

# Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

## Status and Information Report

### Report No. 14 for 2018



July 13, 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 July 27, 2018.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

|                             |                                  |                           |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Community Walk              | July 21, 2018, 9:00 a.m.         | TBD                       |
| Executive Session           | July 23, 2018, 7:30 p.m.         | Town Hall Conference Room |
| Special Legislative Meeting | July 23, 2018, 8:30 p.m.         | Town Hall                 |
| National Night Out          | August 7, 2018, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | Police Department         |
| Community Walk              | August 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m.        | TBD                       |
| Council Work Session        | August 27, 2018, 8:00 p.m.       | Town Hall                 |

#### **Community Engagement**

- **Family Movie Night:** Riverdale Park Police Department and Maryland Park Police will host a FREE Family Movie Night on Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Neighborhood Park. Please plan to bring blankets or chairs to enjoy the movie. Popcorn will be available at the event. Please contact RPPD at 301-927-4343 if you have any questions.
- **National Night Out:** The Town’s annual National Night Out celebration will be held on Tuesday, August 7, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Riverdale Park Police Department, 5004 Queensbury Road. Please plan to join us for an evening filled with lots of fun!

- Volunteers and Vendors Needed for Riverdale Park Day: Riverdale Park Day will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Volunteers and vendors are needed to make this fantastic community event possible. Please contact Waverly Pollitt at 301-927-6381 (ext. 500) or [wpollitt@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:wpollitt@riverdaleparkmd.gov) for details.

- 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:

#### **July 2, 2018:**

1. Motion to approve Mayor’s nominations for Board of Code Appeals
2. Motion to approve revisions for awarding Town grants
3. Motion to approve special exception for 6-foot vinyl backyard fence at 5307 Taylor Road

### Environment

- Tree Removal Update: On July 1<sup>st</sup> a Town contractor removed eight (8) Emerald Ash trees on 44<sup>th</sup> Place that were infected by the Emerald Ash Borer disease. The stumps will be removed within the next week.
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> and is anticipated to end on September 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 *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

Habit Burger Grill Grand Opening: On Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, staff attended the grand opening event for Habit Burger Grill, as part of the Town's Celebrating Business Initiative. This is Habit Burger Grill's first location in Prince George's County. A proclamation from the Mayor will be provided to commemorate the opening.



*Pictured left to right: Frank Costello, District Manager, Kevin Simpson, Riverdale Park Director of Development Services, Habit Burger Team members (rear) and Morgan Libert, Habit Burger (Riverdale Park location) General Manager.*

- Discovery District Working Group Meeting: On Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, staff, along with Mayor Thompson, attended a meeting at the College Park Airport to discuss potential sign projects in the Discovery District and share development updates in the area. Attendees of the meeting included representatives from College Park, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), Cafritz Development, and owners and tenants within the Discovery District.
- Riverdale Park Station Updates:
  - Retail Tenants: Jersey Mike's and Habit Burger continue to work on their respective tenant fit-out construction. Habit Burger's Grand Opening was on July 11. Jersey Mike's expects to open later this Summer. Denizens has commenced work on their tenant fit-out permit documents. They anticipate opening by the end of the year. Bella Salon continues their tenant fit-out construction, and expect to open later this Summer.
  - Townhomes: The construction of the next section of townhomes between Rhode Island Avenue and 47th St. on the South side of the Village Green is well underway. They are expected to be completed by Summer. The remaining block of townhouses are anticipated to be completed by the 2nd quarter of 2019. Currently, over 70 townhomes have been sold.

- Parking Structure Progress: CBG Building Company continues construction on the new multi-level parking structure on parcel E – the building 5 pad site. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing trades are actively working within the garage on all levels including the 5th and 6th floors. Installation of the landscape and hardscape along 46th Street began on June 20 and will continue for approximately six weeks. The concrete ramp to Southern garage entrance along Van Buren Street to be poured the week of July 2. Garage completion is anticipated to occur near Labor Day.
  - Village Green: The Village Green was recently regraded to add an additional layer of topsoil, irrigation and seeding. Access to the Green will be restricted to allow the grass to grow and take root.
  - Capital Bikeshare: The Capital Bikeshare Station has been successfully installed and opened on Van Buren St near the McAlpine Ice House. Zagster, with MBike, have installed an 8-bike BikeShare Station on Woodberry and 45th Street.
- 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
  - 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 for NSR Properties, LLC (4-18013) located at 3599 East West Highway, Hyattsville, will be submitted to the Development Review Division of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The nature of the review is for a resubdivision to accommodate the reconstruction of a gas station, food and beverage store, and offices on the subject property. For more information, contact Daniel Lynch at 301-441-2420.
    - The Development Review Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept a Detailed Site Plan for Landy Property (DSP-18003), located at the intersection of Toldeo Terrace and Belcrest Road in Hyattsville. For more information, please contact Chris Hatcher at 301-951-0150.
  - 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:** July 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)

[https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_07112018-1120](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07112018-1120)

**Planning Board:** July 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1424&Inline=True>

**Historic Preservation Commission:** July 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/07172018-209>

- Development Activities from June 28, 2018 to July 11, 2018

Business Licenses:

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Licenses Issued | 13  |
| Notices Issued  | 253 |
| Fines Issued    | 0   |

Rental Licenses:

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Inspections Conducted | 46 |
| Licenses Issued       | 6  |
| Notices Issued        | 76 |
| Fines Issued          | 0  |

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Inspections Conducted   | 0 |
| Permits Issued          | 5 |
| Stop Work Orders Issued | 0 |

- Permits Issued:

| <b>Permit Number</b> | <b>Address</b>               | <b>Permit For</b>                    | <b>Estimated Project Cost</b> |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2017-B-206           | 6308 47 <sup>th</sup> Avenue | Wooden backyard fence (up to 6 feet) | \$3,000                       |
| 2017-B-207           | 4603 Riverdale Road          | Repairs to addition                  | \$50,000                      |
| 2017-B-208           | 5307 Taylor Road             | 6-foot vinyl backyard fence          | \$3,000                       |
| 2017-B-209           | 4600 Riverdale Road          | Interior renovation                  | \$30,000                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         |                              |                                      | <b>\$86,000</b>               |

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from June 28, 2018 to July 11, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish | 6  |
| Exterior Conditions               | 5  |
| Interior Conditions               | 19 |
| Overgrown Grass / Weeds           | 0  |
| Safety                            | 19 |
| Sanitation                        | 5  |

Actions Taken:

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Complaint Responses Performed       | 5 |
| Fines Issued                        | 0 |
| Outreach Events / Meetings Attended | 5 |
| Violation Notices Issued            | 3 |
| Warnings Issued                     | 2 |

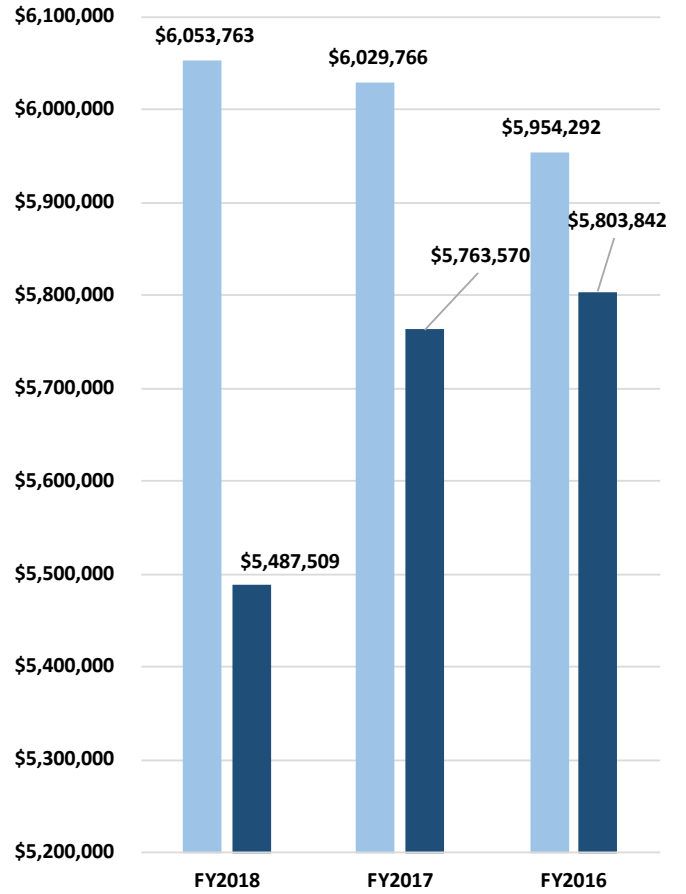
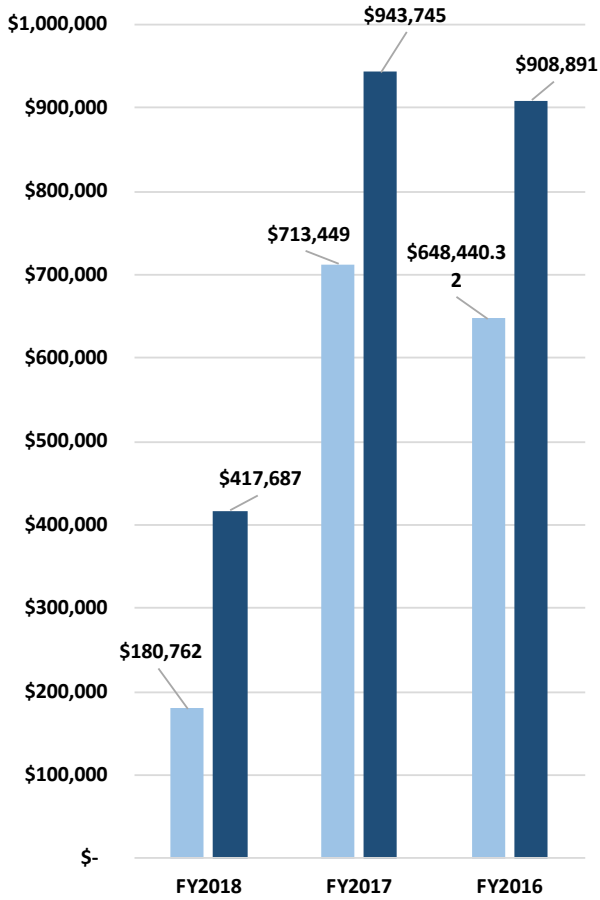
Note:



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.

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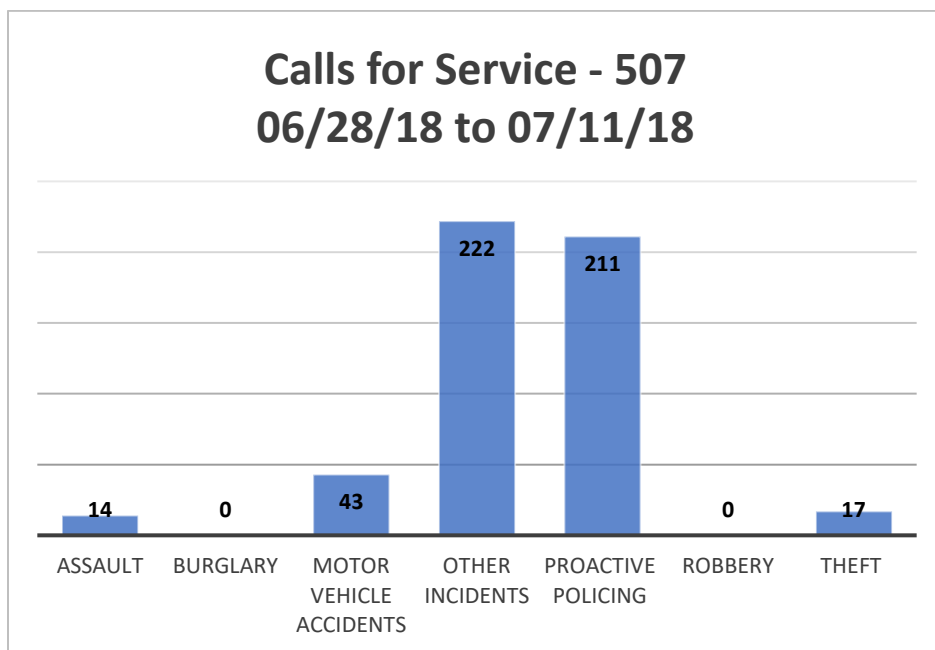
**Finance**

| June         |              |              | YTD Total    |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| FY2018       | FY2017       | FY2016       | FY2018       | FY2017       | FY2016       |
| \$ 180,762   | \$ 713,449   | \$ 648,440   | \$ 6,053,763 | \$ 6,029,766 | \$ 5,954,292 |
| \$ 417,687   | \$ 943,745   | \$ 908,891   | \$ 5,487,509 | \$ 5,763,570 | \$ 5,803,842 |
| \$ (236,925) | \$ (230,297) | \$ (260,451) | \$ 566,254   | \$ 266,196   | \$ 150,449   |



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|-----------|--|
| Revenue = |  |
| Expense = |  |

## 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, 211 or 42% 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 a registration violation in the 6100 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 failure to appear for driving without a license. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a fraud complaint. The victim reported a stolen credit card was used to purchase merchandise from the business. The



security camera footage from the business was recovered and a possible suspect has been identified. The investigation is ongoing.

Officers observed a suspicious occupied vehicle in the 5000 block of Queensbury Road. Upon contacting the occupants, officers observed open alcohol containers inside the vehicle. A records check revealed an occupant of the vehicle to have an open arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear in a forgery case. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a domestic dispute. The investigation revealed the suspect physically assaulted a family member over an allegation of theft. The victim had visible signs of injury to the face and arms. The suspect was placed under arrest for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault, malicious destruction of property and violation of a protective order. The victim sought medical treatment on their own.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for failure to display a front license plate. A records check revealed the driver to have a suspended driver's license and an open arrest warrant from the NYPD for violation of probation. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a disorderly person. Several witnesses approached officers and reported an intoxicated individual attempting to fight people on the street. Officers located the suspect holding two bricks above his head threatening another individual. The suspect was given verbal commands and immediately surrendered to officers. The suspect was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Officers responded to the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for an assault. The victim reported while walking through the shopping center parking lot three unknown suspects assaulted him without provocation. The victim suffered injuries to the face and was transported to the hospital by the Fire Department for non-life-threatening injuries. Due to the victim's level of intoxication, he could not provide a description of the suspects. The investigation is ongoing.

Officers responded to the 5600 block of Riverdale Road for a fight with an individual armed with a handgun. The investigation revealed the victim and the suspect were involved in a physical confrontation when the suspect produced a handgun and threatened the victim. During the confrontation the victim was able to wrestle the handgun away and the suspect fled the scene. Officers viewed security camera footage which corroborates the victim's account of events. The scene was processed, and the handgun was recovered as evidence. The investigation is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager