

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 25 for 2018



December 14, 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 December 28, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Holiday Market and Festival of Lights	Saturday, December 15, 2018 12noon to 8:00 p.m.	Town Center
Closed Session	Monday, December 17, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	Monday, December 17, 2018 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	Monday, January 7, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Meeting: Pedestrian and Traffic Safety	*Tentative/Save the Date* Saturday, January 19, 2019 10:30 a.m.	Town Hall

Employee Recognition

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

- Susanne Dunn 33 Years of Service

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

Community Engagement

- Police Department staff joined law enforcement agencies statewide in Annapolis for the 15th Annual Maryland Remembers Memorial. Maryland Remembers is an annual memorial that honors the lives of people killed on Maryland roads at the hands of impaired drivers. During this holiday season we remind motorists to drive responsibly to keep our roadways safe.
- 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 adopt Ordinance 2018-OR-14, Amending and Supplementing Ordinance 2013-OR-07 as Amended by Emergency Ordinance 2013-OR-08, regarding reduction and reallocation of certain existing public debt - **Adopted**
2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-16 regarding the Town's Defined Contribution Plan- **Adopted**
3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-OR-15 regarding Vehicles, Parking and Traffic- **Adopted**
4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-17 regarding permit parking areas- **Adopted**
5. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter to Ms. Taslima Alam, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission recommending denial of Special Permit Request SP-150003-01 for the addition of a ground-mounted freestanding sign at 7-Eleven #37240 located at 6315 Baltimore Avenue - **Approved**
6. Motion to adopt 2019 Council Calendar - **Adopted**

Environment

- 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 Continues: Weather permitting, staff have been cleaning-up leaves every workday since November 5th. Please see below for the schedule of leaf collection activities:

Day of the Week	Regularly Scheduled Services	Leaf Collection Services
Monday	Residential Trash Collection	Leaf vacuuming
Tuesday		Leaf vacuuming
Wednesday	Recycling, Metal, and Yard Waste Collection	Town-wide as part of regular Yard Waste Collection
Thursday	Residential Trash Collection	Leaf vacuuming
Friday		Leaf vacuuming

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

- UMD Community Garden Capstone Project: On Tuesday, December 4th, students from the University of Maryland did a final presentation on their capstone project to explore the feasibility of establishing a community garden. Staff is collaborating with the students to finalize the report from this project.

Afterwards, staff will explore the recommendations provided in the report and seek input from the Mayor and Council on possible options for implementation of a community garden in Town.



- Purple Line Updates for December:
 - Possible Lane Closures on River Road- Temporary lane closures will occur on an as needed basis on River Road between College Park Metro and the Northeast Branch Bridge for Purple Line construction.
 - Possible Lane Closures on Riverdale Road- Temporary lane closures will occur on an as needed basis on Riverdale Road between Kenilworth Avenue and Riverdale Road for Purple Line construction.

- 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.

- 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

- Notices received by Town:
 - New Project Notification from University of Maryland: A new facility that will be approximately 69,700 GSF and contain classrooms, offices, conference rooms, collaborative work spaces and a variety of academic centers unique to the University will be built starting in May 2019 (estimate). The project title is New School of Public Policy and the purpose of the project is to enhance the ability of the School of Public Policy to become one of the top-ten public policy programs in the nation.
 - New Project Notification from University of Maryland: Two new six-story residence halls and a dining facility with University Honors will be built starting in May 2019 (estimate). The project includes related site and utility improvements, pedestrian walks and service areas.

- 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: December 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_12182018-1198

Historic Preservation Commission: December 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)

http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_12182018-231

Planning Board: *No information available at time of report.*

- Development Activities from November 29, 2018 to December 12, 2018

Rental Licenses:

Description	Bi- Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	3	395
Licenses Issued	11	100

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	2	99
Permits Issued	1	76
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	6

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
FY-2019-P06	4607 Tuckerman Street	Place portable storage unit on the premises	N/A
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			N/A
Est. Investment FYTD 2019 Total:			\$8,380,895.00

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from November 29, 2018 to December 12, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	6	84
Exterior Conditions	8	98
Interior Conditions	4	98
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	28
Safety	8	272
Sanitation	1	21
Total Violations Found:	27	599

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	12	144
Fines Issued	0	5
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	4	84
Violation Notices Issued	4	60
Warnings Issued	2	60
Total Services Provided:	22	615

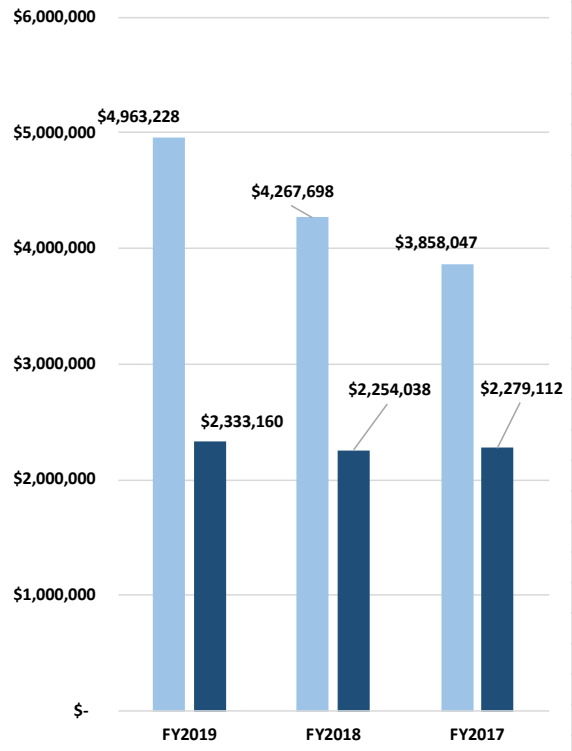
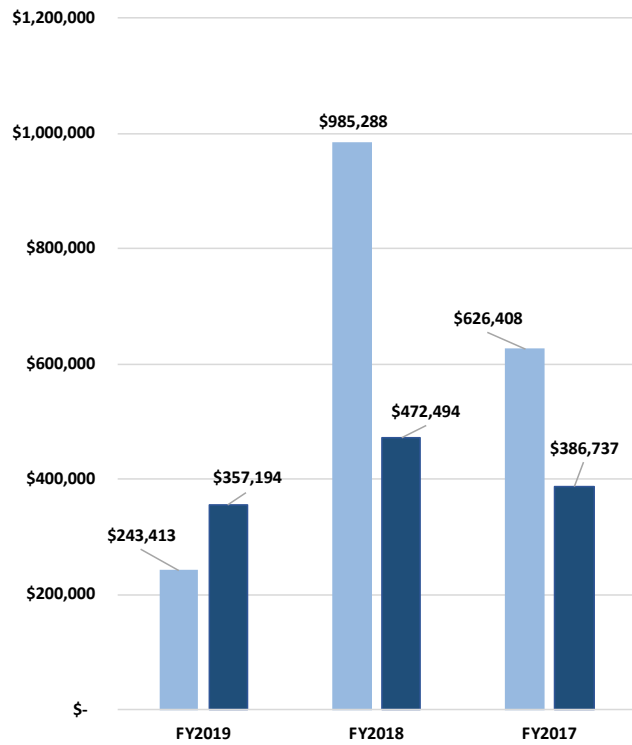
Note:

