

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 16 for 2019



August 9, 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 August 23, 2019.

Upcoming Meetings:

Centennial Planning Committee Meeting	Thursday, August 15, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	Saturday, August 20, 2019 9:00 a.m.	TBD
Council Work Session	Monday, August 26, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	Monday, September 9, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:00 a.m.	TBD
Council Work Session	Monday, September 30, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Community Engagement

- **Centennial Planning Committee Meeting Scheduled:** The Centennial Planning Committee will meet on **Thursday, August 15th at 6:00 p.m.** at Town Hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!
- **Town Crier Submission Deadline Approaching:** Submissions for the September edition of the Town Crier are due on Thursday, August 15, 2019. Please send any items that you would like to

have included to krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov or towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov. Advertising opportunities are also available!

- Another Successful National Night Out! National Night Out was celebrated on Tuesday, August 6th with a Community Bike Ride throughout Town. Residents joined the ride, met the staff team at various stops along the way, and gathered at the finish line! RPPD officers handed out lots of t-shirts, school supplies, and other goodies. A good time was had by all!



- Social Media Outreach: The Town's Social Media Outreach initiative continues to evolve and expand the reach in sharing information. The Facebook page is an important platform from which the Town can share important news, events, updates, and emergency notifications. We have reached our initial goal of 1000 followers! Our new goal is to reach 1500 followers. As of today we have 1006 followers and 963 likes. 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/>



- The Town of Riverdale Park (TRP) is also active on the following social media platforms:
 - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en
 - 278 followers
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
 - 651 followers
 - Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber
 - 2 videos, 7 subscribers, 179 views

- Trash Concerns App Launched: In partnership with Bates Trucking and Trash Services, we have launched a dedicated Trash Concerns app on our website! 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.info/ho.../trash_concerns/index.php.



Environment

- Yard Waste Collection moves to Mondays: On July 1st, yard waste collection moved to Mondays. Yard waste should 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 reuseable 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: 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.

- Replacement Toter: Bates requests that damaged trash cans be setout curbside and turned upside down for collection on Wednesdays. It is recommended to label the cans as “trash”.

Development

- Capital Bikeshare Station at Town Center: The Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) has started construction for the new capital bikeshare station in Town Center. The new station will be installed near the Trolley Trail on Rhode Island Avenue, behind 4701 Queensbury Road. DPW&T has poured the concrete base for the station and the project is expected to be completed later this month.

Please stay tuned for an update on this project in the next Status and Information Report. For more information about the Capital Bikeshare program, please review their website [here](#).



- **Purple Line Corridor Coalition Meeting:** On Wednesday, July 31st, the Purple Line Corridor Coalition (PLCC) held a focus group meeting at Town Hall to review and provide feedback on draft recommendations for a housing plan along the 16-mile Purple Line corridor.

The PLCC, formed in 2013, is a multi-sector collaborative led and administered by the University of Maryland’s National Center for Smart Growth (NCSG) in partnership with a coalition of community organizations, state and local governments, nonprofits, philanthropies, and businesses. PLCC led the creation of the Community Development Agreement for the Purple Line Corridor which articulates a collective vision for vibrant economic and community development along the corridor.

For more information on the PLCC, please review their website [here](#).

- **Maryland Main Street Affiliate Program:** The Town has applied for participation in the Maryland Main Street Affiliate Program under the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (MD DHCD). This program will assist the Town in revitalizing the Town Center by tapping into new assets from MD DHCD and other State agencies, while using tested principles

established by the National Main Street Center. The Maryland Main Street program is comprised of the following five areas:

1. Design - Enhancing the physical appearance of the commercial district by rehabilitating historic buildings, encouraging supportive new construction, developing sensitive design management systems, and long-term planning;
2. Organization - Building consensus and cooperation among the many groups and individuals who have a role in the revitalization process;
3. Promotion - Marketing the traditional commercial district's assets to customers, potential investors, new businesses, local citizens and visitors;
4. Economic Restructuring - Strengthening the district's existing economic base while finding ways to expand it to meet new opportunities and challenges from outlying development;
5. Clean, Safe, and Green - Enhancing the perception of a neighborhood through the principles of Smart Growth and sustainability.

Upon review of the Town's application, staff will meet with MD DHCD to determine the best resources and strategies to aid in the long-term goal for the Town Center to be designated as a Maryland Main Street.

- 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 transit and general websites and social media pages:
 - Transit Website: <http://www.rpstransit.com/>
 - General Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station
 - Twitter: @RDPStation
 - Instagram: rdpsation
- Notices received by Town:
 - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept Knox Road PPS-4-19028. The subject property is located at 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.
 - Notice of State Clearinghouse Review- Excess Property: University System of Maryland requests transfer of ownership to State Highway Administration of approximately 1.67 acres of land throughout the Main Campus and M Square Research Park in Hyattsville, College Park, and Riverdale Park for the Purple Line Rail Right-of-Way. Comments and recommendations are due to Kathleen Herbert (kmherbert@co.pg.md.us) on or before August 24, 2019. For more information, contact Jason Dubow at 410-767-4490.

- **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: August 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_08142019-1364

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

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

- Development Activities from July 25, 2019 to August 7 , 2019

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	1	11
Permits Issued	2	3
Stop Work Orders Issued	2	4

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2020-B-02	5408 Riverdale Road	Solar Panels	\$13,860
2020-B-03	4705 Queensbury Road	Patio expansion and canopy	\$125,000
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$138,860
Est. Investment FYTD 2020 Total:			\$738,860

FY2020 License Renewals:

License Type	Applications Received
Business License	79
Single Family	29
Multi Family Rental	16

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from July 25, 2019 to August 7, 2019

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	7	11
Exterior Conditions	1	10
Interior Conditions	3	4
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	10	19
Safety	1	1
Sanitation	0	0
Total Violations Found:	22	45

Services Provided by Type:

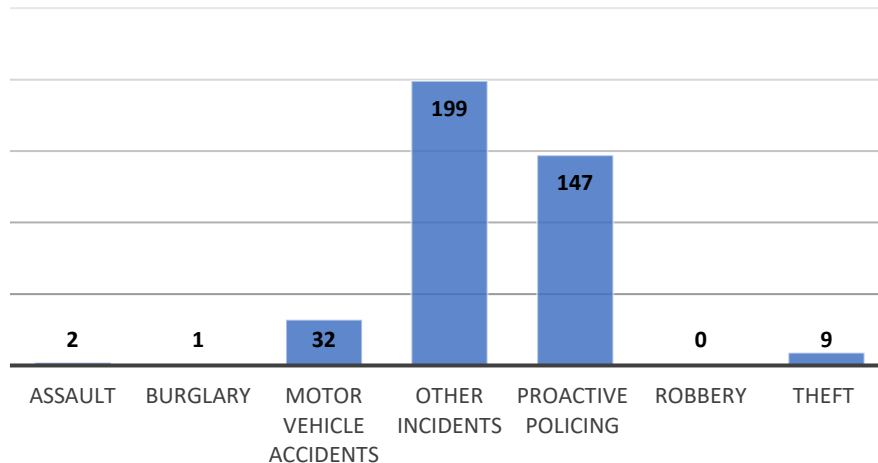
Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	11	29
Fines Issued	2	4
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	5	6
Violation Notices Issued	4	8
Warnings Issued	15	37
Total Services Provided:	37	84

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

390 Calls for Police Service 07/25/19 to 08/07/19



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.

proactive police actions and responding to dispatched incidents. The above chart illustrates that at a minimum, 162 or 35 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 a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a theft complaint. The investigation revealed the suspect entered the business, removed merchandise and fled the business without paying for the items. Responding officers located the suspect and recovered the stolen merchandise. A records check revealed the suspect to have an active arrest warrant through Fairfax County, Virginia for grand larceny. The suspect was placed under arrest for theft and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Greenway Drive for a residential burglary. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked rear window and removed personal property. The scene was processed for evidence and the investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to a business in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a disorderly person. The business owner reported an intoxicated individual who was refusing to leave the business. The individual refused numerous requests by the officers to leave the property. The individual was placed under arrest for trespassing and disorderly conduct.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54th Avenue for a drug complaint. Responding officers observed a suspicious occupied vehicle in the parking lot and as they approached the vehicle an occupant began to run away unprovoked. A foot chase ensued and officers observed the butt of a handgun in the suspects waistband. The suspect attempted to discard the handgun but was apprehended. A fully loaded semiautomatic 9mm pistol was recovered adjacent to where the suspect was arrested. A records check revealed the suspect was prohibited from possessing a firearm because of a previous conviction for a disqualifying crime. A juvenile passenger in the vehicle was also placed under arrest for having two active arrest warrants.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of 54th Avenue for a theft from auto report. The suspect stole the 4 wheels/tires off of the victim's Honda Odyssey.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block Kenilworth Avenue for a disorderly customer. He was subsequently arrested for malicious destruction of property after he caused approximately \$3,300 worth of damage to the bar with a metal bar stool.
- Officers responded to the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue for the report of a fight. A physical altercation between an intoxicated customer and a security guard at the location resulted in the transport of both individuals to the hospital with minor injuries. The suspect was admitted which resulted in the submission of charging documents to the Commissioner for the assault.
- Officers responded to the 4600 block of Queensbury Road for the report of a theft. The suspect stole the victim's bike from the front porch.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a reported shoplifting incident. The suspects stole approximately \$175 worth of consumable goods.
- Officers responded to the Purple Line construction area at East-West Highway and Kenilworth Avenue for a theft of assorted high dollar construction equipment. Total approximate loss was \$16,800. The unknown suspect(s) gained entry into one of the storage containers at the site and stole the equipment.

Respectfully submitted,



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