

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 18 for 2018



September 7, 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 September 21, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Walk	September 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m.	Meet at new Capital Bikeshare Station (near Whole Foods)
Legislative Meeting	September 10, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	September 24, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Employee Recognition

- **Employee Anniversaries:** Please join me in extending a sincere thank you to the following team member for his years of dedicated service to the Town's residents:
 - David Morris 7 Years of Service

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

Administration

- **E⁵ = Excellence in Service initiative:** Consistent with the 2018 Calendar Year Staff Goals, the Leadership Team has launched this initiative. Central to the initiative is a shared understanding

that excellence in service is our work product. Excellence in Service will be built through a continual focus on ethics, expectations, efficiencies, effectiveness, and execution.

Community Engagement

- **Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** On Thursday, August 30th, staff participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by County Council Chair Danielle Glaros and Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) officials to celebrate the grand opening of two recently installed playgrounds near Riverdale Elementary School on Riverdale Road.

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) installed a playground that is open to public and designated for children ranging from 5-12 years of age. The Town will provide funding to M-NCPPC for this project, which in turn the Town will receive full reimbursement from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

PGCPS installed a playground for Riverdale Elementary students that is designated for children in the pre-kindergarten age range.



- **Community Walk this Saturday:** Please plan to join us at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8th for a Community Walk. The walk will begin at the new Capital Bikeshare Station near Whole Foods (6621 Baltimore Avenue). Community Walks are a great time to meet new people and discuss opportunities for or concerns about your community! We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!
- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>

Environment

- State Highway Administration (SHA) Meeting: Staff met with SHA representatives to discuss target areas in our community that need additional maintenance. SHA and the Department of Public Works (DPW) will work together in the areas along East-West Highway, Baltimore Avenue, and Kenilworth Avenue. Staff have already taken the initiative to clear the sidewalks along East-West Highway of trash, debris and weeds. SHA representatives have pledged support towards improved maintenance. Staff will have monthly follow-up meetings to discuss needs and necessary actions.
- DPW Vehicle/Equipment Repairs: DPW vehicle and equipment repairs are being identified and made in order to get all vehicles and equipment ready for fall and winter. The leaves and snow will be falling before we know it!
- Saturday Bulk Trash Drop-off: The next bulk trash drop-off will be held on Saturday, September 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803.
- Mosquito Spraying: The Town's scheduled night for spraying is Tuesdays after 7:30 pm. As a reminder, spraying begins after dark and may continue until midnight or later. MDA will not conduct spray activity during daylight hours.

Residents should take the usual steps to reduce the presence of mosquitoes on their property. For example, residents must keep their property free of mosquitoes breeding containers, stagnant water, bird baths, wading pools, pet watering dishes, tin cans, old tires, clogged gutters or flower pots. Other water holding containers should be stored upside down.

Complaints about mosquitoes can be faxed to the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 301-422-0502 or call 301-422-5080 with questions or concerns.

- 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

- **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: rdpstation

- **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.

- **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 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/09122018-1158>

Planning Board: September 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1435&Inline=True>

Historic Preservation Commission: September 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/09182018-217>

- **Development Activities from August 23, 2018 to September 5, 2018**

Business Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Licenses Issued	7	119
Notices Issued	0	253
Fines Issued	0	0

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Rental Licenses:

Description	Bi- Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	21	125
Licenses Issued	11	41
Notices Issued	0	78
Fines Issued	0	0

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Inspections Conducted	0	66
Permits Issued	4	26
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	3

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Costs
2019-B-16	4613 Madison Street	Finish existing basement	\$3,000.00
2019-B-17	5305 Taylor Road	Brick decoration replacement and dig 5' underground for waterproofing	N/A
2019 -U-2	51 st Ave., Sheridan St., Taylor and Queensbury Rd.	Installing cable lines on public rights-of-way (utility work)	\$20,000.00
2019-B-18	5909 Taylor Road	12" x 24" 1-story addition add bathroom; kitchen renovation	\$52,000.00
Est. Costs Bi- Weekly Total:			\$75,000.00
Est. Costs FYTD 2019 Total:			\$636,310.00

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- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from August 23, 2018 to September 5, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	11	52
Exterior Conditions	6	56
Interior Conditions	3	77
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	10	22
Safety	9	173
Sanitation	1	19
Total Violations Found:	40	399

Service Actions Provided:

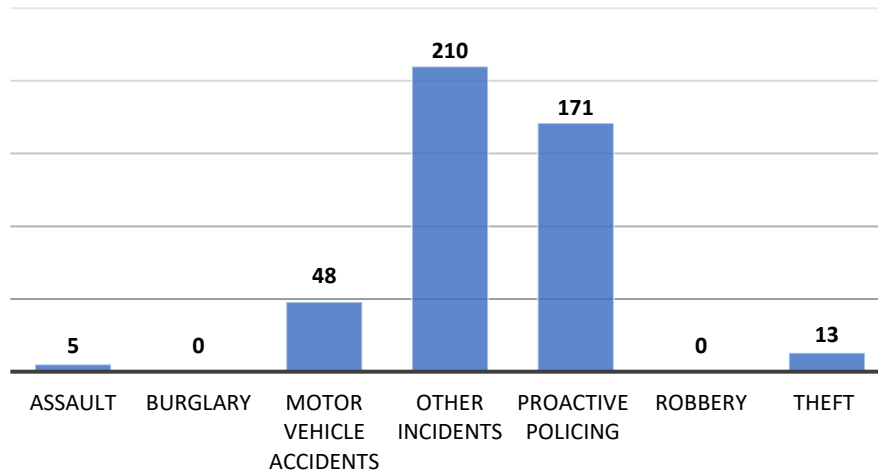
Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	13	70
Fines Issued	0	1
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	3	23
Violation Notices Issued	8	37
Warnings Issued	10	35
Total Service Actions Provided:	34	166

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

447 Police Calls for Service 08/23/18 to 09/05/18



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, 171 or 38 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 individual assists.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to the 4900 block of Queensbury Road to assist the Fire Department with a disorderly patient. During the investigation, the patient made several suicidal threats in the presence of the officers, posing a danger to oneself. The individual was transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.
- Officers responded to the 4700 block of Van Buren Street for a critical missing person. The investigation revealed an elderly individual suffering from dementia left the residence and

had not returned. Officers initiated an extensive search effort. As a result, the individual was located by an allied agency unharmed and returned safely home.

- Officers responded to a business in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed two security guards were assaulted while trying to remove disorderly customers from the business. Officers were able to deescalate the situation and arrest the two individuals responsible for the assault. The suspects were charged with 2nd degree assault and disorderly conduct. Neither victim was seriously injured during the incident.
- Officers responded to a business in the 4500 block of Van Buren Street for a call of a suspicious person. The investigation revealed a subject was approaching and harassing female customers. Officers located the subject and conducted a field interview. The individual was escorted from the property and advised by management not to return.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for a critical missing person. The investigation revealed an elderly individual suffering from dementia had left the residence and had not returned. Officers initiated an extensive search effort. As a result, the subject was located unharmed by two good Samaritans and returned safely home.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5800 block of Riverdale Road for a trespassing complaint. The store manager reported an individual was harassing customers in the parking lot of the business. Officers contacted the individual who had previously been issued a no trespass order. The individual was issued a criminal citation for trespassing and was escorted off the property.
- Officers responded to the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a check on the welfare. Individuals reported an intoxicated individual standing in the roadway screaming. Officers observed the individual run into oncoming traffic with no regard for individual safety, posing a danger to oneself. The individual appeared confused and possibly suffering from a mental illness. The individual was taken into custody and transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. The manager reported a suspect took items from the shelf and fled the store without paying for the merchandise. Officers located the suspect a short distance away and issued a criminal citation for theft under \$100.
- Officers observed an individual drinking from an open alcohol container in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road. Officers contacted the individual and conducted a field interview. A records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear for disturbing the peace. The individual was issued a criminal citation for the open alcohol container and transported to the Department of Corrections for the active arrest warrant.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an injured person. Officers located an individual in the parking lot with visible head and facial injuries. The Fire Department responded and transported the individual to the hospital for treatment. Investigation revealed the individual was walking home when assaulted by several suspects

and knocked to the ground. The individual suffered nonlife-threatening injuries and the investigation is ongoing.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop for an inoperable headlamp in the 5400 block of East-West Highway. Upon contacting the driver officers detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Officers conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle and located 116 grams of suspected marijuana. The driver was placed under arrest and charged with possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance.

Respectfully submitted,

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

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager