

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 12 for 2018



June 15, 2018

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 29, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Walk	June 16, 2018, 9:00 a.m.	Meet at intersection of Route 1 and East West Highway
Council Work Session	June 25, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	June 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m.	Meet at intersection of Route 1 and East West Highway
Regular Legislative Meeting	July 2, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Community Development

- Community Walk: The next Community Walk will be held on Saturday, June 16th at 9:00 a.m. The walk will begin at the intersection of Route 1 and East West Highway. See below for the planned route and please feel free to join us along the way!
 1. From intersection of Route 1 and East West Highway, proceed along Route 1 (towards the Post Office)
 2. Turn right on to Tuckerman Street
 3. Follow Tuckerman Street to 46th Avenue
 4. Turn right onto 46th Avenue
 5. Follow 46th Avenue to Sheridan Street
 6. From Sheridan Street, proceed to 47th Avenue, 46th Avenue and 45th Place
 7. Return to Sheridan Street and turn left onto Route 1
 8. End at intersection of Route 1 and East West Highway
- Update on Roadwork in Town:
 - Riverdale Road - The repaving of Riverdale Road is complete. Striping should begin by next week, weather permitting.

- Queensbury Road – The milling and base repair is scheduled to begin by next week, weather permitting.

Community Engagement

- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>



Council Direction Summary

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

June 4, 2018:

1. Motion to reconsider Ordinance 2018-OR-10 regarding FY2019 Financial Plan and Budget - **Approved and Adopted**
2. Motion regarding Mayor’s nomination for the Riverdale Park Ethics Commission - **Approved**
3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-OR-09 regarding Chapter 15- Building Code- Revisions - **Adopted**
4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-09 regarding Vision and Commitment to Art and Recreation - **Adopted**
5. Motion to waive bid requirements and ride a bid from the State of Maryland and authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Ford Motor Company for the lease of 4 police vehicles - **Approved**
6. Motion regarding addendum to contract with VMP for Bicycle Sharing Lanes and Roadway Improvements for Riverdale and Queensbury Roads, Contract 18-0001 to amend the scope of work - **Approved**
7. Motion to approve a memorial contribution of \$250 for former New Carrollton Mayor Andy Hanko - **Approved**

Environment

- Mosquito Spraying: The Town has received notification from the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) that mosquito spraying for the Town will take place on Tuesdays. Spray season begins on June 4th and is anticipated to end on September 18th. Spraying will begin after dark and may continue until midnight or later. MDA will not conduct spray activity during daylight hours. Please refer to the June edition of the *Town Crier* for additional details.
- Recycling Reminders: Staff have observed that residents continue to put their recycling in plastic bags. In 2014, the Waste Management Division of the Prince George’s County Department of Environmental Resources required that ALL recycling be placed in the blue totes or in collection cans/containers (i.e., trash cans), 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.
- Trash Tote Repair/Replacement: To coordinate the replacement of damaged trash totes, residents should call the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803. The Town’s contracted trash service provider will replace the damaged totes. Please note that a replacement tote will

not be delivered if the damaged one is not there for pick-up. Replacements will take place on Thursdays.

Development

- **National Capital Bikeshare Grand Opening:** On Friday, June 1st, staff attended the ribbon cutting grand opening ceremony of the National Capital Bikeshare Station at Riverdale Park Station. Representatives from Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), local and County elected officials, and representatives from Calvert Tract, LLC were present during this event.



For more information on this program, please visit, <https://www.capitalbikeshare.com/>.

- **Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Corporation (CKAR) Board Meeting:** On Tuesday, June 5th, staff attended CKAR’s monthly board meeting. Staff conducted a presentation at the meeting on the Town’s economic and community development programs and initiatives. Staff plans to collaborate with CKAR on marketing these programs and initiatives.
- **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: @RDPSStation
 - Instagram: rdpsstation
- **Purple Line Construction Notices:** Purple Line construction is underway. The next twelve (12) months of construction will focus on utility relocation work. 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.
- **Notice received by Town:**
 - A Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and Detailed Site Plan will be submitted to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Development Review Division for Armory Apartments (DSP-17009 and PPS 4-17008) located at the 5300 block of Baltimore Avenue in Hyattsville. For more information, contact William Shipp at 301-572-7900.

- 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: June 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)

http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06192018-206

Board of License Commissioners: June 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06262018-1111

Planning Board: *No information available at time of report.*

- Development Activities from May 31, 2018 to June 13, 2018

Rental Licenses:

Inspections Conducted	1
Licenses Issued	2
Notices Issued	0
Fines Issued	0

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Inspections Conducted	1
Permits Issued	3
Stop Work Orders Issued	0

- Permits Issued:

Permit Number	Address	Permit For	Estimated Project Cost
2017-B-203	4801 Nicholson Street	20'x20' 1-story addition and 11.5'x12' deck with steps	<i>Not available at time of report.</i>
2017-B-204	5805 Harrison Avenue	Replace/repair driveway with new concrete	\$8,000
2017-B-205	4800 Riverdale Road	Demo existing kitchen cabinets, flooring and non bearing partitions, repairing joist in basement	\$5,000
TOTAL			\$13,000

• Neighborhood Improvement Activities from May 31, 2018 to June 13, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	2
Exterior Conditions	2
Interior Conditions	0
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	4
Safety	1
Sanitation	2

Actions Taken:

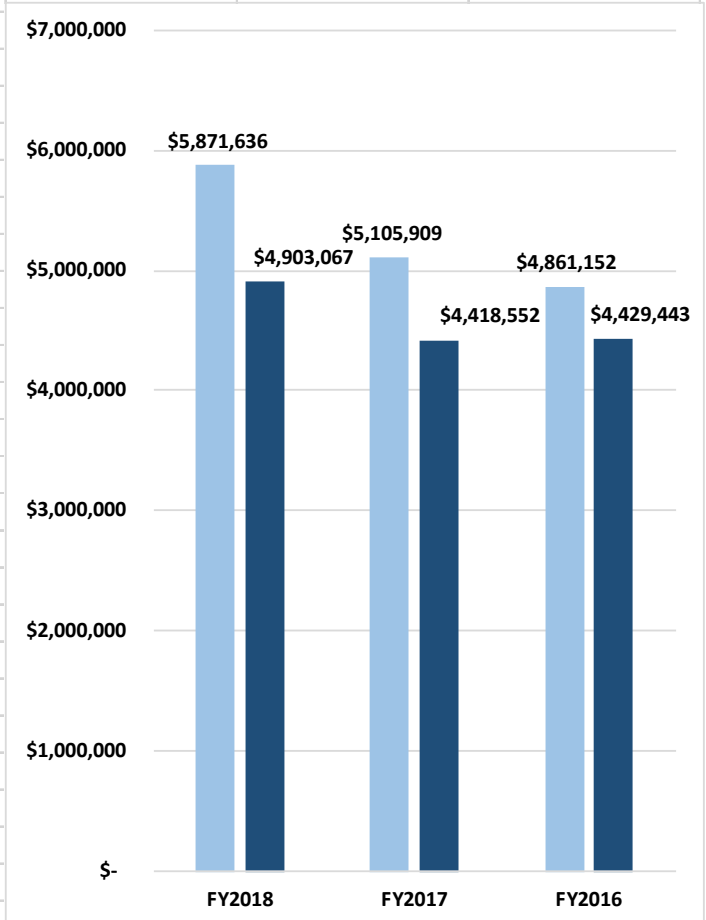
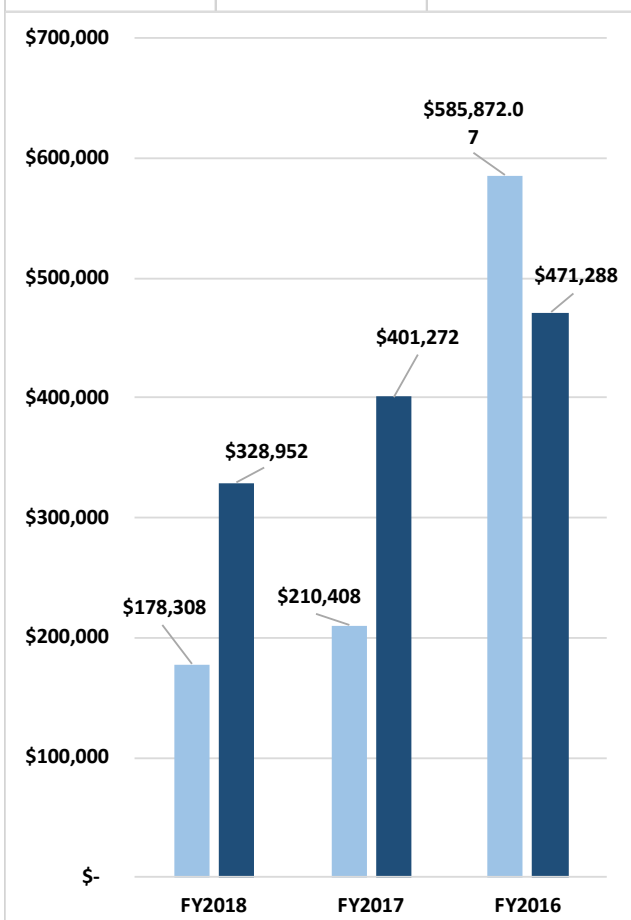
Complaint Responses Performed	4
Fines Issued	0
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	8
Violation Notices Issued	2
Warnings Issued	1

Note:

1. *“Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish” includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.*
2. *“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.*
3. *“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.*
4. *“Overgrown Weeds” include grass or weeds more than 10 inches in height.*
5. *“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.*
6. *“Sanitation” includes, but not limited to; insect / rodent infestation, mildew / mold on surfaces, uncleanliness, and storage of hazardous waste.*

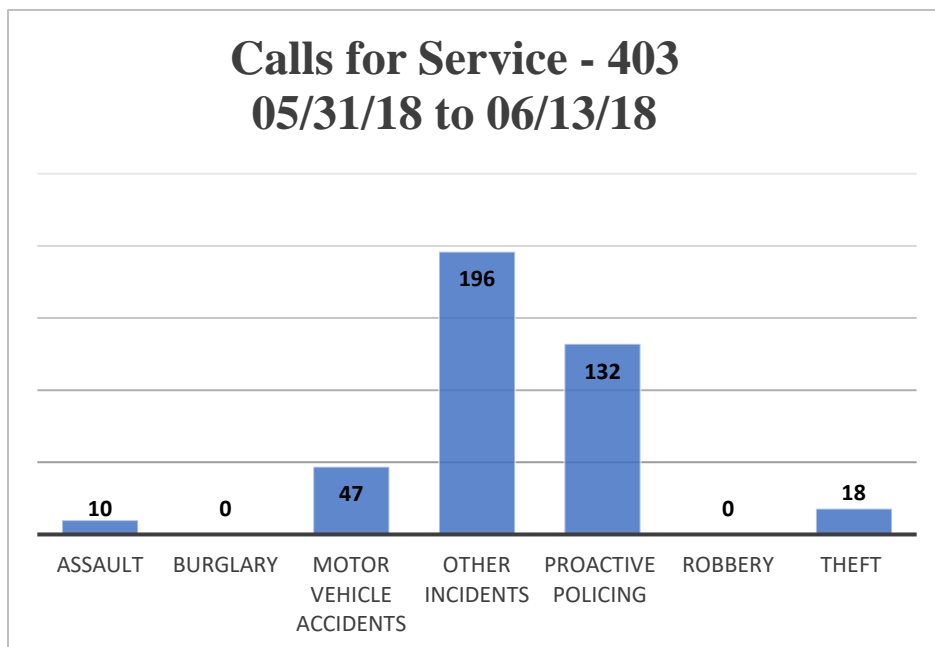
Finance

May			YTD Total		
FY2018	FY2017	FY2016	FY2018	FY2017	FY2016
\$ 178,308	\$ 210,408	\$ 585,872	\$ 5,871,636	\$ 5,105,909	\$ 4,861,152
\$ 328,952	\$ 401,272	\$ 471,288	\$ 4,903,067	\$ 4,418,552	\$ 4,429,443
\$ (150,644)	\$ (190,865)	\$ 114,584	\$ 968,568	\$ 687,358	\$ 431,709



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Police



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, 132 or 33% 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 for speeding in the 6700 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for 2nd Degree Assault. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers responded to the 5000 block of Somerset Street for an animal bite complaint. The victim reported being bitten by a dog while walking on the street. The owner was located and provided a

valid rabies vaccination. An animal exposure report was completed and forwarded to the Prince George's County Health Department. The victim declined medical treatment on the scene.

Officers conducted a traffic stop for failure to obey a traffic control device in the 4700 block of Queensbury Road. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant through the Montgomery County Police Department for credit card fraud. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a disorderly customer. The investigation revealed the suspect went behind the store counter, began destroying merchandise and pushed the cash register off the counter before fleeing the store. Through investigative means the suspect was identified and charged with Malicious Destruction of Property and 2nd Degree Assault.

Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a check on the welfare. Citizens reported a partial clothed individual standing in the roadway screaming. Officers observed the individual run into oncoming traffic with no regards for their individual safety. The individual appeared confused and possibly suffering from a mental illness. Due to the individual's actions they were placed into custody and transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

Officers observed an individual loitering in front of a business in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The individual was contacted, and a records check was conducted. The individual had active arrest warrants through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for 2nd Degree Assault, False Statement, and Theft. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers responded to the 5300 block of Taylor Road for a domestic assault. The investigation revealed the suspect attempted to stab the victim with a pocket knife. Witnesses intervened and prevented the suspect's attack on the victim. The suspect fled the scene prior to officers' arrival. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect on charges of: 1st Degree Assault, 2nd Degree Assault, and Intent to Injure with a Deadly Weapon.

Officers responded to the 4800 block of Tuckerman Street for a domestic dispute. During the investigation an individual became combative and assaulted one of the officers. The individual was placed under arrest and charged with 2nd Degree Assault and Resisting Arrest. Neither the arrestee nor the officer were injured during the incident.

Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a theft. The store manager reported an individual removed \$215 of merchandise from an aisle, walked past all sale points and exited the store. Officers reviewed surveillance camera footage and recognized the individual from numerous prior encounters. An arrest warrant was obtained for the individual on charges of: Theft Under \$1000 and Trespassing.

Update:

On June 8, Pfc. Alexander Harbitz graduated from the 15th Session of the University of Maryland's Institute of Advanced Law Enforcement Studies (DUI Institute). The Institute features a challenging university level curriculum, incorporating a comprehensive instructional approach by examining all pertinent issues in DUI enforcement. These issues include social concerns and management perspectives, emerging enforcement strategies, effective courtroom presentations, and advanced

Standard Field Sobriety Testing training. In Maryland, an average of 156 people are killed and nearly 3,500 are injured each year in a crash where a driver was impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. We commend Pfc. Harbitz on this achievement and for his efforts to help Maryland reach zero roadway deaths.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John N. Lestitian", written in a cursive style.

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager