

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 5 for 2020



March 6, 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 20, 2020.

MEETING AND EVENT DATES:

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| State of the Town | Monday, March 16, 2020 7:00 p.m. | Town Hall |
| Ethics Commission | Wednesday, March 25, 2020 6:00 p.m. | Town Hall |
| Council Work Session | Monday, March 31, 2020 8:00 p.m. | Town Hall |
| Mixed-Use Town Center (M-UTC) Local Design Review Meeting | Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:30 p.m. | Town Hall |
| Legislative Meeting | Monday, April 6, 2020 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:
 - Patrick Vitchock 20 Years of Service

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

Council Direction Summary

The Mayor and Council provided direction to staff through the following Legislative Actions:

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-01 regarding purchase of 5002 Queensbury Road- ***Adopted***
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-02 regarding purchase of 5000 Queensbury Road- ***Adopted***
3. Motion to approve closure of Queensbury Road between Natoli Place and Lafayette Avenue on Saturday, March 28 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Town Center Market event with conditions- ***Approved***
4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-03 regarding conversion from one-way traffic to two-way on Quesada Road and 54th Avenue and establishing related parking restrictions- ***Adopted***
5. Motion to authorize Town Manager to sign a task order contract with Sabra & Associates – A Mead & Hunt Company for an amount not to exceed not to exceed \$44,600 for 48th Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project- ***Approved***
6. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-03 regarding Food Truck Hubs- ***Adopted***
7. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-04 regarding Donation Bins- ***Adopted***
8. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-04 regarding Amendments to Defined Benefit Plan- ***Adopted***
9. Introduction of Charter Amendment 2020-CR-01 regarding Town Government Organizational Structure- ***Introduced***
10. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-06 regarding Organizational Structure of Town Government- ***Introduced***
11. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-07 regarding Revisions to Town Personnel Manual- ***Introduced***
12. Motion regarding letters of support for MML’s priority legislation to restore Highway User Revenues- ***Approved***
13. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-05 regarding Enterprise Zone Focus Areas- ***Adopted***

Community Engagement

- 2020 Census Forms: Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will be mailed and delivered to households between March 12-20. Once you receive that invitation, you can respond online, by phone, or by mail. Be on the lookout for the invitation in the mail!
- Historic Homes and Garden Tour: The Centennial Planning Committee will be hosting a Historic Homes and Garden Tour on Saturday, May 16th. If you would like to have your home and/or garden included in this special event, please contact Doug McElrat dmcelrat@umd.edu. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the event. Student service hours are available!
- International Property Maintenance Code: Currently the Town follows the Prince George’s County Property Maintenance Code which is based on the 2000 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.

- **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

- **Earth Day Clean-up:** The Town’s annual Earth Day Clean-up will be held on April 25, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Rinaldi’s Riverdale Bowl parking lot (6322 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD 20737). Volunteers can sign up at: <http://earthday.anacostiaaws.org/earthday2020/>
- **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:

- Pedestrian Safety: As work continues along the alignment, the Purple Line construction team is committed to keeping everyone safe. Pedestrians are advised to follow any construction signs and use the open sidewalk(s). Pedestrians are not allowed in the construction work zones. This is for your safety as well as our construction team.
- Open for Business: Throughout construction the Purple Line will maintain access to all businesses along the alignment for customers as well as business deliveries.
- 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.
- Night-time Lane Closures along Riverdale Road: On February 16, 2020, crews shifted traffic along Riverdale Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Veterans Parkway, for utility relocations. One lane will remain open in each direction. Work will take place during night-time hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. on weekdays and weekends, for approximately 4 weeks.
- Long-Term Lane Closure on Kenilworth Avenue: On July 8, 2019, the Purple Line implemented a long-term closure of the right-hand southbound lane on Kenilworth Avenue between River Road and Riverdale Road. Barriers will be placed to delineate the work zone. Pedestrians and bicyclists are required to stay outside of the construction zone at all times. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends.
- Lane Closures on Baltimore-Washington Parkway: During the month of March, crews will continue work on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in the area of the Riverdale Road overpass. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Lane Closures along Riverdale Road: During the month of March, crews will be relocating utilities along Riverdale Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and 67th Place. To conduct this work, lanes will intermittently be closed on 66th Avenue and 67th Avenue. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures with flagging operations will occur.
- Weekend and Night Closures on Kenilworth Avenue: During the month of March, crews will be working along Kenilworth Avenue between River Road and Riverdale Road. Work will occur in two shifts, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.

- Weekend Work and Lane Closures on Riverdale Road: During the month of March, crews will be working along Riverdale Road between Kenilworth Avenue and Veterans Parkway. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Campus Drive Lane Closure: On March 2, 2020, crews reduced Campus Drive, between the Paint Branch Trail and River Road, to one lane for construction. The lane closure will be in effect from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays. Flagging operations will occur to allow for two-way traffic. The road will re-open to one lane in each direction, daily between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- **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: rdpsation
- **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:

Planning Board: March 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1507&Inline=True>

Historic Preservation Commission: March 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)

http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_03172020-328

Board of License Commissioners: March 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_03242020-1562

- Development Activities from February 20, 2020 to March 4, 2020

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

| Description | Bi-Weekly Totals | FYTD 2020 Totals |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Permit Inspections Conducted | 0 | 43 |
| Building Permits Issued | 0 | 30 |

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| Stop Work Orders Issued | 1 | 16 |
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- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from February 20, 2020 to March 4, 2020

Community Standards Violations by Type:

| Description | Bi-Weekly Totals | FYTD 2020 Totals |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish | 4 | 88 |
| Exterior Conditions | 4 | 119 |
| Interior Conditions | 8 | 444 |
| Overgrown Grass / Weeds | 0 | 51 |
| Safety | 9 | 131 |
| Sanitation | 1 | 39 |
| Total Violations Found: | 26 | 872 |

Services Provided by Type:

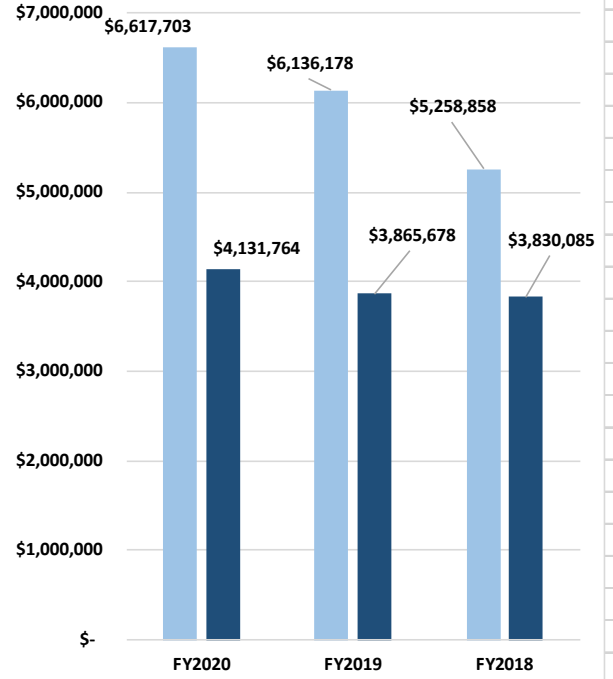
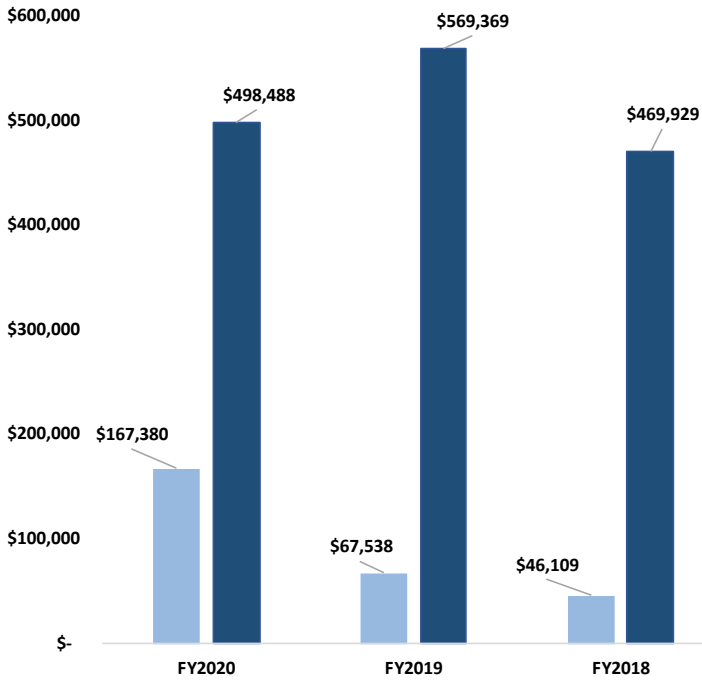
| Description | Bi-Weekly Totals | FYTD 2020 Totals |
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| Complaint Responses Performed | 8 | 189 |
| Fines Issued | 0 | 34 |
| Outreach Events / Meetings Attended | 2 | 40 |
| Violation Notices Issued | 13 | 110 |
| Warnings Issued | 9 | 145 |
| Total Services Provided: | 32 | 518 |

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.

Finance

| Feb | | | YTD Total | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| FY2020 | FY2019 | FY2018 | FY2020 | FY2019 | FY2018 |
| \$ 167,380 | \$ 67,538 | \$ 46,109 | \$ 6,617,703 | \$ 6,136,178 | \$ 5,258,858 |
| \$ 498,488 | \$ 569,369 | \$ 469,929 | \$ 4,131,764 | \$ 3,865,678 | \$ 3,830,085 |
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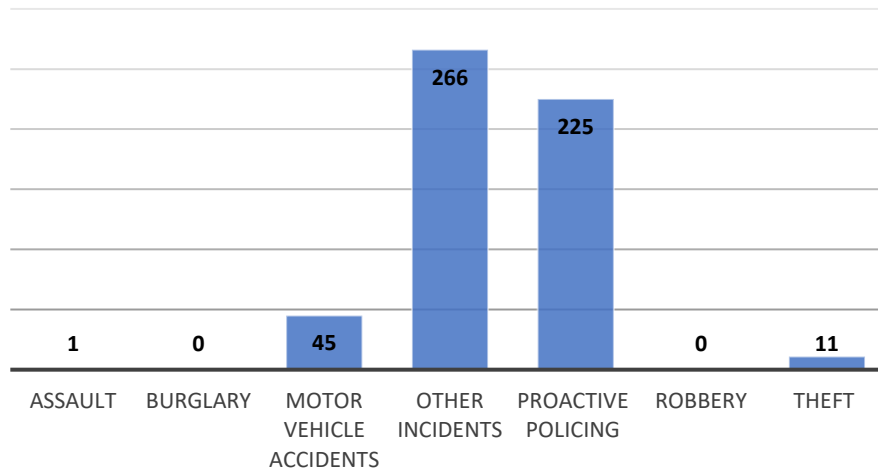


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Public Safety

548 Calls for Police Service 02/20/2020 to 03/04/2020



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, 225 or 40 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 conducted a traffic stop in the 6300 block of Baltimore Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for failure to appear for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- 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 observed a group of individuals drinking alcohol in public. The group was advised to disburse but one individual refused and became disorderly. After refusing several commands to leave the area the individual was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct and trespassing.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The victim reported being assaulted by an unknown suspect while walking through a parking lot. Through investigative means the suspect has been identified and charged with 2nd degree assault.
- Officers responded to the 4500 block of Van Buren Street for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed unknown suspects broke into the vehicle and stole a purse. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road 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 conducted a traffic stop in the 4500 block of East West Highway. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for failure to appear for driving on a suspended license. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for traffic violation. The driver failed to yield and fled the scene. Through investigative means the driver has been identified and charged with fleeing and eluding.
- Officers conducted a suspicious person stop in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant for 2nd degree burglary. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager