

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 26 for 2018



December 28, 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 January 11, 2019.

Upcoming Meetings:

Legislative Meeting	Monday, January 7, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Meeting: Pedestrian and Traffic Safety	Saturday, January 19, 2019 10:30 a.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	Monday, January 28, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Employee Recognition

- Employee Anniversaries: Please join me in extending a sincere thank you to the following team member for their years of dedicated service to the Town's residents:
 - Brian Slattery 17 Years of Service
 - Jeffery Prawdzik 13 Years of Service

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

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Community Engagement

- Toy and Food Basket Drive and Delivery: Town staff donated toys and funds towards purchasing toys as part of the Town’s annual holiday toy program. Staff members then delivered 36 food baskets to residents in need and toys to 48 families with 200 children receiving toys. A special thanks to Riverdale VFD for their assistance and our own Cpl. Larry Hayes who played Santa.



- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>



Environment

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

November

WEEK OF	TRASH (Tons)	RECYCLE (Tons)
4-Nov	21.68	8.45
11-Nov	20.32	8.47
18-Nov	14.88	8.01
25-Nov	27.46	7.1
TOTAL:	84.34	32.03

- Trash Tote Repair/Replacement Process: To coordinate the replacement of damaged trash totes, residents should call the Town offices 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.

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Development

- Purple Line Construction Updates:
 - Riverdale Road: Temporary lane closures will occur over the next two weeks on an as needed basis on Riverdale Road between Kenilworth Avenue and Riverdale Road for utility pole installation between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. No holiday work is planned.
 - River Road: Temporary lane closures will occur over the next two weeks on an as needed basis on River Road between College Park Metro and the Northeast Branch Bridge for tree cutting between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. No holiday work is planned.

- 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: @RDPSStation
 - Instagram: rdpstation

- 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: January 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_01092019-1203

Planning Board: January 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

Agenda not available at time of report.

Historic Preservation Commission: *No information available at time of report.*

- Development Activities from December 13, 2018 to December 26, 2018

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	0	99
Permits Issued	0	75
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	6

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from December 13, 2018 to December 26, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	6	91
Exterior Conditions	5	103
Interior Conditions	1	99
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	28
Safety	4	281
Sanitation	1	24
Total Violations Found:	17	626

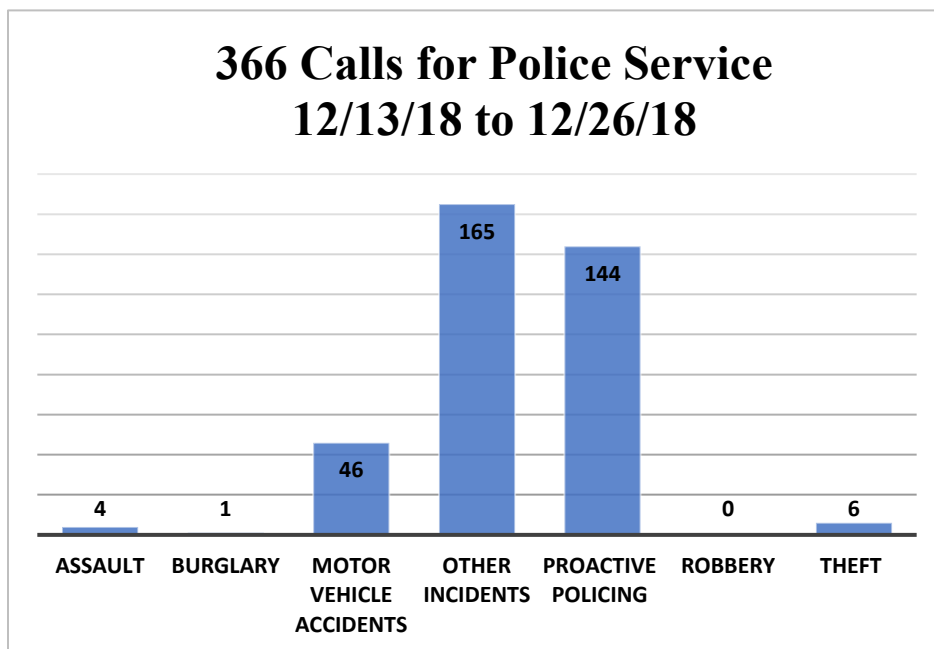
Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	3	147
Fines Issued	0	5
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	1	85
Violation Notices Issued	4	75
Warnings Issued	2	62
Total Services Provided:	10	374

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.*

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, 144 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:

- Throughout the year, our officers respond to calls to assist those individuals who are actively threatening or attempting suicide. If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, please reach out to talk with someone. The following is a list of resources to help you through your difficult time:

[Maryland Crisis Connect](#): Dial: 211, Press 1 or Text your zipcode to 898-211 or TXT-211
Maryland Crisis Hotline: 1-800-422-0009

[National Suicide Prevention](#) Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

National Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-442-4673

Prince George's County Suicide Hotline: 301-864-7130

[The Trevor Project](#) Lifeline: 1-866-488-7386

- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a theft. The employee reported two individuals entered the store and inquired about purchasing an iPhone. While the employee was distracted the suspects grabbed two phones and fled from the store. Officers have reviewed security camera footage and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 4800 block of Rittenhouse Street for a residential burglary. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect forced open the front door of the residence while no one was home. Once inside the suspect removed personal property from the home. The scene was processed, and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of 54th Avenue for a missing person report. A resident of the home reported her 14-year-old child had run away. The juvenile was entered into NCIC as a critical missing person due to age only. During a follow up investigation, it was learned the juvenile had left the residence to visit her boyfriend. The juvenile was located and returned home safe.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed the victim and suspect were involved in a traffic dispute and pulled their vehicles into a parking lot. The suspect approached the victim's vehicle and began striking the windshield in an attempted to break it. The victim exited his vehicle and was physically assaulted by the suspect. The victim was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a hit and run motor vehicle collision. A witness provided the description and direction of travel for the striking vehicle. Officers located and stopped the striking vehicle a short distance away. The operator was charged with leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage. No one was injured as a result of the accident.
- An armed suspect was arrested after security personnel working at a business in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue flagged down an officer advising that an individual had just threatened them with a handgun. Officers quickly located and immediately challenged the armed suspect who readily complied with officers' commands to drop the weapon. The suspect was arrested without incident and a handgun was recovered. Investigation revealed the security personnel had ejected the suspect from the business earlier in the evening for disorderly intoxication and a physical altercation. The suspect returned a short time later and threatened the security personnel, pointing the handgun in their direction. The arrestee was charged with 1st degree assault, 2nd degree assault, reckless endangerment, and carrying a handgun without a license. The investigation into what led up to the initial confrontation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a shoplifter. Employees had detained an individual who was attempting to steal merchandise from the store. A records check revealed the individual to have an open arrest warrant through the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for theft. The individual was placed under arrest for theft under \$1000 and the active arrest warrant.

- An officer effected a traffic stop in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue for erratic and unsafe driving. The driver was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Further investigation revealed this is the driver's 4th DUI arrest in 2 years and that the driver was operating a vehicle on a revoked license for previous DUI offenses.

Holiday Traffic Safety Message:

During this holiday season, the Town reminds everyone to drive safely and responsibly. Buckle up, hang up the phone, obey the speed limit, stop at all stop signs, and don't drink and drive. Our officers, working in concert with allied agencies, vigorously enforce Maryland's traffic laws. Please remember, "It's not about the ticket, it's about saving lives."

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager