

# Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

## Status and Information Report

### Report No. 4 for 2019



February 22, 2019

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 8, 2019.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

Closed Meeting	Monday, February 25, 2019 7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Special Legislative Meeting and Council Work Session	Monday, February 25, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	Monday, March 4, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Mixed Use Town Center Design Review Committee Meeting	Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall
State of the Town	Monday, March 18, 2019 7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Chief's Community Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, March 19, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Meeting: Field of Dreams Concept Plans	Saturday, March 23, 2019 9:30 a.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:
  - Larry Hayes 20 Years of Service
  - Lani Lindsey 16 Years of Service

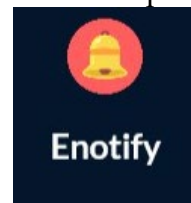
Best wishes on your work anniversary and thank you for your dedicated service!

## Staff Training

- Staff Training with the Prince George's County Human Rights Commission: On February 6<sup>th</sup> the staff team participated in anti-discrimination and workplace harassment training provided by the Prince George's County Human Rights Commission (HRC). The training provided an opportunity to learn more about the HRC and the services that they provide as well as discuss topics related to discrimination and harassment in the workplace.
- March is Ethics Awareness Month: Since 2017 the Town has recognized March as Ethics Awareness Month. This annual recognition that Ethics is central to our work as a municipal corporation. Each March the staff team rededicates its decision-making and daily work to ethical principles required by our professions. As part of this effort, every member of the Town staff team will also participate in Ethics Training that includes discussions on common ethical questions and situations.

## Community Engagement

- Field of Dreams Design Concepts: The Neighborhood Design Center has submitted proposed design concepts for the Field of Dreams which were based on resident input. The design concepts are available on the Town's website [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov). A Community Meeting has been scheduled for **Saturday, March 23 at 9:30 a.m.** (at Town Hall) to get additional community input on the proposed design concepts for the Park. We look forward to hearing from everyone!
- New Website Feature: Staff are continuously working to find new ways to reach more people and one new way is the launch of the Enotify feature of the Town's website. This feature allows residents and others to subscribe to be notified of updates on pages of their choosing from the Town's website. The notifications are available by e-mail and/or text messages. Staff are working to refine the feature so please check the website for changes and improvements. Links to Enotify are on the homepage, both in the center bar and upper left bar and found here: <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/enotify/index.php>
- Social Media Outreach: The Town's Facebook page is an important platform from which the Town can share important news, events, and updates. In the last two (2) weeks we have gained 20 likes and 21 followers. We know that we can reach more residents, businesses and others who love Riverdale Park! Staff have established a goal to have over 1,000 likes and followers by the end of May and we have already reached 836





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 Construction Notices: Purple Line construction is underway. 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:
  - Notice of Public Hearing on SP-150003-01 7-Eleven Riverdale Park for a departure from the Development Plan Standards to add a ground-mounted freestanding sign. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. on the first floor of the Council Hearing Room at the County Administration Building located at 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive in Upper Marlboro.
  - District 3 School Infrastructure Update will be held on Thursday, February 28 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740). County CM Glaros and Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) Capital Improvement Program Office will share more information about the numerous conversations happening around school infrastructure, which affects students across all of Council District 3.
- 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 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)

[https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_02262019-1252](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_02262019-1252)

**Planning Board:** February 28, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1461&Inline=True>

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

- Development Activities from February 7, 2019 to February 20, 2019

**Permits: Building / Storage Containers:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2019 Totals</b>
Inspections Conducted	3	106
Permits Issued	0	75
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	6

**Permits Issued:**

<b>Permit #</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Est. Investment</b>
2019-B-66	5801 University Research Court	New Tenant Alteration Office Space	\$425,000
2019-B-67	4600 Van Buren Street	Installation of Tesla charging stations	\$150,000
<b>Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:</b>			<b>\$575,000</b>
<b>Est. Investment FYTD 2019 Total:</b>			<b>\$9,151,466</b>

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from February 7, 2019 to February 20, 2019

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2019 Totals</b>
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	4	102
Exterior Conditions	0	105
Interior Conditions	0	104
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	28
Safety	0	286
Sanitation	0	24
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>649</b>

**Services Provided by Type:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2019 Totals</b>
Complaint Responses Performed	9	175

Fines Issued	0	5
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	0	87
Violation Notices Issued	0	81
Warnings Issued	2	73
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>421</b>

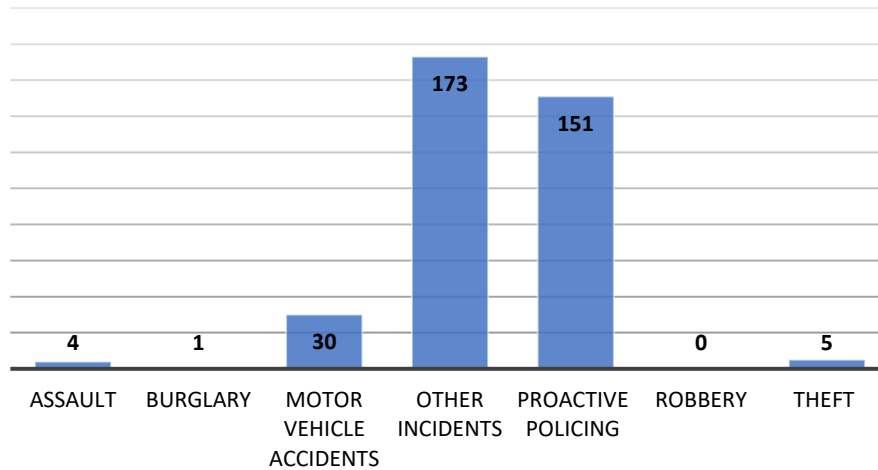
*Note:*

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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## Public Safety

### 364 Calls for Police Service 02/07/19 to 02/20/19



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, 151 or 42 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 conducted a traffic stop in the 5800 block of Riverdale Road for a registration 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 for driving without a license. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6300 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The investigation revealed while the clerk was distracted two suspects went behind the sales

counter and stole numerous cigarette packs. Officers are following up on leads and the investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to the 6300 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed the suspect and victim were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical. During the altercation the victim was injured but refused medical treatment on the scene. The suspect was identified, and an arrest warrant was obtained charging the suspect with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Carters Lane for a commercial burglary. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) forced open the front door to the business and removed property. The scene was processed for evidence and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5900 block of Riverside Drive for a theft. The resident reported two motorcycles stolen from their shed. Through investigative means one motorcycle has been recovered and possible suspects have been identified. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a trespassing complaint. The manager reported an intoxicated individual was refusing to leave the business. The individual refused several requests to leave the business in the presence of officers and was ultimately placed under arrest for trespassing and disorderly conduct.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5600 block of Riverdale Road for an assault. The investigation revealed two individuals were involved in a physical confrontation. During the confrontation the suspect produced a knife and cut the victim. The victim received non-life-threatening injuries and was treated on the scene by the Fire Department personnel. Officers have reviewed security camera footage and interviewed witnesses. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear for driving on a suspended license. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager