

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 9 for 2019



May 3, 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 May 17, 2019.

Upcoming Meetings:

Town Election	Monday, May 6, 2019 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Real Property Tax Rate Public Hearing	Monday, May 6, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	Monday, May 6, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Chief's Community Advisory Committee Meeting	Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Annual Community Spring Clean-up	Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Townwide
Council Work Session	Monday, May 20, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Community Engagement

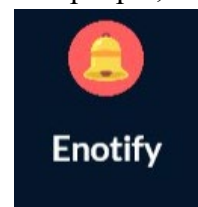
- Community Spring Clean-Up: The annual Community Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 18th. Residents are offered the opportunity to put their yard waste/bulk trash items on the curb on Friday, May 17th for pick-up on Saturday, May 18th. This event replaces the May Saturday Bulk Trash Drop-off, normally on the third Saturday of each month. The Public Works facility will NOT be open for drop-off of any bulk trash items on Saturday, May 18th. Please note that all items must be curbside no later than 8:00 a.m.

The following items are not eligible for pick-up:

- Remodeling lumber, flooring material, plaster, plasterboard, and interior tile
 - Fencing material or poles
 - Air conditioners, refrigerators, and freezers
 - Lawnmowers or other gas powered tools
 - Automobile major components
 - Tires
 - Dirt, stone, gravel, and sod
 - Concrete blocks and bricks, cement
 - Antifreeze and/or oil
 - Glass, windows, door panels, fish tanks
 - Paint
 - Hazardous materials and/or chemicals
- Volunteers Needed to Serve on M-UTC: The Town of Riverdale Park is seeking volunteers to serve on the Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review (M-UTC) Committee. M-UTC meets on the first Wednesday of most months to review development applications. For more information regarding M-UTC, visit: <https://www.mncppc.org/3352/Riverdale-Park-MUTC>.

Please contact Town Clerk Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov if you are interested in serving on this important committee.

- 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 several weeks we have gained many new followers and new likes. But we know that more residents, businesses and others who love Riverdale Park can be reached! The staff has established a goal to have over 1,000 likes and followers by the end of May, and we have already grown to 930 followers and 891 likes. Together we can improve our reach to share good news and alerts about our Town. 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/#RP1000byMay>

Environment

- 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.

Development

- Economic Development Week: From May 6th – 11th, staff will celebrate Economic Development Week. Created by the International Economic Development Council in 2016, the goal of Economic Development Week is to increase awareness for local programs and initiatives that create jobs, advance career development opportunities, and increase the quality of life in communities.

The Town officially recognized Economic Development Week in the form of a proclamation during the April 29th Work Session.

For more information on Economic Development Week, please click the icon below:



- Town Center Clock Restoration Project: In keeping with staff’s goals to improve placemaking in the community, plans are underway to restore the monument clock in the Town Center. The Town Center Clock (TCC) was built in 1995 through private funds from businesses, organizations, and members of the community to celebrate the Town’s 75th anniversary.

This project will replace internal mechanism and make visual upgrades to the clock. The project will be completed in time for the Riverdale Park Day, which is being held on Saturday, June 15th.

- M-NCPPC Transportation Action Meeting on Urban Communities: On Monday, April 22nd, staff attended a meeting hosted by MNCPPC regarding a plan of action to improve transportation in northern Prince George’s County and identify the local and County agencies to assist in implementing these efforts. Further discussion and input from local and County officials are expected to proceed with the action plan.
- Come Grow with Us! Spring Forward Grant Program: The Town is receiving applications for the Spring Forward Grant Program. This grant awards up to \$1,000 to eligible Town businesses

in the commercial and mixed-use zones to purchase or upgrade technology-related equipment that will increase efficiency, improve environmental sustainability, and assist in gaining a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

The deadline to submit applications is May 31st. For more information, please click [here](#).

- Purple Line CAT Meeting: On Tuesday, April 30th, staff attended the Community Advisory Team (CAT) Meeting concerning the Purple Line construction at Kenilworth Avenue and Riverdale Road. The meeting is for stakeholders to share information with State and Purple Line officials address issues near the Purple Line.
Another CAT Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7th regarding the Purple Line construction in the Discovery District. Staff plans to attend this meeting as well. For more information about the CAT, please click [here](#).
- University of Maryland Smart Cities Roundtable: On Thursday, April 25th, staff attended the UMD Smart Cities Roundtable. This meeting provided an overview of grant programs offered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to fund smart technology projects in the community.
- Riverdale Park MUTC Meeting: On Wednesday, May 1st, the MUTC meeting was held at Town Hall to review a project in the MUTC Zone. For more information, please click [here](#).
- 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.
- TRP-RPS - 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: rdystation
- Notices received by Town:
 - A preliminary Plan of Subdivision for Knox Road PPS-4-19028 will be submitted to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Development Review Division. The address of the subject property is 4422 Knox Road in College Park. The nature of the review is to develop a mixed-use building containing a multifamily and retail use. For more information, contact Tom Haller at 301-306-0033.
 - A Chesapeake Bay Critical Plan for the construction of a single family detached home in Hyatt Addition to Hyattsville, Lot 50 (CP-19001) will be submitted to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The address of the subject property is 4016 Crittenden Street in Hyattsville. For more information, contact Jonathan Werrlein at 301-233-3721.
- 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: May 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_05082019-1280

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

<http://mncppc.igam2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1470&Inline=True>

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

- Development Activities from April 18, 2019 to May 1, 2019

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	2	119
Permits Issued	2	80
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	9

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2019-B-74	6204 44th Avenue	16x20 Deck	\$16,000
2019-B-75	4701-03 Ravenswood Road #1	Excavation for window well and fire egress window	\$5,000
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$21,000
Est. Investment FYTD 2019 Total:			\$9,391,748

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from April 18, 2019, to May 1, 2019

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	6	119
Exterior Conditions	16	124

Interior Conditions	1	147
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	28	62
Safety	0	288
Sanitation	0	24
Total Violations Found:	51	764

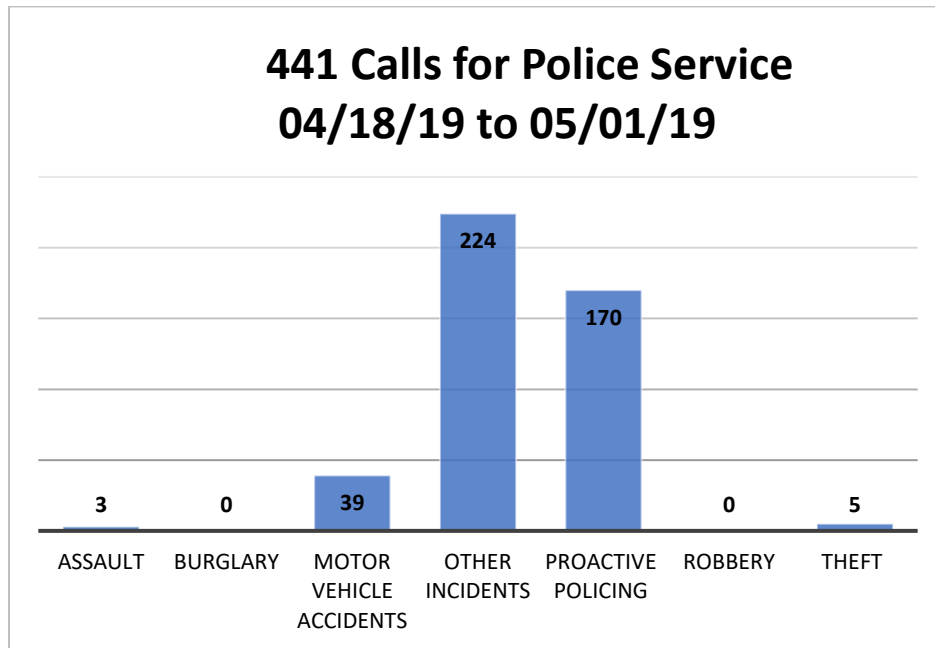
Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	11	312
Fines Issued	0	7
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	2	96
Violation Notices Issued	7	107
Warnings Issued	40	132
Total Services Provided:	60	654

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, 170 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:

- Officers responded to the 5000 block of Tuckerman Street for an assault. The investigation revealed the suspect and victim were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical. The Fire Department transported the victim to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The suspect was identified, and an arrest warrant was obtained charging the suspect with 2nd degree assault.
- Officers responded to a business in the 4700 block of Queensbury Road for a theft. The investigation revealed the victim dropped their wallet while shopping. The suspect picked up

the wallet and fled the scene. Through investigative means the suspect was identified and charged with theft.

- Officers responded to the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for recovered property. A maintenance worker found a loaded firearm discarded on the side of the roadway. The property was recovered, and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers observed a person walking in the 4500 block of Queensbury Road. Officers knew through prior contacts that the individual had an active arrest warrant. The individual was contacted, and a records check confirmed an active arrest warrant through the Montgomery County Police Department for burglary. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers observed an illegally parked vehicle in the 5300 block of Lafayette Place. A registration check revealed the vehicle was reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department. The vehicle was impounded for safekeeping pending notification to the owner.
- Officers responded to the 5000 block of East-West Highway for a hit-and-run motor vehicle collision. A witness provided Communications with a description of the striking vehicle. Responding officers located the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The operator of the vehicle was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for driving under the influence and failing to remain at the scene of an accident. No one was seriously injured from the accident.
- While working the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network Taskforce Initiative, RPPD and Prince George's County Police Officers observed a suspicious occupied vehicle. While engaging the occupants of the vehicle in conversation officers detected the odor of burnt Marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle. The occupants of the vehicle were removed from the vehicle for officer safety. As the driver was exiting the vehicle, officers observed a handgun on the floorboard in front of the driver's seat. The 9mm handgun was recovered and found to be loaded with a round in the chamber. The driver was placed under arrest for possession of a handgun. Further investigation revealed the arrestee is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a past conviction.
- 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Smith
Acting Town Manager