

# TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

## Status and Information Report

## Report No. 12 for 2022

June 10, 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 June 24, 2022.

### CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed	Monday, June 20, 2022	In observance of Juneteenth
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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Ethics Commission Meeting	Wednesday, June 15, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89619291480?pwd=V1h3dUVjOWZDZHQxbnkWL2xXSUJOZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89619291480?pwd=V1h3dUVjOWZDZHQxbnkWL2xXSUJOZz09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 896-1929 -1480 Passcode: 04052022
Work Session	Monday, June 27, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005286481?pwd=c1B6UVVFK0xINkJXbVRvcXV1dnQwdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005286481?pwd=c1B6UVVFK0xINkJXbVRvcXV1dnQwdz09</a> Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 830-0528-6481 Passcode: 579554

Legislative Meeting	Monday, July 11, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82095418221?pwd=blJuM1hSb0YxbUFDRHFPb1JoQk5Fdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82095418221?pwd=blJuM1hSb0YxbUFDRHFPb1JoQk5Fdz09</a>  Or call: 301-715-8592  Meeting ID: 820-9541-8221 Passcode: 579533
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### 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](http://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](mailto:krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov), Denisa Caballero at [dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto: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. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-03 regarding FY2023 Operating and CIP Budget and Tax Rates – ***Adopted***
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-04 regarding Town of Riverdale Park Property Maintenance Code – ***Adopted***
3. Motion to extend expiration of grant agreement with Brighter Bites from June 30, 2022, to August 31, 2022, to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic – ***Approved***
4. Motion to extend expiration of grant agreement with Shepherd’s Table from June 30, 2022, to August 31, 2022, to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic – ***Approved***

5. Motion to extend expiration of grant agreement with CKAR CDC from June 30, 2022, to August 31, 2022, to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic – ***Approved***
6. Motion to send a letter of support for University of Maryland’s Environmental Finance Center – ***Approved***
7. Motion to direct spending up to \$20,054 with Town’s on call engineering firm to conduct feasibility study – ***Approved***
8. Motion to authorize a subcommittee (Mayor Thompson, CM Lingua, and CM Mayers) to express opinions on behalf of the entire Council on CB-21-2022 as amended - ***Approved***
9. Motion to move the June Work Session to June 27 – ***Approved***

### **Community Engagement**

- **Final Call- COVID-19 Test Kits available at the Riverdale Park Police Department:** Town residents can pick up two (2) COVID-19 at-home test kit packs at the Riverdale Park Police Department lobby. Pick-up is available 24/7 (until supplies last). Masks are required to be worn inside the building.
- **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, 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.
- **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](mailto: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](mailto:COVIDcare@co.pg.md.us) Those who qualify will be contacted by a Community Health Worker from the Prince George's Healthcare Alliance.

- New Plantings at the Town's Food Forest: Volunteers, Town officials, and members of the staff team planted a variety of new produce at the Food Forest this week. The plantings should be ready for harvest in the coming weeks. The Food Forest is a community garden where residents are free to take fresh produce. The Town provides the materials necessary for the garden, and volunteers are welcome and appreciated to assist in the care and maintenance of the garden. The Food Forest helps promote healthy food choices, providing free food resources to residents and it also helps boost the spirit of community. The Riverdale Park Food Forest is located at 6403 51st Avenue.



- 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.

- **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](https://www.wsscwater.com/assistance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

- **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](mailto: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](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 2,341. 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](https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en)
  - Twitter: [https://twitter.com/Riverdale\\_Park](https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park)
  - YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](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](http://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:
  - Paving Operations on River Road: Beginning on or about May 31, 2022, resurfacing of River Road between Rivertech Court and Kenilworth Avenue will take place through June 10, 2022. Work may occur in two shifts weekdays and weekends, as needed, through completion. Temporary lane closures and uneven surfaces will occur during this effort.
  - MTS Pre-Construction Activity: Maryland Transit Solutions has begun due diligence inspections along the Purple Line alignment in advance of construction activities occurring. Area-specific construction notifications will continue as construction activities increase in upcoming months. If you have any questions, please contact our outreach hotline at (443) 451-3706 or email [outreach@purplelinemd.com](mailto:outreach@purplelinemd.com)
  
- 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](http://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:

**Planning Board:** June 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.

<http://mncppc.igmp2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1662&Inline=True>

**Historic Preservation Commission:** June 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Virtual

Meeting. [https://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_06212022-677](https://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06212022-677)

**Board of License Commissioners:** June 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.

[https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_06282022-2247](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06282022-2247)

- Development Activities from May 26, 2022, to June 8, 2022

### **Permits: Building / Storage Containers**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	3	35

Building Permits Issued	3	34
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	4

**Permits Issued:**

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2022-B-32	6411 49 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Construct 6 Foot Fence	\$3,100
2022-B-33	4701 Oliver Street	Construct 6 Foot Fence	\$2,200
2022-B-34	4600 East West Highway	Construct 6 Foot Fence	\$2,000
<b>Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:</b>			<b>\$7,300</b>
<b>Est. Investment FYTD 2022 Total:</b>			<b>\$3,677,476</b>

**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	0	135
Business Licenses Issued	0	135

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from May 26, 2022, to June 8, 2022

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	1	97
Exterior Conditions	2	110
Interior Conditions	0	122
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	1	40
Safety	4	87
Sanitation	0	8
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>464</b>

**Services Provided by Type:**



<b>Description</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly Totals</b>	<b>FYTD 2022 Totals</b>
Complaint Responses Performed	4	253
Fines Issued	7	54
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	12	335
Violation Notices Issued	2	77
Warnings Issued	6	202
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>921</b>

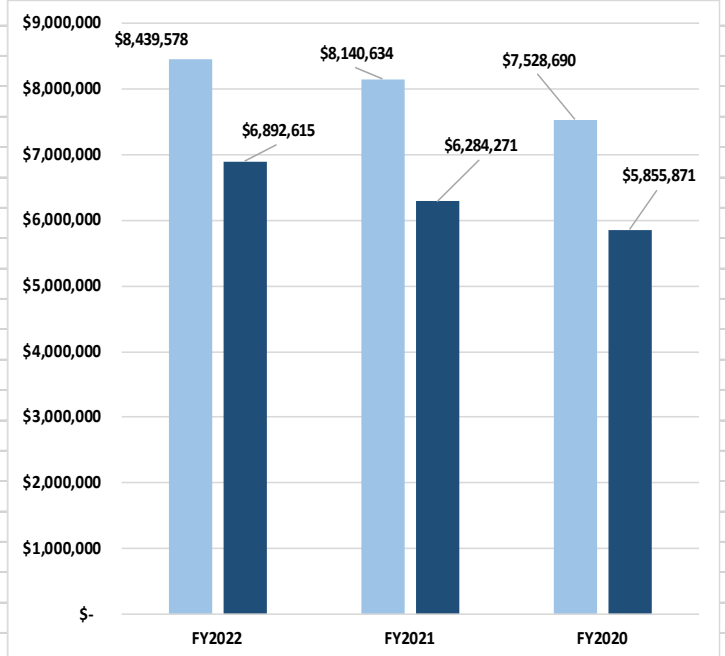
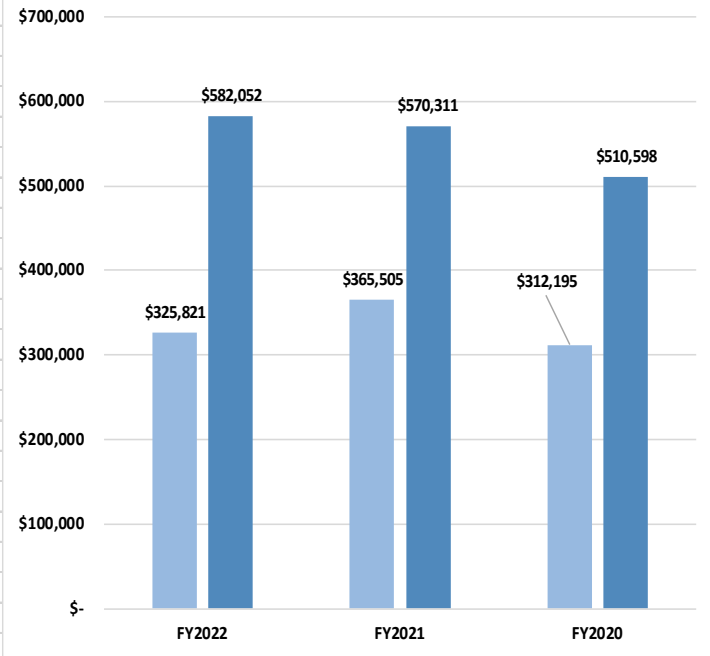
Note:

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.*

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## Finance

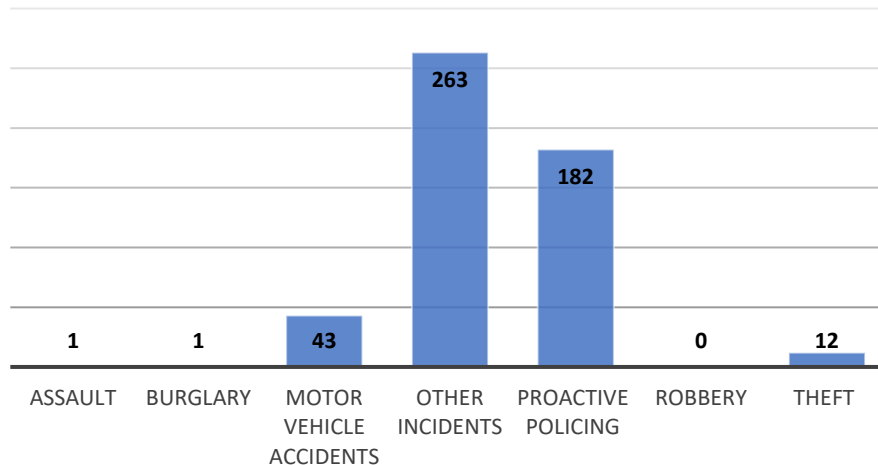
May			YTD Total		
FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020
\$ 325,821	\$ 365,505	\$ 312,195	\$ 8,439,578	\$ 8,140,634	\$ 7,528,690
\$ 582,052	\$ 570,311	\$ 510,598	\$ 6,892,615	\$ 6,284,271	\$ 5,855,871
\$ (256,231)	\$ (204,806)	\$ (198,403)	\$ 1,546,963	\$ 1,856,363	\$ 1,672,819



Revenue =	
Expense =	

## Public Safety

### 502 Calls for Service 05/25/2022 to 06/08/2022



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, 182 or 36 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 4600 block of Van Buren Street for a theft. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) removed their Cannondale bicycle from apartment building garage. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers observed an abandoned vehicle in the 4600 block of East West Highway. A records check revealed the 1997 Honda was reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department. The vehicle was impounded pending notification to the owner.

- Officers responded to the intersection of East West Highway and Kenilworth Avenue for a motor vehicle collision. The driver of the striking vehicle failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.
- Officers responded to a business in the 4400 block of Queensbury Road for a trespassing complaint. Officers contacted the individual and a records check revealed an active arrest warrant for trespassing on school property. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 4500 block of Queensbury Road for a single vehicle accident. The investigation revealed the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed, lost control and struck a pole. The occupants attempted to flee on foot but were detained by responding officers. A loaded AR-15 rifle was recovered from the vehicle. The occupants were placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5600 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. The victim reported an unknown suspect entered the business, grabbed the purse off her shoulder and fled. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 6400 block of Lafayette Avenue for a motor vehicle collision. The driver of the striking vehicle failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6800 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed an employee was involved in a dispute with a customer. The customer struck the employee and fled prior to the officer's arrival. Officers obtained an arrest warrant for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault via the District Court Commissioner.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6000 block of Baltimore Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant for motor vehicle theft. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a stolen vehicle. The victim reported their Honda Accord was stolen from the parking lot sometime overnight. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as a stolen vehicle.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager