

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 19 for 2019



September 20, 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 October 4, 2019.

Upcoming Meetings:



Community Walk	Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	Monday, September 30, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	Monday, October 7, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Centennial Planning Committee Meeting	Tuesday, October 15, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Board of Code Appeals Meeting	Wednesday, October 23, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Employee Recognition

- Employee Anniversaries: Please join me in extending a sincere thank you to the following team members for their years of dedicated service to the Town's residents:
 - Job Blanco 11 Years of Service
 - David Morris 8 Years of Service
 - Yancyjosh Estrada 3 Years of Service

Best wishes on your work anniversary and thank you for your dedicated service!

Community Engagement

- Community Walk Scheduled for Saturday, September 21st: The next Community Walk is scheduled for this Saturday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m. starting at Town Hall. Door hangers have been distributed to homes along the walk route to notify them that Town officials will be in their community. Please plan to meet us at Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. or somewhere along the way! Route information is available at www.RiverdaleParkMD.gov. We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow. We ❤️ Town Life!
- Upcoming Centennial Planning Committee Meeting: The next Centennial Planning Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m.** at Town Hall. If you would like to join the Centennial Planning Committee, please e-mail Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov for more information.
- 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.
- 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. 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
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
 - Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber
- Walk, Bike, Drive Safety Initiative: As part of the Town's Walk, Bike, Drive Safety Initiative, Riverdale Park Police officers are conducting several educational activities to include talking with residents at the Farmers Market and distributing safety information cards to motorists. Each edition of the Town Crier also features articles regarding pedestrian, cyclist, and driver safety. For more information, click [here](#).

Council Direction Summary

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

1. Fence Permit Request: 60" metal fence around patio area at Town Center Market, 4705 Queensbury Road- *Approved*

2. Street Closure Request: 6200 block of 43rd Street on September 28, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for annual Block Party (Ward 1) - **Approved**
3. Minutes: July 24, 2019 Special Legislative Meeting, June 17, 2019 Special Legislative Meeting, April 29, 2019 Work Session- **Approved**
4. Motion to approve a licensing agreement with Town Center Market- **Approved**
5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-05 regarding amendment to Accessory Structure Grant Program- **Adopted**
6. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-07 regarding Vision and Commitment to Professional, Well-trained Employees- **Adopted**
7. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR-06 regarding Small Cell Design Guidelines- **Introduced; Fair Summary run in Enquirer Gazette on 9/19/19**
8. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR-07 correcting the codification of the provisions of Ordinance 2019-OR-03- **Introduced; Fair Summary run in Enquirer-Gazette on 9/12/19**
9. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR-08 repealing Chapter 22- Clubs- **Introduced; Fair Summary run in Enquirer-Gazette on 9/12/19**
10. Introduction of Charter Amendment 2019-CR-01 regarding Article VI Finance, Section 623 Competitive Bidding- **Introduced; Public Hearing advertised in Enquirer-Gazette on 9/5/19; Fair Summary run in Enquirer-Gazette on 9/12/19**
11. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter to M-NCPPC regarding budget requests for parks located in Town- **Approved**
12. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-06 regarding CKAR Sarvis Café Project- **Adopted**

Environment

- Replacement Toters: 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”.
- Notification Stickers: Notification stickers, as shown below, will be used to communicate why trash or yard waste was not collected. The notification sticker will tell residents why the items were not collected and how to resolve the issue.



Please correct the highlighted problem(s) so your **Tree Limbs and/or Shrubs** can be collected.

IMPROPER SIZE
 Branches and limbs must be:
 No longer than 4 ft • Smaller than 3" diameter • 60 lbs or less



IMPROPER PACKAGING
 Branches and limbs that do not fit into a paper bag or reusable container must be tied together in small bundles (Do not use wire).



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Please correct the highlighted problem(s) so your **Yard Waste** can be collected.

IMPROPER CONTAINER
 Use paper bags or reusable bins labeled "yard waste".
 No plastic bags.



IMPROPER MATERIAL
 Do not mix soil, rocks, gravel, debris, or bamboo with yard waste



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Also: please **DO NOT** place recycling items in plastic bags. They will not be collected!

- Yard Waste Collection on 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: 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

- Community Development Accessory Structure Grant Program Amended: At the September 9th Legislative Meeting, the Mayor and Council adopted **Resolution 2019-R-05**, to amend the Community Development Accessory Structure Grant Program, in keeping with the 2019 Calendar Year Goals.

The grant program provides financial incentives up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to qualified homeowners for the repair and / or replacement of accessory structures.

The amended program now clarifies that the removal of a chain-link fence or dilapidated fence / accessory structure when no fence or accessory structure is being installed as a replacement, is an eligible use. Under the previous program, this type of project was not stated as an eligible use.

For more information about this grant program, please go to Town's website [here](#).

- Riverdale Park Town Center Capital Bikeshare Installed: On September 11th, the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) installed the new Capital Bikeshare Station, called Riverdale Park Town Center at the 6100 Block of Rhode Island Avenue, near the Trolley Trail (behind 4701 Queensbury Road). This station provides up to seventeen (17) bikes for riders.

For information about the Capital Bikeshare program, please review their website [here](#).



- Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization (CKAR) Sarvis Café: In keeping with the Town's support for business and economic development, the Mayor and Council adopted at the September 9th Legislative Meeting, **Resolution 2019-R-06**, to provide a grant from the Town to CKAR Community Development Corporation (CDC) for their project entitled, "Sarvis Café", located at 5711 Sarvis Avenue.

The Sarvis Café is a newly constructed culinary arts training center that provides workforce development in the community. On Wednesday, September 18th, the Town presented the grant check to CKAR CDC at their Taste of Sarvis Café Event.



- IEDC Course Neighborhood Development Strategies: On Thursday, September 19th, through Friday, September 20th, staff attended a professional development training course in Baltimore on Neighborhood Development Strategies hosted by the International Economic Development Corporation (IEDC).

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

- 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: rdpstation
- 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: September 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_09242019-1390

Planning Board: September 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)
<http://mncppc.igmp2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1485&Inline=True>

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

- Development Activities from September 5, 2019 to September 18, 2019

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	1	18
Permits Issued	1	11
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	9

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2020-B-11	4705 Queensbury Road	6-foot fence	\$25,000
Est. Investment Bi-Weekly Total:			\$25,000
Est. Investment FYTD 2020 Total:			\$2,398,160

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from September 5, 2019 to September 18, 2019

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	4	29
Exterior Conditions	6	31
Interior Conditions	5	19
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	6	36
Safety	2	4
Sanitation	2	3
Total Violations Found:	25	122

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2020 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	15	73
Fines Issued	0	4
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	4	17
Violation Notices Issued	7	25
Warnings Issued	13	68
Total Services Provided:	39	187

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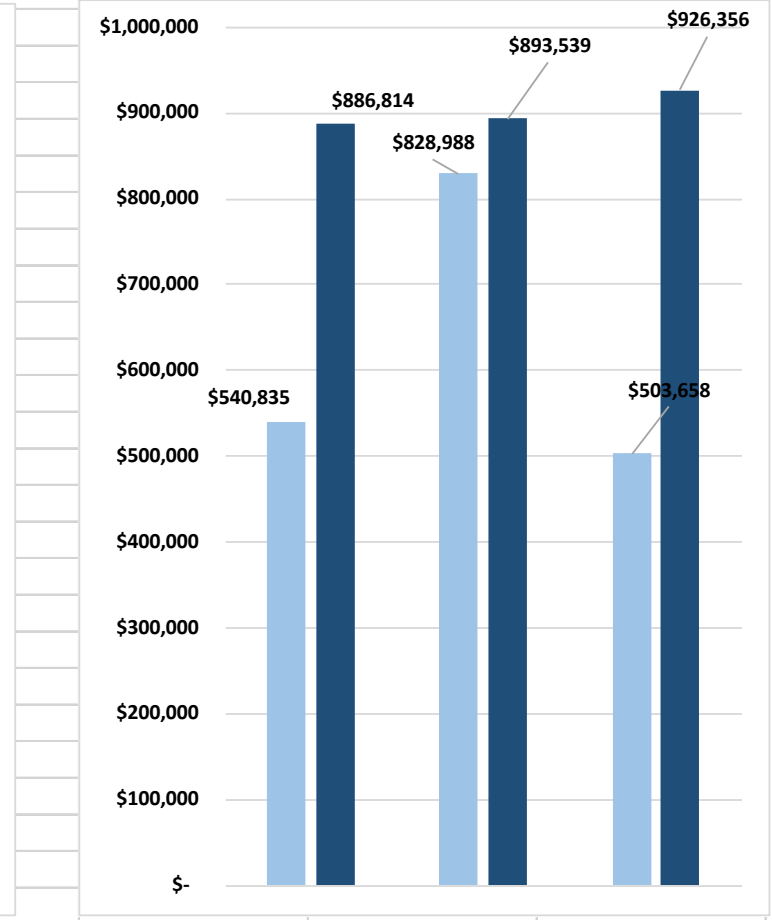
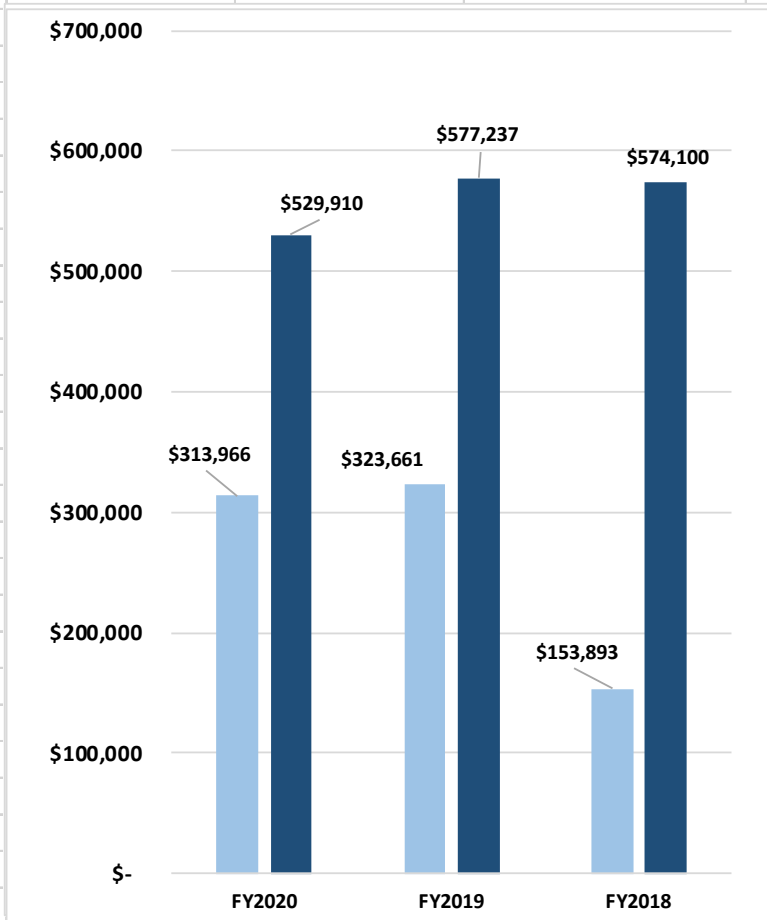
1. "FYTD" means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.
2. "Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish" includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.

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

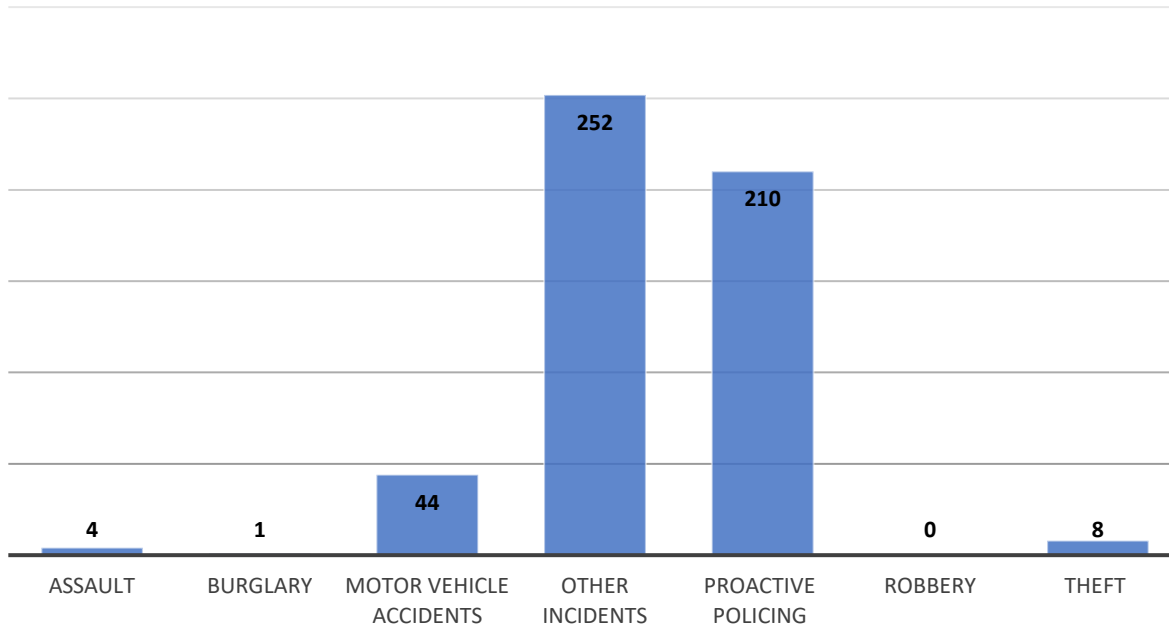
Aug			YTD Total		
FY2020	FY2019	FY2018	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
\$ 313,966	\$ 323,661	\$ 153,893	\$ 540,835	\$ 828,988	\$ 503,658
\$ 529,910	\$577,237	\$ 574,100	\$ 886,814	\$ 893,539	\$ 926,356
\$ (215,944)	\$ (253,576)	\$ (420,207)	\$ (345,979)	\$ (64,551)	\$ (422,698)



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Public Safety

519 Calls for Police Service 09/05/19 to 09/18/19



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.

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, 210 or 40 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 residential property for a check on the welfare. A family member reported a relative inside the home threatening other family members and not taking prescribed medication. Due to the individuals actions they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

- Officers responded to the 4500 block of Oliver Street for a package theft. An unknown suspect stole the property from the porch. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a hit and run collision. Through investigative means the suspect was identified and charged with failing to remain at the scene of a property damage accident and DUI.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5800 block of Riverdale Road for a cutting. The investigation revealed two employees were involved in a verbal altercation. During the altercation the suspect produced and knife and cut the victim. The suspect was arrested on the scene and charged with 1st degree assault. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment.
- Officers responded to Doctors Hospital for an assault report. The investigation revealed the victim was assaulted in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue by her child's father. Officers obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect through the District Court Commissioner for 2nd degree assault.
- Officers contacted an individual drinking from an open alcohol container in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace. The individual was placed under arrest after a records check revealed an active warrant for 2nd degree assault.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a motor vehicle collision involving a bicyclist. The investigation revealed the driver of the motor vehicle failed to yield the right of way. The operator of the bicycle was transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The driver was issued citations related to the accident.
- Officers responded to the 6200 block of Natoli Place for a disorderly complaint. The officers encountered an individual who was yelling and causing a disturbance in the street. After failing to comply with numerous requests to quiet the individual was issued a criminal citation for disorderly conduct.
- Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a seatbelt violation. The vehicle fled and was later recovered abandoned. A registration check revealed the vehicle was reported stolen from Howard County, MD. The vehicle was impounded pending notification to the owner. The investigation is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager