

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

Report No. 10 for 2022

May 13, 2022

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 May 27, 2022.

CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed No trash or yard waste collection.	Monday, May 30, 2022	In observance of Memorial Day
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Work Session	Monday, May 16, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84390406502?pwd=UE1rM1k3NEQ4L3pZaThLK1I2bmxkUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 843-9040-6502 Passcode: 05052022
Special Legislative Meeting and Work Session	Monday, May 23, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89515213052?pwd=N25JcWdlM3RGblVSTkw1RjB3Si9mQT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 895-1521-3052 Passcode: 579554

Legislative Meeting	Monday, June 6, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89459678222?pwd=bFcreXBZZkxYc0ZLZkFIRzZDcnJHUT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 894-5967-8222 Passcode: 579554
Work Session	Monday, June 13, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005286481?pwd=clB6UVVFK0xINkJXbVRvcXV1dnQwdz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 830-0528-6481 Passcode: 579554

Administration

- Town Hall - in-person office hours paused: As the 7-day rolling average of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people continues to increase and is now above 15, in-person services at Town Hall on Wednesdays have been paused. Staff will continue to monitor the 7-day rolling average in Prince George’s County.

As a reminder, all Town Hall services are available via the Town’s website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov or by e-mail. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall staff at 301-927-6381.

- Meetings with Staff: Staff are available for virtual meetings when the Town buildings are closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Municipal Center Project. Virtual meetings can be scheduled by phone or by e-mail. If you need assistance with scheduling a virtual meeting, please call 301-927-6381.
- Notary Services available: Notary Services are available through the Office of Administrative Services by appointment. Please schedule your appointment at least 24-hours in advance. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Keith Robinson at krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov, Denisa Caballero at dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or call 301-927-6381.

Council Direction Summary

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

1. Introduction of Ordinance 2022-OR-03 regarding FY2023 Operating and CIP Budget and Tax Rates - ***Introduced***

2. Motion to continue Town’s participation in the Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Program - ***Approved***
3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-02 regarding Financial Disclosure - ***Adopted***
4. Introduction of Ordinance 2022-OR-04 regarding Town of Riverdale Park Property Maintenance Code - ***Introduced***
5. Motion to repeal Resolution 2021-R-11 and replace with Resolution 2022-R-11 to address dates of the June Work Sessions - ***Approved***
6. Motion to authorize the acquisition of public art, the Insect House by Elliot Hamilton - ***Approved***
7. Motion to authorize Town Manager to send a letter of support for County Legislation CB-14-2022 regarding disposable food service ware - ***Approved***
8. Motion to approve appointments to Town Seal Design Committee - ***Approved***
9. Motion to approve appointments to Redistricting Committee - ***Approved***
10. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Meade & Hunt for an amount not to exceed \$35,550 for 54th Avenue Lighting Photometric Analysis and Design - ***Approved***
11. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Brighter Bites in the amount of \$10,500 to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic - ***Approved***
12. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Shepherd’s Table for an amount of \$42,536 to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic - ***Approved***
13. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with CKAR CDC for an amount of \$50,000 to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic – ***Approved***

Community Engagement

- **Fair Summary of Ordinance 2022-OR-04:** The following legal ad was run in the *Enquirer-Gazette* on May 12, 2022:

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
FAIR SUMMARY OF
ORDINANCE 2022-OR-04

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2022-OR-04.

Ordinance 2022-OR-04 will enact a new property maintenance code for the Town of Riverdale Park based upon the International Property Maintenance Code 2018 with certain revisions and supplementations; repeal certain provisions that become obsolete with the adoption of a new property maintenance code; and generally relate to standards and regulations relating to the maintenance of buildings, conditions and properties, and the condemnation and demolition of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy or use, in the Town of Riverdale Park.

Ordinance 2022-OR-04 is available for inspection by the public on the Town’s website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, by e-mail request to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or by calling 301-927-6381.

- Community Walks Rebranded as TRP Walk and Talks: TRP Walk and Talks will offer the same opportunities as the traditional Community Walks but with a specific focus for each walk. TRP Walk and Talks will continue to include opportunities to:
 - Hear from residents, business owners, and visitors, in an informal setting about topics that are important to them
 - View conditions in the neighborhoods in Town
 - Conduct micro-clean ups along the route

Please plan to join us (weather permitting and masks required) on:

- Saturday, May 14, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
 - Saturday, June 11, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
 - Saturday, August 20, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
 - Saturday, September 17, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
 - Saturday, October 22, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Police Unity Tour: Acting Chief of Police Rosa Guixens participated in the Police Unity Tour this week to raise awareness and funds for officers who have lost their lives on duty. The challenging tour consists of officers riding across four states and logging over 300 miles. On the last day of the tour, officers ride from Annapolis, Maryland, to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. Once there, many Police Unity Tour members present remembrance bracelets worn on their wrists throughout the journey to the families of the fallen. Acting Chief Guixens has participated in the Police Unity Tour for five years.



Acting Chief of Police Rosa Guixens, pictured center, in Landover, Maryland.

- Volunteers Needed for Riverdale Park Board of Elections: The Riverdale Park Board of Elections was established by Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-CR-01 and became effective on April 19, 2022. The Board is comprised of the Chief and Deputy Chief Election Judges as well as three registered voters at least 18 years old, and one registered voter under the age of 18 years old.

Expressions of interest should be sent to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

- **COVID Care Program:** The Prince George's County Health Department's COVID Care Program is for residents who have been exposed to COVID-19 or who are COVID-19 positive. The program assists residents with social service needs, including connecting to health insurance, medical care, and mental health care at a Federally Qualified Health Center, Food, Living situations, Utilities, Transportation, and other needs.


The County will also assist with isolation and quarantine: deliver COVID Care Kits to the homes of people who consent. COVID Care Kits include PPE, cleaning supplies, tissues, toilet paper, and educational materials. Food insecure residents will also receive a 2-week supply of food, including fresh produce, canned goods, and kitchen staples like bread, tortillas, and rice.


If you are aware of Prince George's County residents who has tested positive for or who were exposed to COVID-19 and need services, please refer them to the COVID Care Program at <https://assess.pgchd-phin.app/index.php/181471/lang/en/newtest/Y> Questions can be sent to COVIDcare@co.pg.md.us Those who qualify will be contacted by a Community Health Worker from the Prince George's Healthcare Alliance.

- **Prince George's County Homeownership Preservation Program (HOPP):** A partnership has been established between Prince George's County and Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to launch the new Prince George's County Homeownership Preservation Program (HOPP). The program prioritizes homeowners who live within one mile of the Purple Line to provide resources to address the home's critical health, safety, and accessibility related needs to help promote and enable the transfer of generational wealth by preserving homeownership for families in need. Funding is limited, apply [here](#) and/or share the information with your neighbors.
- **Senior Call Check:** Senior Call Check is a FREE service available to adults 65+ in Maryland. Seniors can receive an automated daily call at a time they designate. After 3 attempts and no answer, the department will contact designated alternates to check on residents. Registration can be completed over the phone at 1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560) or online <https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx>
- **Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund:** The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development launched the Maryland Homeowners Assistance Fund in late 2021. The Fund will be open to homeowners statewide. Visit the Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund webpage to learn more about the program and the eligibility requirements. <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund.aspx>
- **Water Bill Assistance:** The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has resumed water service turnoffs. WSSC Water is encouraging customers that need assistance to establish convenient payment plans or apply for financial assistance to prevent a water service turnoff. Contact WSSC Water at 301-206-4001 Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit the WSSC Water website https://www.wsscwater.com/assistance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

- Low-income Household Water Assistance Program: The Low-income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a new program providing benefits for water and wastewater costs for low-income households experiencing hardship with their water bills. LIHWAP will assist Maryland families who are behind on their drinking water and wastewater bills focusing on arrearage accounts that are 30 days or more past due. Apply online: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/low-income-household-water-assistance-program/>

- Community Input: Input from the community is welcomed and encouraged as we navigate a new medium for holding public meetings. The public is invited to join the meetings virtually or e-mail comments to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov. The internet or a smart phone are not the only ways to join in. You may also call from a landline telephone to listen to the meeting and provide comments or call Town staff prior to the meeting and we will assist you with submitting your comments. We look forward to hearing from you!

- Trash Concerns App Streamlines Process: 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.gov/how_do_i/trash_concerns/index.php 

- Social Media Outreach: Thank you to those who follow the Town on our social media platforms. The Town’s social media continues to expand our reach in sharing information. The Town’s website remains the primary source for electronic information. Facebook and secondary Twitter accounts expand efforts to amplify our messaging. At this time of great change, it is important that residents and businesses assist the Town in growing our social media outreach. As of today, you have increased followers to 2,327. We need your assistance to continue the Town’s outreach efforts. If you have not 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 and ask that you join us:
 - 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

- MDA Mosquito Control Program: The Town will participate in the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s Mosquito Control Program this season. The spray season begins at the end of May and is anticipated to end in mid-September. Spraying will take place after dark on Tuesdays and may continue until midnight or later.

Residents can have their property, and a surrounding buffer up to 300 feet on all sides of the property, excluded from the spraying program. For more information, visit <https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/MosquitoControlExemptionForm.pdf>

- Weatherization Programs: Programs are available to help income eligible households lower their energy bills. The [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development \(DHCD\)](#) offers programs that may provide help with things like insulation, hot water system improvements, heating/cooling repair or replacement, renewable energy systems, and other health and safety enhancements free of charge. For questions or help with the application call 1-855-583-8976.
- WSSC Notification System: If there is a water or sewer emergency in or near your neighborhood, get alerts via text or email. Visit <http://wsscwater.com/cns> to register.
- JEDA Trucking Bulk Trash Pick-up Services: As a reminder, Bulk Trash Collection is provided by appointment only on Thursdays. Schedule collection by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays by calling 240-604-6077 or online at www.jedatruckinginc.com/book-online.
- Yard Waste Mondays: Yard waste collection is every Monday. Yard waste needs to 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:
 - Temporary Lane Closures on Route 1 Baltimore Avenue - Update: Beginning on or about April 28, 2022, crews continue utility relocations at the intersection of Baltimore Avenue (US Route 1) and Rossborough Lane for approximately 3 weeks, weather permitting. Temporary lane closures on Baltimore Avenue (US Route 1) may occur between 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed.

- **Purple Line Construction Notices:** Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit www.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:
 - General Website: <https://thestationrp.com/>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station: <https://www.facebook.com/TheStationRP/>
 - Twitter: @thestationrp: <https://twitter.com/thestationrp>
 - Instagram: thestationrp: <https://www.instagram.com/thestationrp/>
- **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:

Historic Preservation Commission: May 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting.
https://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_05172022-661

Planning Board: May 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.
<http://mncppc.igmp2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1656&Inline=True>

Board of License Commissioners: *No information available at time of report.*

- Development Activities from April 28, 2022, to May 11, 2022

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	2	32
Building Permits Issued	0	31
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	4

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	0	21
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	20
Single-family Rental Inspection	0	70
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	61
Business License Inspections Conducted	1	135
Business Licenses Issued	0	135

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from April 28, 2022, to May 11, 2022

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	2	96
Exterior Conditions	2	107
Interior Conditions	0	122
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	6	35
Safety	4	81
Sanitation	0	8
Total Violations Found:	14	449

Services Provided by Type:

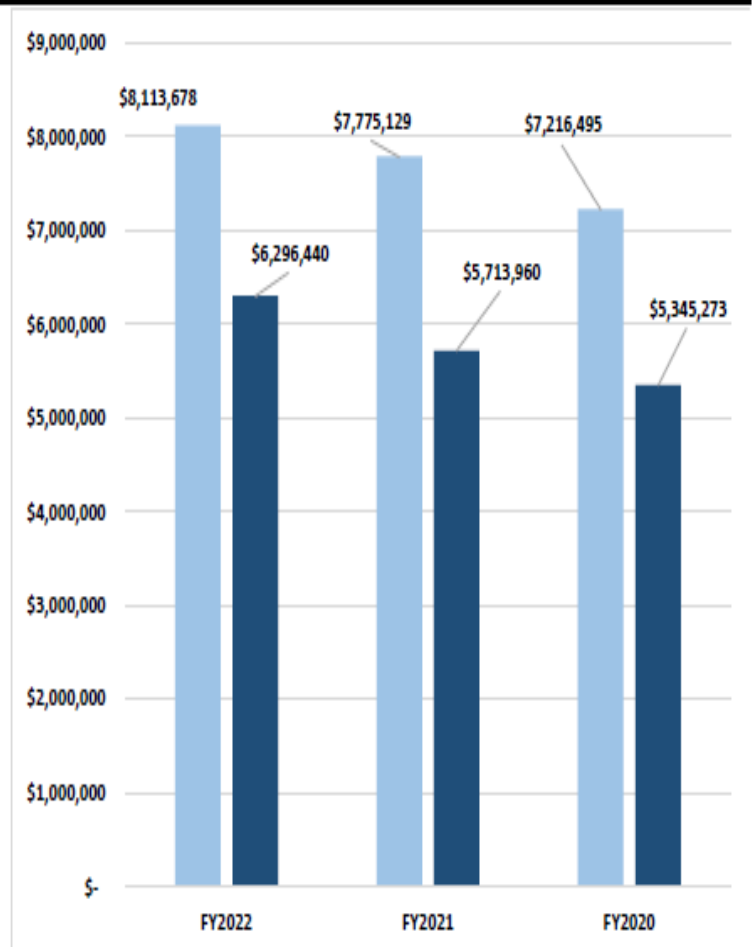
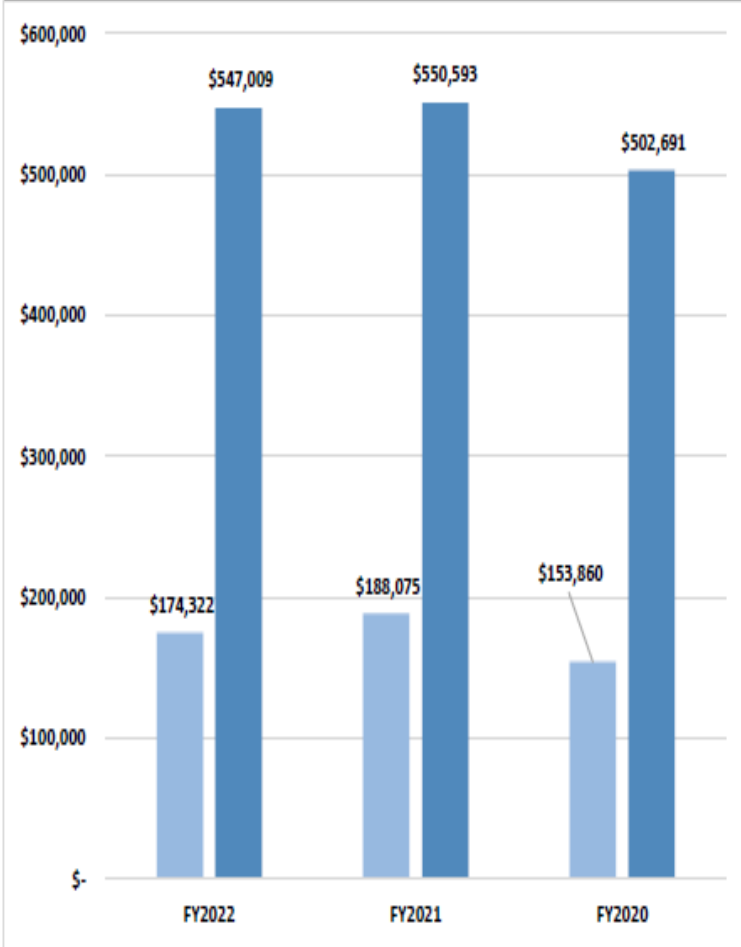
Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	15	245
Fines Issued	0	42
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	20	312
Violation Notices Issued	4	72
Warnings Issued	10	194
Total Services Provided:	49	865

Note:

1. "FYTD" means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.
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

Apr			YTD Total		
FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020
\$ 174,322	\$ 188,075	\$ 153,860	\$ 8,113,678	\$ 7,775,129	\$ 7,216,495
\$ 547,009	\$ 550,593	\$ 502,691	\$ 6,296,440	\$ 5,713,960	\$ 5,345,273
\$ (372,687)	\$ (362,518)	\$ (348,831)	\$ 1,817,238	\$ 2,061,169	\$ 1,871,222

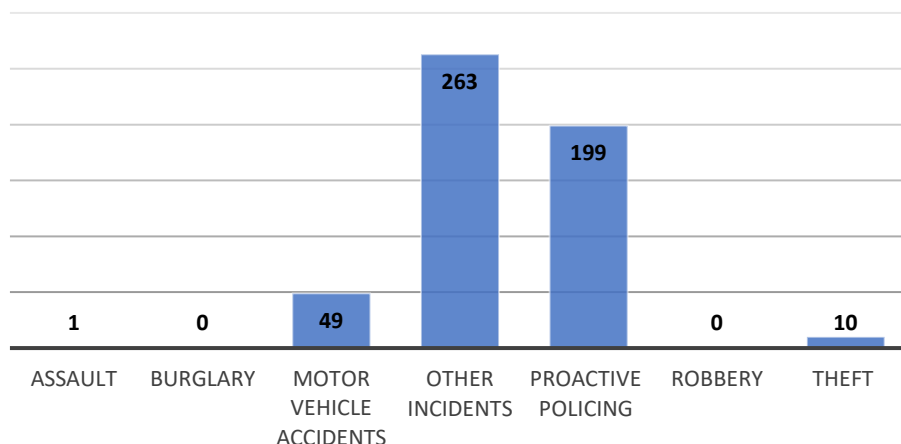


Revenue =

Expense =

Public Safety

522 Calls for Police Service 04/28/2022 to 05/11/2022



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, 199 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 Incident includes disorderly complaints, fights, suspicious subjects/vehicles, parking complaints, traffic complaints, and assisting individuals.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace for a family dispute. Through a records check officers confirmed an individual involved was in violation of a protection order. The individual was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a possible drunk driver. Officers located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop after observing the driver strike a curb. The driver failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for DUI.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54th Avenue for a disorderly complaint. The caller reported a group of individuals fighting in the hallway of an apartment building. Officers

contacted the individuals and attempted to disperse them. One individual was arrested for disorderly conduct after becoming aggressive and refusing to disperse.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue after observing a vehicle driving recklessly. The operator of the vehicle failed field sobriety testing. There was a juvenile occupant inside the vehicle that was released to their guardian. The driver was arrested for DUI and child endangerment.
- Officers responded to the 5000 block of Sheridan Street for a theft from auto. The victim reported sometime overnight unknown suspect(s) removed the catalytic converter from their vehicle.
- Officers responded to the 5000 block of Tuckerman Street for a motor vehicle theft. The victim reported sometime overnight unknown suspect(s) took her 2007 Nissan. The investigation revealed the vehicle was left unsecured with the keys inside. The was entered in to NCIC as stolen.
- Officers responded to the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a check on the welfare. Officers contacted an individual who appeared in distress. Due to the individual's actions and for their safety, they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a suspicious person. The individual was contacted, and a records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant for carrying a concealed deadly weapon. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5600 block of Riverdale Road for a traffic violation. As officers approached the vehicle, they observed the front passenger making furtive movements in attempt to conceal something. Probable cause was established, and a search of the vehicle revealed a loaded 9mm handgun with a 30-round magazine in the front passenger area. The occupants were placed under arrest for having a handgun in a vehicle.
- Officers responded to the 6300 block of Taylor Road for a theft. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) removed a bicycle from their front porch.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager