FY2019	FY2018	FY2017	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
\$ 3,394,934	\$ 2,242,428	\$ 2,425,538	\$ 4,719,795	\$ 3,282,410	\$ 3,231,639
\$ 393,190	\$ 446,561	\$ 370,684	\$ 1,855,327	\$ 1,781,545	\$ 1,892,376
\$ 3,001,744	\$ 1,795,867	\$ 2,054,854	\$ 2,864,467	\$ 1,500,865	\$ 1,339,263



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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, 158 or 41 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 the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a domestic assault. The investigation revealed the victim was held down and threatened with a knife. Through investigative means the suspect was located and placed under arrest for 1st and 2nd degree assault. The victim was transported to the District Court Commissioner to obtain a protective order.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for expired registration plates. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant

through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for driving on a suspended license. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

- Officers responded to the 6100 block of Rhode Island Avenue for a citizen robbery. The investigation revealed the suspects approached the victims who were walking on the hiker biker trail and demanded property. The suspects displayed a weapon, and the victims relinquished their personal belongings. Investigators are following up on leads and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 6100 block of 54th Avenue for a roommate dispute. The involved parties were contacted and advised their options for solving the dispute. A records check revealed one of the individuals to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for violation of probation. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for a citizen's complaint of a suspicious person. Responding officers contacted an individual matching the description provided and conducted a records check. The individual was found to have two active arrest warrants through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving on a suspended license. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a restaurant in the 5600 block of Riverdale Road for a disorderly customer. An employee reported an intoxicated patron harassing customers and refusing to leave the business. Officers escorted the individual from the property and issued a no trespass order. A short time later the individual returned to the business and was subsequently placed under arrest for trespassing.
- Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a commercial burglary. The investigation revealed suspects forced entry into the laundry room. Once inside, the suspects attempted to remove the coin machine with a saw. Officers located one of the suspects and after a brief foot pursuit apprehended the individual. Additionally, the suspect vehicle was located and impounded for investigation purposes. The suspect was charged with 4th degree burglary, theft, and trespassing. Investigation to determine additional suspects is ongoing.
- Officers in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue heard what they believed to be gun shots and immediately imitated a canvas of the area. Officers located a victim who reported while sitting in his vehicle a suspect approached armed with a handgun and demanded the victim's property. The victim immediately drove away, and the suspect began firing at the victim. The victim's vehicle was struck by gunfire, but no one was injured. The scene was processed, and evidence was recovered. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a motor scooter in the 4600 block of Queensbury Road for failure to stop for a stop sign. The operator of the motor scooter attempted to flee the traffic stop on foot but was apprehended after a foot pursuit. A records check revealed the motor scooter was reported stolen through the University of Maryland Police Department. The operator was placed under arrest for motor vehicle theft and related traffic charges.

- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a citizen armed robbery. The investigation revealed the victim met the suspect on a dating app and agreed to meet at the location. The suspect arrived with several acquaintances who robbed the victim at knife point. The victim wasn't injured, and the investigation is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John N. Lestitian", written over a horizontal line.

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager