TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report   Report No. 14 for 2022

July 8, 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 July 22, 2022.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legislative Meeting	Monday, July 11, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82095418221?pwd=blJuM1hSb0YxbUFDRHFPb1JoQk5Fdz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 820-9541-8221 Passcode: 579533
Virtual Community Meeting - Residential Permit Parking Program Group 1: 5000 block of Riverdale Road 6100 block of 54th Avenue 5000 Nicholson Street 5300 block of Powhatan Street 5411 Powhatan Street 5000 block of Somerset Road 4700 block of Tuckerman Street 5800-6000 block of Riverside Drive	Wednesday, July 13, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83831055510?pwd=hKrNkICO2sH0nWqlQFg0HJ_XzyGaUo.1 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 838-3105-5510 Passcode: 24062022
Work Session	Monday, August 29, 2022 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87065758334?pwd=M1Rsd3JIVkc1UDVSUjdGbHE2UXBjZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 870-6575-8334 Passcode: 579555

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 or call 301-927-6381.

Community Engagement

- 2022 Primary Election – Drop Boxes Now Available: There are 38 drop boxes available throughout the County to deposit completed ballots. The complete list of locations is available here: https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38661/Ballot-Drop-Boxes

  Be sure to sign the oath on the return envelope to ensure your vote is counted. Registered voters are encouraged to vote by mail! Text VBM to 77788 or visit elections.mypgc.us.

- Fair Summary of Emergency Ordinance 2022-OR-05: The following legal advertisement ran in the *Enquirer-Gazette* on July 7, 2022.

  TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
  FAIR SUMMARY OF
  EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2022-OR-05

  This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has adopted Emergency Ordinance 2022-OR-05.

  Emergency Ordinance 2022-OR-05 amends the Town's FY 2022 Operating & Capital Improvement Budget by recognizing and appropriating certain revenues and expenses in excess of those anticipated for purposes related to automated speed enforcement; and generally, relates to amendment of the Town's FY 2022 budget.

Emergency Ordinance 2022-OR-05 is available for inspection by the public on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, by calling 301-927-6381, or by e-mail request to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

- <u>Community Walks Rebranded as TRP Walk and Talks:</u> 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:
  - o Hear from residents, business owners, and visitors, in an informal setting about topics that are important to them
  - o View conditions in the neighborhoods in Town
  - o Conduct micro-clean ups along the route

  Please plan to join us (weather permitting and masks required) on:
  - o Saturday, August 20, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
  - o Saturday, September 17, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
  - o Saturday, October 22, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

- <u>Volunteers Needed for Riverdale Park Board of Elections:</u> 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.

- <u>COVID Care Program:</u> 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.

- <u>Prince George's County Homeownership Preservation Program (HOPP)</u>: 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.

- 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 2,350. 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/

    o 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

- FEMA Announces R3 Climate Adaptation Seminar July 2022: The FEMA National Exercise Division and FEMA Region 3 cordially invite federal, state, local, tribal, and non-governmental partners to a Climate Adaptation Seminar. This seminar is open to all partners in Region 3 states.

  The Climate Adaptation Seminar will provide:
    o An overview of climate change and climate adaptation
    o Information about hazards and vulnerabilities impacting states within Region 3
    o Various emergency management perspectives on climate impacts
    o Available tools and resources to assist emergency managers with climate adaptation planning initiatives

  The Climate Adaptation Seminar will be held July 27-28, 2022. Registration for the Seminar will be available in a few weeks.

  Contact Chris Nemcheck (Christopher.Nemcheck@fema.dhs.gov) or Duane Keel (Roy.Keel@fema.dhs.gov) with questions.

- 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:
    o Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or reusable bins that are clearly marked "Yard Waste"

- o 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:
  - o Temporary Lane Closures on Route 1 Baltimore Avenue - Reminder: On June 28, 2022, crews will perform overnight utility relocations at the intersections of Baltimore Avenue (US Route 1) at Rossborough Lane and Baltimore Avenue (US Route 1) at Fraternity Row for two consecutive nights 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. During this time traffic signals will be disabled; police officers and flaggers will direct traffic.
  - o Daily Lane Closures of Diamondback Drive - Reminder: Beginning on or about June 30, 2022, crews will implement a daily closure of Diamondback Drive from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. between Rossborough Lane and Hotel Drive for two consecutive days, weather permitting. Access will be maintained to the local businesses and parking lots.
  - o Work Zone Safety - Reminder: As work increases along the alignment, the Purple Line team remains committed to keeping everyone safe. Pedestrians and motorists are advised to follow construction signage and use the open sidewalk(s). For the safety of the public and our construction team, entry into construction work zones is not permitted.
  - o Temporary Overnight Lane Closures on Riverdale Road - Update: Crews continue utility relocations overnight on Riverdale Road (MD 410) between 58th Street and Veterans Parkway (MD 410) through August, weather permitting. Temporary lane closures may occur 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed.
  - o Temporary Lane Closure on 67th Court - Update: Crews continue utility relocations along Riverdale Road at 67th Court through August, weather permitting. Work may take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends, as needed.
  - o Temporary Lane Closure on Riverdale Road - Update: Crews continue utility relocations on Riverdale Road (MD 410) between 61st Street and 67th Street through August, weather permitting. Temporary lane closures may occur 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed.
  - o Temporary Lane Closures on Campus Drive - New: Crews continue utility relocations along Campus Drive between Baltimore Avenue (US Route 1) and River Road through July. Temporary lane closures may occur 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 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/

- Notices Received by Town:
  - The Sales Office at Metro Center Station is now permanently closed. Services offered at the Sales Office, including pass sales, balance transfers, and adding SmarTrip® value, are available through a variety of other sources, including:
    - At fare vending machines in stations
    - In the SmarTrip® app
    - The SmarTrip® Store (online)
    - At participating retail outlets, including Giant and CVS, or at commuter stores

    Customers are encouraged to sign up for mobile payment options, including adding their existing SmarTrip® card to Apple Wallet or Google Pay and downloading the SmarTrip® app.

    Senior SmarTrip® customer service is available at the new L'Enfant Plaza location at Metro's Transit Accessibility Center at 655 Virginia Ave SW, Washington, D.C.

  - A Site Development Concept Plan application (Case #2001-2022) for 3325 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782, was filed on June 20, 2022, for review by Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspection, and Enforcement. The site is located at Toledo Road and Adelphi Road and the nature of the application is to develop the property with proposed 7-story apartment building and associated site amenities and improvements. For more information, contact Nicholas Speech, PE at 301-809-4500 or DPIE at 301-636-2060.

- 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: July 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting. *https://www.pgparks.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07192022-687*

  Planning Board: July 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting. *http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1666&Inline=True*

Board of License Commissioners: July 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting. *https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07262022-2264*

- Development Activities from June 23, 2022, to June 30, 2022

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	2	37
Building Permits Issued	2	36
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	6

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2022-B-35	6101 44th Place	Construct Concrete Driveway	$2,000
2022-B-36	4514 Riverdale Road	Construct Deck and Porch	$15,000
		Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:	**$17,000**
		Est. Investment FYTD 2022 Total:	**$3,694,476**

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

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- <u>Neighborhood Improvement Activities from June 23, 2022, to June 30, 2022</u>

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	1	98
Exterior Conditions	1	114
Interior Conditions	2	126
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	2	43
Safety	1	88
Sanitation	1	9
Total Violations Found:	**8**	**478**

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	2	258
Fines Issued	3	59
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	4	346
Violation Notices Issued	3	82
Warnings Issued	3	207
Total Services Provided:	**15**	**952**

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.*

609 Calls for Police Service
06/23/2022 to 07/06/2022
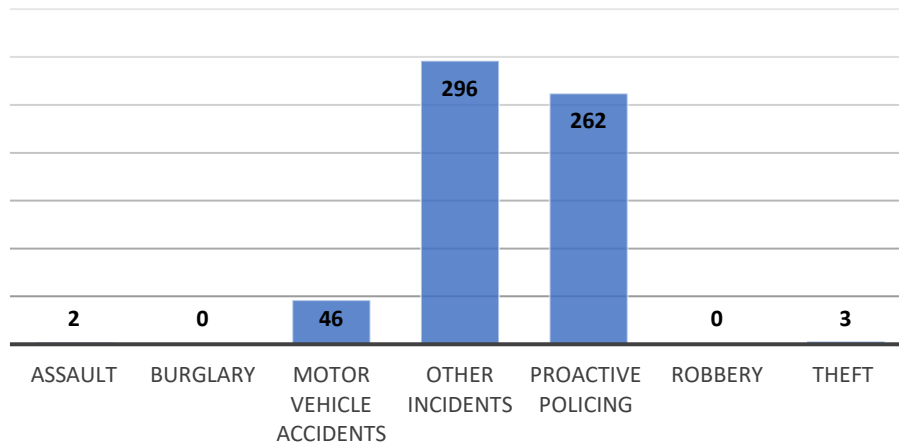
Calls for Service defined: A call for service is any activity performed by a sworn police officer in the performance of their assigned duties. Calls for service covers both proactive activities such as area checks and traffic enforcement, as well as a portion of field investigative reports, traffic accidents, 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, 262 or 43 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 a business in the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. An employee provided a description of the suspect and direction of travel. Responding officers located and arrested the suspect a short distance away. The stolen property valued at $189.00 was recovered from the arrestee.

- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Lafayette Place for an abandoned vehicle. A registration check revealed the Kia was reported stolen from North Carolina. The vehicle was impounded for safekeeping pending notification to the owner.

- Officers responded to the 5800 block of Riverside Drive for a trespassing complaint. Responding officers located a group of individuals drinking alcohol in the park after hours. The group was dispersed except for three individuals who became disorderly and refused to leave. The individuals refused numerous requests to leave and were placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and trespassing.

- Officers responded to the 5000 block of Riverdale Road for a domestic assault. The investigation revealed the victim was assaulted by her boyfriend while she was holding their 1-year-old child. Officers assisted the victim with completing a lethality assessment and obtaining criminal charges via the District Court Commissioner.

- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a reckless driver. Responding officers located the vehicle on the sidewalk in front a business. The driver failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.

- Officers responded to a business in the 5800 block of Riverdale Road for an arson. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) set fire to a forklift which was parked behind the business. The Prince George's County Fire Investigators were notified and responded to the scene to assist in the investigation. No one was injured.

- Officers responded to the 4800 block of Tuckerman Street for a vandalism to auto. The investigation revealed sometime overnight the victim's Dodge Charger sustained damage to the glass window. The damage was consistent with being struck by a bullet. The investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to the intersection of East West Highway and Kenilworth Avenue for a traffic complaint. Officers located the vehicle in the travel portion of the roadway with the driver passed out behind the wheel. The driver failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.

- Officers responded to the 5500 block of 54th Avenue for a family dispute. A records check revealed the suspect was in violation of a protective order. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

- Officers responded to the 4800 block of Nicholson Street for a check on the welfare. Family members reported an individual inside the home who was threatening them and not taking their prescribed medication. Due to the individual's actions and for their safety the individual was transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager