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Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information

Town Hall

5008 Queensbury Road
301-927-6381
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Department of Public Works

5012 Queensbury Road
301-927-6381
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Police Department

5004 Queensbury Road
301-927-4343
24-hours

Bates Trucking and Trash Collection

Bulk Trash Collection
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
301-773-2069

*Residents must contact Bates by 2 p.m. on Tuesday for a Wednesday pickup. Residents may request a bulk trash pickup online at www.batestrucking.com. Click on Customer Center and complete the Request Service form.

ELECTION NOTICE

In compliance with the terms of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland, an election will be held

Monday, May 6, 2019

To elect Mayor & Council Members

**Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at
Riverdale Park Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road**

CANDIDATES

Mayor

ALAN THOMPSON

Council, Ward 1

MARSHA DIXON

Council, Ward 2

**SPIRO DIMAKAS
AARON FAULX**

Council, Ward 3

DAVID LINGUA

Council, Ward 4

CHRISTOPHER HENRY

Council, Ward 5

COLLEEN RICHARDSON

Council, Ward 6

HALA MAYERS

**Geraldine Gee, Chief Election Judge
Joseph Mooney, Deputy Chief Election Judge**



Save the Date!

Riverdale Park Day 2019

Saturday, June 15th

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Town Center

Council Actions

Legislative Meeting on April 1, 2019

Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes: March 4, 2019 Legislative Meeting; February 25, 2019 Special Legislative Meeting; February 25, 2019 Work Session

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to appoint Paul Smith, Director of Finance and Employee Services, as Acting Town Manager effective April 17, 2019
2. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement for Lawn Mowing and Maintenance Services with Motir Services, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$66,800
3. Motion to authorize staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for City of Hyattsville Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) Coalition and a Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement
4. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR- 04 regarding Competitive Negotiated Sale of 4603 East West Highway
5. Motion to authorize Town Manager to send a letter to Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals recommending approval of variance request for 5912 48th Avenue; variances of 5 feet front yard depth and 5.5 feet side street yard depth, and 33 feet front street line setback, 17 .5 feet side street line setback and a waiver of the rear yard location requirement (Ward 3)
6. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-02 regarding Chapter 42 Business Licenses
7. Motion to adopt with amendments Ordinance 2019-OR-03 regarding Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way
8. Motion to authorize Town Manager to send a letter to Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement in support of a Food Truck Hub in Discovery District
9. Motion to repeal and replace Resolution 2019-R-02 regarding Election Judges



Purple Line Construction Notices

Purple Line construction is well underway. The next phase of construction will focus on utility relocation work and will likely have a significant impact on travel. 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.

Town of Riverdale Park

www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

Mayor

Alan K. Thompson
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Council Members

Ward 1 – Marsha Dixon, 301-531-4230
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Ward 5 – Colleen Richardson, 240-646-6457
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Ward 6 – Hala Mayers, 301-927-6381
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Administration

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www.riverdalevfd.com

The Town Crier is also available on the Town's Website: www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

Submission deadline: 15th of each month

FAIR SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2019-OR-04

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2019-OR-04.

Ordinance 2019-OR-04 would approve a certain Purchase Agreement with Werrlein Properties, LLC, for the sale of certain property at 4603 East-West Highway in the Town of Riverdale Park; determine that such property as described in the Purchase Agreement is not needed for public use and authorize the conveyance of such property pursuant to such Purchase Agreement; and all matters generally related to the disposition of certain Town-owned property.

Ordinance 2019-OR-04 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson

It is May, a fantastic month. It starts with spring in full glory, with cool nights and warm, pollen-filled days. At the end of the month we have Memorial Day Weekend, which starts summer! I hope that we have a big turnout at the Veteran's Monument on Memorial Day – check the calendar for the schedule!

Town Budget

The Finance Committee held two public hearings on the budget during the first half of April. Staff had spent weeks preparing the detailed, 300-page document, and the quality of the preparation showed. While we on the Council and some members of the public asked a lot of clarifying questions about expenditures *and* revenues, almost no changes were requested. We had additional discussion of the budget at the April 29 work session, and expect to formally introduce it at the May 6 legislative session (with adoption later in May). At the time I am writing this, we have managed to hold the tax rate flat, and with a reorganization (keeping a command position unfilled and eliminating a civilian position) will be able to have three additional police officers on the street, as has been requested by many town residents.

New Assistant Chief of Police

On April 3, I was pleased to swear in Rosa Guixens as Riverdale Park's Assistant Chief of Police. Assistant

Chief Guixens was born in Puerto Rico and has served in the command staff of the Prince George's County Police for many years, most recently in the District 1 (Hyattsville) Station. I look forward to working with Assistant Chief Guixens in the years ahead!

Town Elections

Town elections are scheduled for May 6, from 7 am to 8 pm, with all Council positions (Ward representatives and the Mayor) on the ballot. I encourage all eligible voters in town to come to the polls and help choose the next Council and Mayor. Candidates for each position are listed on the front page of this Town Crier.

Purple Line Construction

I typically only get a few weeks (at best) of advance notice on Purple Line activities, so it is best to sign up for announcements directly from <https://www.purplelinemd.com/construction/>. The schedule for the closing of the Campus Drive underpass (under the Metro/railroad tracks near the College Park metro station) is *still* anyone's guess at this point. The one part of the project that seems to still be on schedule is the widening of the underpass where East-West Highway goes under the Baltimore-Washington Parkway – they are currently thinking the transition to a temporary bridge will happen the weekend of May 18. There are a lot of lane closures for River Road, Kenilworth Avenue, and East-West Highway planned over the next month. If you have immediate questions or concerns about construction, you can call the project help line 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 240-424-5325 or send e-mail to outreach@pltcllc.com.

Contact Me

If you have any questions or comments about any aspect of Town government, please contact me by e-mail (akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or phone (301-237-0632). I will get back to you as quickly as I can, but please remember that while I love being Mayor, I have a full-time job during the day with an associated commute (as do the other members of the Town Council), and it may take me a little while to get back to you. If you leave me a voice mail (and please do if I don't answer!) I'd be grateful if you could let me know what times are good for me to call you back. Thanks!

Look for me here again in June, and I hope you have a wonderful month!

Ward 2 Report

Council Member Aaron Faulx

Field of Dreams

On March 23rd, we held a feedback session on the concepts that the Neighborhood Design Center proposed for the park space at the Field of Dreams. The “lazy meadow” concept or Concept 1 had the most support and seems to be the basis of any future design. The feedback form is located on the website and really helps show the ideas that the participating individuals had. Some of the major concerns involved water drainage issues on the site and the general topography of the landscape. These are two issues that will be dealt with early on in the process. Other concerns were with lighting, sight lines, shade spaces, and the features that we would like to see in this “lazy meadow” park. Another discussion point revolved around involving local expertise and the University of Maryland in order to help best equip the park with the amenities discussed at the meeting. The local participation in the creation of the park was one of the highlights for me as an elected official. It was a fantastic meeting and I am tremendously excited to see the early work start in this park over the next year.

Denizen’s Brewing Company

I was able to participate in a ceremony with Denizen’s Brewing Company where we awarded them a \$5000 dollar grant from the Town’s newly created business development fund. They were incredibly appreciative of the Town’s willingness to assist financially with their new facility in Riverdale Park Station. They commented that it was the first grant money they have received from any municipality where they have opened and they were excited to “come grow with us” here in Riverdale Park. We need to continue to support the Town’s Business Development Grant Programs for exactly this reason. It is an incredible opportunity to foster a positive relationship between the business community and the town and increases the likelihood of drawing better and more unique businesses into our wonderful town. Look for a “spring opening” from Denizens at Riverdale Park Brewing. I hope to see you there!

Department of Public Works

As I was driving to the school I work at the other day, I noticed cars veering around a tree that had fallen in the northbound lane of Taylor Road. I pulled over and emailed town staff at 6am to notify them about the disturbance. By 8am, I had received a confirmation

email that the fallen tree debris had already been cleaned up and our roadways restored to normal driving conditions. I just wanted to say a huge “thank you” to our Department of Public Works for their amazing responsiveness in what could have been a very dangerous situation for our residents and commuters. Their hard work often goes unnoticed, but over the past year they have been incredible. Thank you DPW!

Budget Hearings

On a final note, I was able to attend our budget hearing that was held at Town Hall on April 13th from 9:30 to 1:30. I want to say thank you to town leadership and staff that have been hard at work on this incredible 306 page document for months and months. We were able to move over \$118,000 dollars in the next fiscal year to Community Improvement Projects (Field of Dreams, Lafayette Bridge Underpass Project, and possible Community Gardens) located within Ward 2. I am incredibly proud of this accomplishment and thank those that helped achieve it. If we make our voices heard we are capable of making the changes that we want to see within our community. Thank you for making your voices heard and thank you for allowing me to find mine.



2019 Earth Day Clean Up

The 2019 Earth Day Clean Up, an annual partnership with the Anacostia Watershed Society, was a resounding success. Twenty-eight volunteers collected 30 bags of non-recyclables, 48 bags of recyclables, an estimated 400 pounds of bulk items, 24 tires of various sizes, and much more!

Thank you to the sponsors and partners who made this event possible:

Anacostia Watershed Society

Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
Commission
Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl
Denizens Brewing Co.
Riverdale Park Farmer's Market Inc.
McCleaf's Orchard
I Confect

Stay tuned for more community clean ups in the coming months!

Welcome Assistant Chief Guixens

Chief David Morris is pleased to announce that Mrs. Rosa Guixens has been selected to serve as the Assistant Chief of Police for the Town of Riverdale Park. Rosa is a 25-year veteran of the Prince George's County Police Department, serving since 1994. During her career, she has held various complex command positions throughout the police department, including assignments in Patrol, Special Operations, Administration, Investigations, and Personnel and Recruiting. Before joining Riverdale Park, Rosa most recently served as the Police Major assigned as the Commander of Police District I, Hyattsville. Rosa holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Maryland, College Park and a Master of Criminal Justice Degree from Boston University.

Rosa stood out among an excellent field of candidates for the Riverdale Park Police Department's Assistant Chief position, performing very well in each step of the challenging selection process. Rosa is an experienced and nationally respected law enforcement executive with a proven record of strategic crime reduction and community engagement. She has received numerous awards and commendations throughout her distinguished career and is a highly respected leader within the law enforcement community. Rosa is fluent in Spanish and her strong relationships with this important part of our community will prove invaluable as we continue to reach out to underrepresented communities.

Rosa is excited to join our team. "I'm honored to have been selected to serve as the next Assistant Chief of Police for the Town of Riverdale Park. The police department has a long, proud history of providing excellent service to the community and is recognized as

a premier law enforcement agency. I'm humbled to have been selected and look forward to continuing to serve in this honorable profession and working collaboratively with the community, the department, and the Town."

Mayor Thompson administered the Oath of Office swearing Assistant Chief Guixens in on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. She was joined by family, friends and town residents. Rosa has already met with staff and several community groups and business owners as she seeks ways to work with our community partners to deliver quality police services to address the needs of our diverse and growing community. Again, please join us in welcoming Rosa aboard.

El Jefe de Policía David Morris, tiene el placer de anunciar que ha seleccionado a la Señora Rosa Guixens para servir como asistente del Jefe de Policía para la ciudad de Riverdale Park. Rosa es una veterana de 25 años de experiencia de la Policía del Condado de Prince George's, sirviendo desde 1994. Durante su carrera, ella ha tenido múltiples posiciones complejas bajo su mando con el departamento de policía, incluyendo asignaciones en patrullaje, operaciones especiales, administración, investigaciones, personal y reclutamiento. Antes de unirse a Riverdale Park, Rosa sirvió recientemente como Mayor de la Policía del Distrito I, Hyattsville. Rosa posee una licenciatura en Artes de la Universidad de Maryland, College Park y una Maestría en Justicia Criminal de la Universidad de Boston.

Rosa sobresalió dentro de un excelente grupo de candidatos para la posición de Asistente del Jefe de la Policía del Departamento de Riverdale Park, desarrollándose muy bien en cada paso del proceso de selección. Rosa es una experimentada y nacionalmente respetada ejecutiva en el cumplimiento de ley con un alto porcentaje estratégico en reducción del crimen y acercamiento con la comunidad. Ella ha recibido numerosos premios y elogios a través de su distinguida carrera y es altamente respetada como líder en la comunidad de la ley. Rosa es fluida en Español y sus relaciones fuertes con esta parte de la comunidad resultara invaluable mientras continuamos alcanzando la comunidad subrepresentada.

Rosa está emocionada de unirse a nuestro equipo. "Estoy honrada de haber sido seleccionada para servir como la siguiente Asistente del Jefe de Policía para la ciudad de Riverdale Park. El Departamento de policía

tiene un largo y una orgullosa historia de proveer un excelente servicio a la comunidad y es reconocida como agencia de primer nivel de policía. Me siento con humildad al haber sido seleccionada y mirar hacia adelante para continuar sirviendo a esta honorable profesión y trabajando en colaboración con la comunidad, el departamento, y la ciudad”.



Chief's Community Advisory Committee to Discuss Neighborhood Watch Program

The Riverdale Park Police Chief's Community Advisory Committee will be meeting on Saturday, May 18th, at 10:00 a.m. at Riverdale Park Town Hall (5008 Queensbury Road) to discuss the Neighborhood Watch program. A Neighborhood Watch, or Crime Watch, is a group of residents devoted to crime and vandalism prevention within a neighborhood. The goals of a Neighborhood Watch group are to encourage residents to get more involved with reporting crimes, connect with other residents in their community, and engage with the Riverdale Park Police Department to assure that their public safety needs are being met. The Neighborhood Watch program is an important pillar of the Community Policing philosophy of the Riverdale Park Police Department and represents a collaboration between the police and the community that identifies and solves community problems, where all members of the community become active allies in the effort to enhance the safety and quality of neighborhoods.

Everyone living in Riverdale Park deserves to be safe and the Riverdale Park Police Department is committed

to protecting and serving all members of our community.

If you have any public safety concerns, please reach out directly to our Police Department or attend a Chief's Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) meeting (see below). The goal of the CCAC is to facilitate communication between the Riverdale Park Police Department and the Riverdale Park community. Our meetings are an excellent opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns directly with our Chief of Police. Remember, the Riverdale Park Police Department is **your** police department!

Upcoming CCAC Meetings in 2019:

Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 am

Monday, July 29th at 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 26th at 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 pm

All meetings are held at the Riverdale Park Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road.

El Comité Asesor de la Comunidad del Jefe de Policía de Riverdale Park se reunirá el sábado, 18 de mayo, a las 10:00 am en el Salón de la Municipalidad de Riverdale Park (5008 Queensbury Road.) para discutir el Programa de Vigilancia Vecinal. La Vigilancia Vecinal, o Vigilancia del Crimen, es un grupo de residentes dedicados a la prevención del crimen y el vandalismo dentro del vecindario. Los objetivos del Programa de Vigilancia Vecinal son para animar a los residentes a involucrarse más reportando crímenes, tener más relación con otros residentes en su comunidad, y establecer un enlace con el Departamento de Policía de Riverdale Park para asegurarse que las necesidades de seguridad pública sean cumplidas. El Programa de Vigilancia Vecinal es un importante pilar de la filosofía de Comunidad Policial del Departamento de Riverdale Park y representa una colaboración entre la policía y la comunidad que identifica y resuelve los problemas de la comunidad, donde todos los miembros de la comunidad se vuelven activos aliados en el esfuerzo de mejorar la seguridad y la calidad de los vecindarios.

Todos los que viven en Riverdale Park tienen el derecho a estar seguros y el Departamento de Policía de Riverdale Park está comprometido a proteger y a servir a todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad.

Si usted tiene alguna preocupación de la seguridad pública, por favor contacte a nuestro Departamento de

Policía o asista a la reunión del Comité Asesor de la Comunidad del Jefe de Policía (en sus siglas en inglés CCAC). El objetivo de CCAC es para facilitar la comunicación entre el Departamento de Policía de Riverdale Park y la comunidad de Riverdale Park. Nuestras reuniones son una excelente oportunidad para compartir sus ideas y preocupaciones directamente con nuestro Jefe de Policía. Recuerde, el Departamento de Policía de Riverdale Park es **su** departamento de policía. Las próximas reuniones de ACCA en el 2019 son:
Sábado, 18 de mayo a las 10:00 am
Lunes, 29 de julio a las 6:00 pm
Jueves, 26 de septiembre a las 6:00 pm
Jueves, 14 de noviembre a las 6:00 pm

Todas las reuniones son celebradas en el Salón de la Municipalidad de Riverdale Park, 5008 Queensbury Road.

Get Out to Vote!

Be sure to vote in the upcoming Town Election on Monday, May 6, 2019. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall (5008 Queensbury Road).

If you are not registered to vote anywhere else in the United States, you may be eligible for the Town's Supplemental Voter Registry. Please see below for more information.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TOWN'S SUPPLEMENTAL VOTER REGISTRY?

If you have, or will have, the Town of Riverdale Park as your primary residence, for at least forty-five (45) days immediately prior to May 6, 2019 (March 22, 2019 to May 5, 2019); are at least 16 years old; do not claim the right to vote elsewhere in the United States; and have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote; you can register to vote by using the Town of Riverdale Park Supplemental Voter Registry Voter Registration Form. Registration Forms are available on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov or at Town Hall.

WHAT FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL VOTER REGISTRY?

1. An identification card issued by a federal, state, or local government entity of the United States or any foreign country or school provided that the

identification document contains the applicant's name and date of birth; **AND**

2. A document that establishes your current residence in the Town of Riverdale Park if not already established by (1.) above. Examples include a copy of house or apartment lease, utility bill, paycheck, bank statement, school record, or other document that shows your legal name and current address in the Town of Riverdale Park.

CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE ON THE DAY OF ELECTION?
Yes, all residents who meet the requirements listed above may register to vote on the day of the election.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk at 301-927-6381 (ext. 505).

Community Walks Begin May 18th

Please plan to join us for the first Community Walk of 2019 which will be held on **Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m.** The walk will begin at Town Hall and the route will be included in an upcoming Status and Information Report. Community Walks are scheduled throughout the spring, summer, and fall on the following Saturdays:

July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 2

Community Walks are a good time to meet your Town representatives and discuss opportunities for or concerns about your community.

Spring is here!

Neighborhood Services staff will be visiting every street in Town over the next several weeks to help residents identify areas that may need additional attention.

As a reminder, The Town offers a bulk trash pick-up on Wednesdays through the Town's residential trash collection provider. To request a pick-up, please call 301-773-2069 or visit www.batestrucking.com. (Click on Customer Center and complete the Request Service form.) On the third Saturday of most months, the Town also accepts bulk trash items at the Department of

Public Works building, 5012 Queensbury Road. Please note that this service is only offered to Town residents so identification may be required.

If you have any questions regarding property maintenance or the application of Town codes, please contact the Neighborhood Services team:

Brad Goshen- bgoshen@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 ext. 514

CJ Reading- creading@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 ext. 508

We look forward to working with you!

Neighborhood Services Frequently Asked Questions

I want to build something on my property, do I need a Town building permit?

In most cases, yes. If you are planning to build a fence, driveway, garage, or anything that will require a building permit from Prince George's County, you will also need to obtain a building permit from the Town. To contact Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, call (301) 883-5900 or visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1024/Permitting-Inspections-and-Enforcement>.

Town permits are also required for storage receptacles (PODS) and dumpsters. For more information regarding Town permits, please visit the Town's website at http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/our_town/development_services/permits_and_licenses.php. If you have additional questions, please contact Neighborhood Services at 301-927-6381.

Who should I call to report a concern regarding an animal?

To report a missing, vicious, injured, or deceased animal, please call the Prince George's County Animal Services Division at 301-780-7200. You will need the following information when you call:

- Name, address, phone number (this information will be kept confidential)

- Address where the animal was last seen
- Animal's physical condition
- Color of animal
- Type of animal

I have a concern about a property in my neighborhood, what should I do?

If you have concerns regarding a property in your neighborhood, please contact Neighborhood Services. One of the primary duties of the Neighborhood Services team is to educate residents about the Town's community standards. In most cases residents simply do not know that they are not meeting the Town's community standards as defined in the Town Code. In some cases, another community partner such as Prince George's County, may be needed to address your concerns. Information about the Town's community standards can be found on the Town's website, www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, under Town Code and TRP's Vision and Commitment Statements.

Community Spring Clean Up

The annual Community Spring Clean Up will be held on Saturday, May 18th. Residents are offered the opportunity to put their yard waste/bulk trash items on the curb on Friday, May 17th for pick-up on Saturday, May 18th. This event replaces the May Saturday Bulk Trash Drop-off, normally held on the third Saturday of each month. The Public Works facility will NOT be open for drop-off of any bulk trash items on Saturday, May 18th. Please note that all items must be curbside no later than 8:00 a.m.

The following items are not eligible for pick-up:

- Remodeling lumber, flooring material, plaster, plasterboard, and interior tile
- Fencing material or poles
- Air conditioners, refrigerators, and freezers
- Lawnmowers or other gas-powered tools
- Automobile major components
- Tires
- Dirt, stone, gravel, and sod
- Concrete blocks and bricks, cement
- Antifreeze and/or oil
- Glass, windows, door panels, fish tanks
- Paint
- Hazardous materials and/or chemicals



May is Building Safety Month

Building Codes Save Lives

Building Safety Month is an annual, global event presented by the International Code Council (ICC), its members and partners celebrating the importance of building safety, current safety codes and the role of code officials in ensuring safe structures. This year is the 39th anniversary of Building Safety Month.

As a member of the International Code Council, the Town of Riverdale Park joins with the 64,000 ICC members in recognizing the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work and play.

Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Initiative

Look Up. Look Out. Stay alert, walk smart and drive smart. The Town of Riverdale Park proudly partners in promoting Maryland's pedestrian safety campaign which includes both drivers and pedestrians, because pedestrian safety is a two-way street. Pedestrian safety is an issue that affects our entire community; young and senior, drivers and walkers, in the day and at night. On average, more than 100 pedestrians are killed each year in Maryland. Most of the incidents are preventable.

The *Look Up, Look Out* campaign reminds drivers and pedestrian to stay alert, and follow the rules of the road and traffic laws. Following are some simple yet effective measures to keep our pedestrians safe:

For pedestrians:

- Use sidewalks and marked crosswalks whenever possible.
- Press the pedestrian signal button and wait for the walk signal.
- Always stop at the curb and look left, right and left before crossing a street.
- Watch for cars turning in or leaving driveways.

- Wear light or bright colored clothing.
- Stay visible at night.
- Pay attention and take off headphones while walking – no texting or playing games.

For drivers:

- Stay alert.
- Always stop for pedestrians.
- Follow traffic signs, signals and markings.
- Don't run red lights.
- Observe posted speed limits. Speeding only makes it more difficult to stop for pedestrians.
- Keep your eyes on the road. It's illegal to use a handheld phone/device or text while driving.

The Riverdale Park Police Department proactively enforces Maryland's traffic safety laws. It's not about the ticket, it's about saving lives. Remember, Traffic Safety is Public Safety!

For more information on pedestrian safety, please visit <https://www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=376>

EYEFA: Art, Color & Emotions

Teen Board: Tamryn Thornton-Fillyaw, Tanise Thornton-Fillyaw, Terrica Thornton-Fillyaw

Many people have been asked to associate a color with an emotion. For example, many don't stop to dissect why they associate certain colors with certain feelings or if their perception may be different than someone else's. Emotions and personal experiences can have a drastic effect on how a piece of artwork is viewed. The same work can evoke two completely different reactions from two people depending on their emotions and world view.

Art is multi-dimensional and the way it is seen can change depending on what mindset you are in. For example, a single thought on your mind could completely change the way you hear a song, even if you have listened to the song hundreds of times before. In addition, emotions also change the way art is created. In some cases, artists may not even notice how their emotional change can then change the tone of their artwork. Sometimes as a viewer, it is possible to see what the artist is going through reflected in his or her work. Although sometimes we cannot see directly the way our emotions alter the ways we see and even create art. If we take a step back, you can find that

artwork is an outlet for the soul and shows emotions in more way than one.

Now we know that art can show and express how we feel and do so in a way words can't. Sometimes it takes a little more work to read this type of expression. However, art is for everyone because it can express itself in different ways for different mindsets.

To explore what EYEFA is about, contact Emily Fanning at: ourdollmom@aol.com Ages 7 and up.

TROLLEY TRAIL DAY SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY
JUNE 8, 2019**

FUN RUN
BIKE RIDE
LOCAL MUSIC
KIDS ACTIVITIES
FOOD & DRINK
& MORE!



COLLEGE PARK • RIVERDALE PARK • HYATTSVILLE
College Park City-University Partnership • Maryland Milestones/ATHA Inc. • Hyattsville CDC
Learn more at marylandmilestones.org/trolleytrail

NOAA OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US!
Saturday, May 4th
10am - 3:30pm

5830 University Research Court
College Park, Maryland 20740

Our world-class facility is home to 825 meteorologists, scientists, data managers and other NOAA employees from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction, the Satellite and Information Service and Office of Oceanic & Atmospheric Research.

Visitors will have the opportunity to learn how meteorologists forecast and track storms, watch a weather balloon launch, tour our oceanography and air laboratories, hear stories from a hurricane hunter pilot and more. There will also be hands-on interactive science activities for kids.

A government ID will be required for adults. All bags will be screened upon entry. Visitors are encouraged to leave bags in their vehicles.



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*Facility Tours
Interactive Activities
Family Fun*

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VEN A CELEBRAR!
Sábado, 4 de Mayo
10:00am - 3:30pm

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Nuestro edificio de clase mundial acoge a más de 800 meteorólogos, científicos, administradores de datos y a muchos otros empleados de NOAA en los Centros Nacionales de Predicción Ambiental, del Servicio de Información Satelital, y de la Oficina de Investigación Oceánica y Atmosférica.

Visitantes tendrán la oportunidad de aprender cómo los meteorólogos determinan el pronóstico del tiempo. Podrán participar en actividades didácticas, ver lanzamientos de globos meteorológicos, recorrer nuestros laboratorios y escuchar increíbles historias de nuestro piloto casa tormentas.

Por favor traiga una identificación. Todas las bolsas serán inspeccionadas en la entrada. Les recomendamos dejar todo tipo de bolsas en sus vehículos.



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*Recorridos
Actividades interactivas
Diversión familiar*



May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All Meetings and events are held at Town Hall unless another location is indicated. Also, all meetings are open to the public so please plan to join us!</p> <p>Trash collection occurs on Mondays and Thursdays. Yard waste is collected on Wednesdays. Please contact the Department of Public Works at 301-927-6381 for more information.</p>			1 M-UTC Meeting 7:30 p.m.	2 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	3 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	4
5 Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	6 Election Day 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Legislative Meeting 8 p.m.	7	8	9 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	10 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	11
12  Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	13	14	15	16 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	17 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	18 Community Walk 9 a.m. Community Clean-up 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
19 Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	20 Council Work Session 8 p.m.	21	22	23 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	24 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	25
26 Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	27 Town Hall and DPW Closed	28	29	30 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	31 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	

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Comcast: www.comcast.com

Customer service: 1-800-934-6489

Pepco: www.pepco.com

To report an outage: 1-877-737-2662

Customer service: 202-833-7500

Prince George's County: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov

Animal Control: 301-780-7200

Assessments: 301-952-2500

Parks and Recreation (maintenance): 301-918-4700

Permitting, Licenses and Enforcement: 301-636-2000

Public Works and Transportation: 301-883-5650

Prince George's County Public Schools: www.pgcps.org

Riverdale Elementary: 301-985-1850

William Wirt Middle School: 301-985-1720

Bladensburg High School: 301-887-6700

Parkdale High School: 301-513-5700

Verizon www.verizon.com

Washington Gas: www.washingtongas.com

To report a gas leak: 703-750-1400 or 800-752-7520

Customer Service: 703-750-1000

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC):

www.wsscwater.com

To report a water main break or sewage backup: 301-206-4002

Customer service: 301-206-4001 or 1-800-634-8400

Local Organizations

Lion's Club

Pat Prangle at 240-882-4993

Northern County Soccer Alliance

NCSA@soccer.net or 301-577-3559

Riverdale Park Boy Scout Troop 252

Scoutmaster Bob Killen at 301-483-8455

Madison Hill Homeowners Association

301-583-8857

Riversdale Historical Society

301-864-0420

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market

Jim Coleman at 301-586-5973

Riverdale Park Business Association

www.shoplocalriverdalepark.com

Riverdale Park Arts Council

Samuel Williams, Jr. at 909-380-4231

Riversdale Chamber Music Society

Robert DiLutis at rdilutis@umd.edu or

www.riversdalechambermusic.com