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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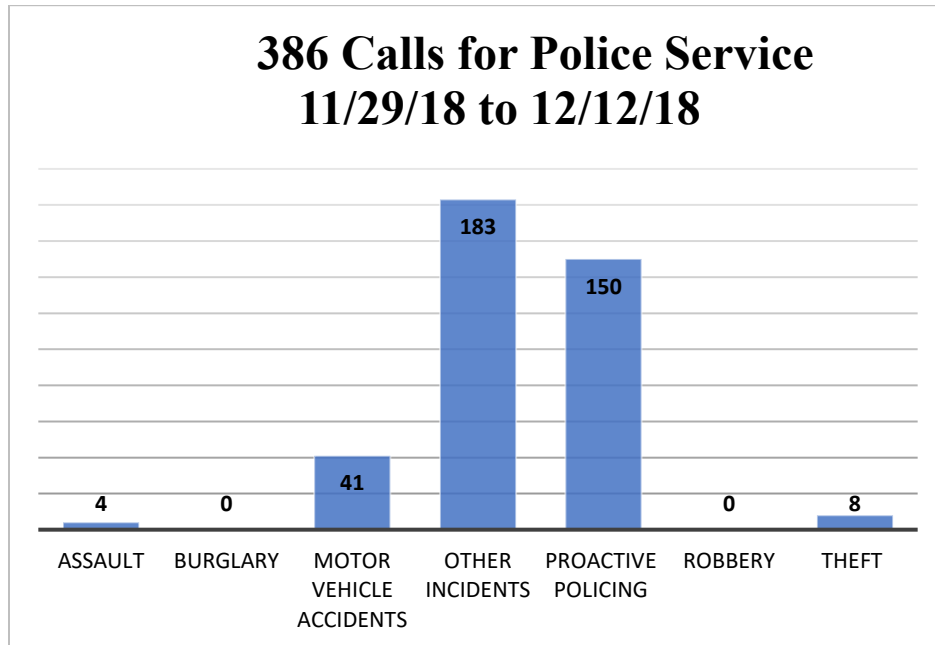
Finance

Nov			YTD Total		
FY2019	FY2018	FY2017	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
\$ 243,413	\$ 985,288	\$ 626,408	\$ 4,963,228	\$ 4,267,698	\$ 3,858,047
\$ 357,194	\$ 472,494	\$ 386,737	\$ 2,333,160	\$ 2,254,038	\$ 2,279,112
\$ (113,781)	\$ 512,795	\$ 239,672	\$ 2,630,068	\$ 2,013,660	\$ 1,578,935



Revenue =	
Expense =	

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, 150 or 39 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 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. A customer reported their tablet was stolen after it was left unattended. Through investigative means the suspect was identified and charged with theft under \$100.
- Officers responded to the 5900 block of Cleveland Avenue for a domestic assault. The investigation revealed the victim and suspect were involved in a verbal dispute which turned physical. During the altercation the suspect struck the victim with a closed fist. The victim was transported to the District Court Commissioner's Office to apply for a protective order.

Officers applied for criminal charges and obtained an arrest warrant for 2nd degree assault. A lethality assessment was completed, and the victim was put in contact with a Domestic Violence Advocate.

- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for a trespassing complaint. A security officer for the property reported seeing an individual to the rear of the property looking through apartment windows. Officers located an individual matching the suspect description given by the security officer. The individual was positively identified by the security officer who had previously banned the suspect from the property. The individual was placed under arrest and charged with trespassing.
- Officers responded to the 5900 block of Harrison Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed a former tenant arrived at the residence intoxicated and accosted the homeowner in the driveway. During the altercation the homeowner was punched with a closed fist. Officers canvassed the area and located the suspect hiding behind a vehicle. The individual was placed under arrest for 2nd degree assault and trespassing.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5300 block of Greenway Drive for equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant through the Princes George's County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear while driving while intoxicated. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers conducted a registration check of an occupied parked vehicle in the 6300 block of Baltimore Avenue. The registration check revealed the 2014 Nissan was reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department. Officers contacted the occupant of the vehicle and placed the individual under arrest for motor vehicle theft. The vehicle was impounded for safekeeping and the owner was notified of its recovery.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a domestic assault. The investigation revealed the victim and suspect were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical. During the altercation the suspect struck the victim causing visible injury. The suspect was placed under arrest for 2nd degree assault. Officers contacted the Family Crisis Center and conducted a lethality assessment with the victim. The victim refused medical treatment.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager