

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 4 for 2020



February 21, 2020

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 March 6, 2020.

MEETING AND EVENT DATES:

Drop-in Community Meeting on proposed two-way traffic and restricted parking on Quesada Road and 54 th Avenue	Saturday, February 22, 2020 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	Monday, February 24, 2020 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Census Kick-off Meeting	Thursday, February 27, 2020 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	Monday, March 2, 2020 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Mixed-Use Town Center (M- UTC) Local Design Review Meeting	Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall
State of the Town	Monday, March 16, 2020 7:00 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:

- Lani Lindsey 17 Years of Service

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

Community Engagement

- International Property Maintenance Code: Currently the Town follows the Prince George's County Property Maintenance Code which is based on the 2002 International Property Maintenance Code. The County's code is only applicable to residential structures. The 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) applies to both residential and commercial structures and has been discussed at Council meetings over the last several months. Community Input is encouraged and welcomed. Comments may be e-mailed to Community_Input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.
- Community Drop-In Meeting: Community Drop-In Meeting on proposed two-way traffic and restricted parking on Quesada Road and 54th Avenue is scheduled on **Saturday, February 22, 2020, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** Residents are invited to drop in anytime during these hours to learn about these changes and their benefit to the neighborhood. The proposed conversion of one-way traffic to two-way traffic and restricted parking will give residents better access to their neighborhood once construction of the Purple Line and a new road connecting Quesada Road to Kenilworth Avenue are completed.
- Trash Concerns App Streamlines Process: In partnership with Bates Trucking and Trash Services, the Town has launched a dedicated Trash Concerns app on our website! 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.info/ho.../trash_concerns/index.php.
- Social Media Outreach: The Leadership Team, along with key team members from the Office of Administrative Services, are reviewing the Social Media Outreach initiative to expand our reach in sharing information. The Town's website remains the primary source for electronic information. Facebook and secondary Twitter accounts will expand efforts to amplify our messaging. As we work to grow our social media reach, we have established a goal to have 1,500 Facebook followers by May 31, 2020. If you haven't 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:
 - 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

- **Yard Waste Mondays:** Yard waste collection is every Monday. Yard waste should 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

- **Purple Line Updates:**
 - Riverdale Road Detour Update: Beginning on or about February 19, 2020, a segment of Riverdale Road will be closed at the intersection with MD-410 between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. for approximately three days. The detour can be viewed here: <https://plmdnews.com/mi5>
 - Traffic Shift along Kenilworth Avenue: Beginning on or about March 12, 2020, crews will be shifting traffic along Kenilworth Avenue between River Road and Riverdale Road. Construction will last for approximately six months. Two lanes will remain open in each direction.
- **Purple Line Construction Notices:** Purple Line construction continues. 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.
- **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:
 - Transit Website: <http://www.rpstransit.com/>
 - General Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station
 - Twitter: @RDPStation

- Instagram: rdpstation
- Notices received by Town:
 - Notice of Public Hearing was given by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority regarding Docket B20-01: Proposed FY2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and Docket B20-01: Proposed FY2021 Operating Budget and Related Service and Fare Proposals. The first public hearing will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Hilton Arlington starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information please visit www.wmata.com/budget
 - Notice was received of a Joint Public Hearing of the Prince George’s County District Council and Planning Board on the Countywide Sectional Map Amendment (CMA) for Prince George’s County. This hearing is part of a process leading to the approval of a new zoning map, thereby implementing the zones contained in the new Zoning Ordinance adopted by the council through Council Bill CB-13-2018 on October 23, 2018. The public hearing will be held on March 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Prince George’s Community College. For more information please contact the project team at 301-952-4944 or by email at Zoningpgc@pgplanning.com.
- 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: February 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_02252020-1525

Planning Board: February 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1505&Inline=True>

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

- Development Activities from February 6, 2020 to February 19, 2020

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	0	43
Building Permits Issued	0	30
Stop Work Orders Issued	2	15

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from February 6, 2020 to February 19, 2020

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
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Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	7	84
Exterior Conditions	9	115
Interior Conditions	1	436
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	51
Safety	5	122
Sanitation	6	38
Total Violations Found:	28	846

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	13	181
Fines Issued	1	34
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	38
Violation Notices Issued	8	97
Warnings Issued	4	136
Total Services Provided:	29	486

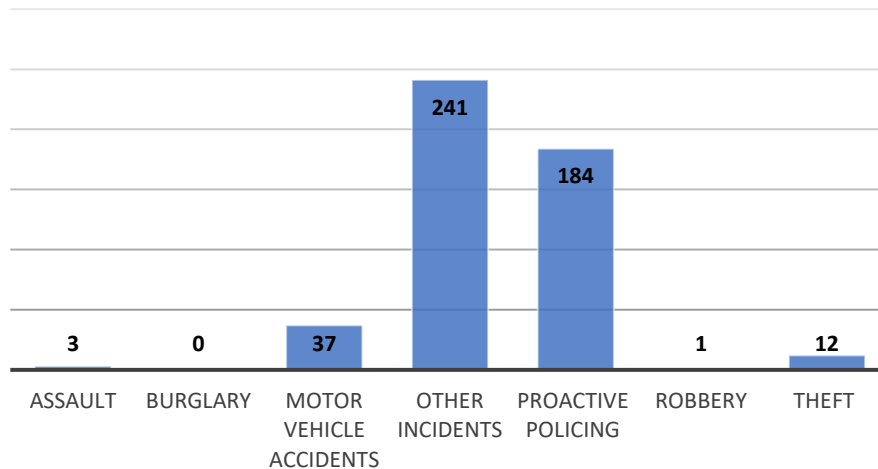
Note:

1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.*
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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Public Safety

478 Calls for Police Service 02/06/2020 to 02/19/2020



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, 184 or 38 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 a business in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a trespassing complaint. Officers encountered an individual who had previously been banned from the property. The individual was placed under arrest for trespassing and disorderly conduct.
- Officers responded to the 6300 block of Kenilworth Avenue for fraud report. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) made unauthorized purchases with a stolen check. The suspect has been identified and charged with theft.
- Officers responded to the 6600 block of 47th Avenue for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed unknown suspects removed the wheels and tires from two separate vehicles. The

vehicle the suspects used was found to be reported stolen from Washington, DC. The investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to the 4600 block of Tuckerman Street for an assault. The victim reported being assaulted by known associate after a verbal altercation. The suspect was identified and charge with 2nd degree assault.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for trespassing complaint. An employee reported an individual inside the business who was intoxicated and causing a disturbance. The individual refused several requests from the officers to leave the property. The individual was placed under arrest for trespassing and disorderly conduct.
- Officers responded to the 4500 block of Oliver Street for a single vehicle accident. The operator of the vehicle failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Rivertech Court for a theft. The victim reported a laptop computer stolen from an unsecured office. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a theft. The investigation revealed the suspect removed merchandise and fled the business without paying for the items. Through investigative means the suspect has been identified and charged with theft.
- Officers responded to the 4400 block of Queensbury Road for an attempt theft. The investigation revealed the victim dropped their wallet while exiting Metro bus. The suspect picked up the wallet and fled the scene. The suspect was identified, and the property was returned to the owner. The investigation is ongoing and criminal charges are pending.
- Officers responded to the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for an attempt robbery. The investigation revealed the suspect approached the victim from behind and demanded money. The suspect implied he had a weapon but did not display one. The suspect fled in a vehicle after the victim refused to comply. Through investigative means the suspect has been identified and charged with attempted armed robbery.

Respectfully submitted,



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