



The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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Join your neighbors on the Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee (aka the Green Team)!

Do you have a sustainability initiative you'd like to work to implement in our community: for example, supporting the Town to achieve development of a healthy local economy, protection and appreciation of historical and cultural resources, a mix of land uses, affordable and sustainable housing, and employment options, and practices that protect the environment? Or do you want to volunteer to help your neighbors and the Town complete action items related to its Vision and Commitment to Sustainability

(http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/our_town/trp_s_vision_and_commitment_statement.php)? If so, the Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee (also known as the Green Team) would love to have you join and contribute!

The Green Team consists of residents who volunteer with Town leaders and staff to support the Town's completion of sustainability initiatives and action items. The Green Team also helps coordinate the Town's applications for Sustainable Maryland certification (<http://sustainablemaryland.com/about/>), an initiative to promote sustainable practices by communities across the state. If you're interested in examples of past action items/initiatives, you can find Riverdale Park's certification reports for 2015, 2017, and 2020 at <https://tinyurl.com/djj29jkc>.

Membership on the Green Team is open to everyone. All it takes is an interest and willingness to participate. Meetings are typically held monthly, on the second Wednesday of the month. Meeting details and the link to join through Zoom appear on the Town's online calendar (<http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/calendar.php>). The next two meetings will be held:

- Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.; and,
- Wednesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

If you're interested in participating please email Jessica Barnes, the Riverdale Park Town Clerk (jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov). Ms. Barnes has kindly agreed to forward the Green Team the contact information of interested residents to add to the Green Team email list.

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming Green Team meeting!

Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information

Town Hall

5008 Queensbury Road
301-927-6381
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Department of Public Works

5008 Queensbury Road
301-927-6381
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Police Department

5004 Queensbury Road
301-927-4343
24-hours

Bates Trucking and Trash Collection

301-773-2069

*Residents must contact Bates by 2 p.m. on Tuesday for a Wednesday bulk trash pickup.

Council Actions

February 22, 2021
Special Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Charter Amendment 2021-CR-01 regarding Absentee Voting - **Adopted**
2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-R-02 regarding Election Judges - **Adopted**
3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-R-03 regarding Board of Election Appeals - **Adopted**
4. Introduction of Ordinance 2021-OR-04 regarding Improving Neighborhood Safety – Budget Amendment - **Introduced**
5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-R-04 creating the Neighborhood Safety Improvement Grant Program - **Adopted**

March 1, 2021
Legislative Meeting

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Minutes: February 1, 2021 Public Hearing, February 1, 2021 Legislative Meeting, May 5, 2020 Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-OR-02 regarding 2021 Election Procedures - **Adopted**
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-OR-03 regarding Budget Amendment to reflect CARES Act funding - **Adopted**
3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-OR-04 regarding Improving Neighborhood Safety – Budget Amendment - **Adopted**
4. Motion to send a letter of support for support for HB0626- Prince George's County - Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems PG 305-21 – **Approved**

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Town of Riverdale Park

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info@riverdalevfd.com;
www.riverdalevfd.com

The Town Crier is also available on the Town's Website: www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

Submission deadline: 15th of each month

Send submissions to:
towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Fair Summary of Legislation

Notice of Adoption of Charter Amendment Resolution 2021-CR-01 Absentee Voting

This is to give notice that on February 22, 2021, the Riverdale Park Town Council adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 2021-CR-01 ("the Resolution"). The title to the Resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION concerning

CHARTER AMENDMENT – ABSENTEE VOTING

FOR the purpose of amending the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park to remove from the Charter certain obsolete references to provisions of State law relating to absentee voting; to provide for the Town Council to establish procedures for absentee voting in municipal elections; and generally to relate to absentee voting in municipal elections in the Town of Riverdale Park.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park (January 2008 Revision) ARTICLE V, Nominations and Elections § 509

Charter Amendment Resolution 2021-CR-01 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall, by request to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or by calling 301-927-6381. The amendment to the Charter will become effective on April 13, 2021, subject to the provisions of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland regarding the right of the qualified voters of the Town to petition the proposed amendment to referendum.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park will hold two public hearings to receive public comments on the proposed FY2022 Budget.

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual Meetings via Zoom

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

DATE:

April 17, 2021

To join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84303407844?pwd=NG5UbVM4L1grldldyM1AzbGVnazc0dz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 843 0340 7844

Passcode: 634313

and

April 24, 2021

To join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88074071013?pwd=NjJnRmNBZXFLWIZ1azlkUklYSzBXZz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 880 7407 1013

Passcode: 893835

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO:
The Town of Riverdale Park at 5008 Queensbury Road,
Riverdale Park, MD 20737 or e-mailed to:
community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson

There have been some glorious days in March, and as I write this the first few trees have put out some blossoms. Spring, and hope for a post-pandemic future soon, are both in the air.

COVID-19

It's hard to believe that we have been in this crisis for a year, and at the same time it's also hard to believe it has *only* been a year – it feels like much longer to me. We have learned so much about the coronavirus over the last year, and have individually and collectively poured immense resources into combatting it. The most recent tool, the three approved vaccines, are being administered at a rapid rate. With a little luck, and with everyone getting the vaccine as soon as they are eligible, we can get ahead of the new strains of the virus and put this awful pandemic behind us.

COVID-19: Vaccines

As I predicted in March, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was approved, and overall supply of all vaccines has improved... though demand still exceeds the supply, and expansion of the eligibility list to include people in

phase “1C” didn’t happen in Prince George’s County until mid-March. (Phase 1C includes those 65-74 years of age, those receiving treatment in the hospital for a specific list of conditions, essential workers at high risk of exposure, religious leaders, and health/human services workers not covered in earlier phases. And everyone in Phases 1A and 1B are still prioritized to receive the vaccine!) I’ve heard predictions that the supply will increase sharply in April, and by late April supply may exceed demand. Please, please, please: when you are able to get the vaccine, do it as quickly as you can. Don’t wait to see – the vaccines are safe and effective (there have been *exactly zero* deaths caused by the vaccine, and the rate of severe allergic reaction – the most serious side-effect, but easily treated by a doctor – is *less than five* cases of for every million shots administered for Moderna and Pfizer, and ever lower for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine). The virus, on the other hand, is *very* dangerous and is currently **killing ten people per million population every week** in Prince George’s County.

As I said last month, I was vaccinated shortly after writing my February Town Crier article and received my second dose shortly after writing the March article. I experienced chills, aching muscles and joints, and headache for around a day after the second shot and have been fine since then! I was actually glad I felt a bit sick because that let me know that the vaccine had activated my immune system!

The sooner those of us who *can be* vaccinated actually *get* vaccinated, the sooner we get the virus under control, and can get back to a life where we see friends and family, travel, socialize, and work without fear. Put your name on the waiting lists today and get the shot or shots as soon as you can when you are eligible. Remember that immunity to the virus takes 10 days after the first shot, and the highest level of immunity is about a month after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and a few weeks after the second dose for the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, so it is important to continue to exercise caution even after you get your shot! That said, the fraction of COVID-19 tests that are positive on March 17th in Prince George’s County is 4.7%, which is the lowest it’s been since last September.

COVID-19: Variants

As I reported last month, the good news about the vaccines (and dropping cases, due to both seasonal reductions as spring approaches and to rapidly increasing vaccinations) is balanced by bad news that

there are many new variants of the coronavirus, and at least some of them appear to be much easier to transmit. That means that behavior that was safe before (for example, standing six-feet away from someone for 15 minutes or less) may no longer be safe when the new variants become common. You may need to be further apart, spend less time, or wear a better mask. The more-contagious variant most common in Maryland right now is called B.1.1.7, first observed in the United Kingdom. This variant is around 50% more contagious than current strains – almost all of the COVID-19 cases in parts of Europe are now this variety, and almost two hundred cases have already been observed in Maryland, up from a few dozen last month (diagnosis is complicated, so we don’t know exactly how prevalent the B.1.1.7 variant is in Maryland). Very recent news about the P.1 variant, which is widespread in Brazil, indicates that it is *extremely* infectious, perhaps twice as infectious as the “B.1” that has been most common in the United States.

There is still good news though, which is (1) the currently-approved vaccines, including the recently-approved vaccine from Johnson & Johnson, *are effective* against these variants. The vaccines are not as effective against these new variants as against the early-to-mid 2020 variants, but there are still 0 (zero!) cases of serious illness or death from any variant for people who have completed the vaccination protocol (including a few weeks after the second dose). And, in South Africa, where vaccines are in much shorter supply than here, cases from the B.1.351 variant have been brought under control by (you might guess the answer) masks, social distancing, avoiding gatherings and poorly-ventilated public places, and hand washing. Continue to take these actions (and be even more careful!), get vaccinated as soon as you can (while waiting your turn!), and together we will get COVID-19 under control!

Town Budget

It’s that time of year – the draft Town budget will be released around the same time as this edition of the Town Crier (though it may be delayed as we try to understand the recently-enacted American Rescue Plan and the impact it will have on our budget). We will have hearings in April and welcome input from residents on budget priorities. Check the calendar for a schedule of meetings!

Elections

As I said last month, town elections are now on the not-too-far horizon (Election Day is set for May 3, with petitions and financial disclosure forms due on April 8 at 5:00 p.m. – If you want to run, packets can be downloaded from the Town's website or picked up at Town Hall). The town will announce who will be on the ballot shortly after the April 8 deadline on the town's website, social media outlets, and (after a few days) printed signs in each Ward.

Contact Me

If you have any questions or comments about any aspect of Town government, please contact me by e-mail (akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or phone (202-527-0309 – my new town mobile number!). I also monitor accounts on Facebook, Twitter (most often), and Instagram. I will get back to you as quickly as I can, but please remember that while I love being Mayor, I have a full-time job during the day (as do the other members of the Town Council), and it may take me a little while to get back to you. If you leave me a voice mail (and please do if I don't answer!) I'd be grateful if you could let me know what times are good for me to call you back. Thanks!

I'll be back here in May, when hopefully there will be good news to share (though we will be sharing the town with tens of thousands of cicadas). Take care and stay safe until then!

Stay up-to-date with all of the happenings in Town

- ✓ Visit the Town's website for updates:
www.riverdaleparkmd.gov
- ✓ Check out what the Council is working on:
http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/government/meeting_agendas_and_minutes.php
- ✓ Read the Town Manager's Status and Information Report:
http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/government/town_administration/status_and_information_reports.php
- ✓ Follow the Town's Social Media accounts:

- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>
- 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

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

April 5, 2021 Legislative Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81885957962?pwd=U2VTdzZ0SGs1RVRMNGRSeXkrR3FRUT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 818 8595 7962

Passcode: 681973

April 17, 2021 Budget Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84303407844?pwd=NG5UbVM4L1grdllyM1AzbGVnazc0dz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 843 0340 7844

Passcode: 634313

April 24, 2021 Budget Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88074071013?pwd=NjJnRmNBZXFLWlZ1azlkUklYSzBXZz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 880 7407 1013

Passcode: 893835

April 26, 2021 Council Work Session at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86941158035?pwd=NCs1bEM0eGxadlZ4YXhtb1ZETSSzUT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 869 4115 8035
Passcode: 145532

If you would like to provide written comments or have questions about how to participate in a public meeting, please call 301-927-6381 or e-mail them to: community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

FY2022 Budget Calendar

April 5: Mayor and Council Work Session presentation:

- Presentation of the FY2022 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget

April 12: Mayor and Council Work Session:

- Review of Proposed FY2022 Operating and CIP Budget

April 17: Budget Public Hearing:

- Review of Proposed FY2022 Operating and CIP Budget

April 24: Budget Public Hearing:

- Review of Proposed FY2022 Operating and CIP Budget

April 26: Mayor and Council Special Legislative Meeting and Work Session:

- Review of edits to the Proposed Budget
- Introduction of FY2022 Operating and CIP Budget and Tax Rates Ordinance

May 4: Real Property Tax Rate Public Hearing

May 24: Mayor and Council Special Legislative Meeting:

- Adoption Final FY2022 Operating and CIP Budget and Tax Rates Ordinance

2021 Dates to Remember

- April 5, 2021: Legislative Meeting
- April 8, 2021: Candidate Filing Deadline
- April 17, 2021: Budget Public Hearing
- April 23, 2021: Deadline to request Absentee (Mail-in) Ballot
- April 24, 2021: Budget Public Hearing
- May 3, 2021: Town Election

Town Office Extensions

- General Inquiries (301) 927-6381: ext. 500, 503
- Assistance in Spanish: ext. 503
- Town Provided Services (Public Works): ext. 500, 503
- Permits and Licensing: ext. 500, 503
- Neighborhood Code-related Concerns: ext. 508, 514
- Business and Economic Development: ext. 509
- Accounts Payable: ext. 500
- Human Resources: ext. 507
- Town Clerk/Elections: ext. 505
- Police Department (Non-emergency): ext. 560

Emergency Repairs Grant Available

The Town is soliciting grant applications from homeowners and businessowners. This grant program is designed to assist with emergency repairs in homes and businesses that would otherwise not be addressed.

Successful applicants can be reimbursed for up to \$2,000 after work has been completed and paid for. An "emergency repair" is defined as a situation that is life-threatening or one that prohibits someone from living in decent, safe, and sanitary conditions or is needed for the safe and continual operation of a business. For more information, please visit http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/emergency_repair_grant.php or contact Development Services Director Ryan Chelton at dchelton@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 ext. 509.

Neighborhood Services

If you have concerns regarding a property in your neighborhood, please contact Neighborhood Services. One of the primary duties of the Neighborhood Services team is to educate residents about the Town's community standards. In most cases residents simply do not know that they are not meeting the Town's community standards as defined in the Town Code. In some cases, another community

partner such as Prince George's County, may be needed to address your concerns. Information about the Town's community standards can be found on the Town's website, www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, under Town Code and TRP's Vision and Commitment Statements.

If you have any questions regarding property maintenance or the application of Town codes, please contact the Neighborhood Services team:

Brad Goshen- bgoshen@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 ext. 514

CJ Reading- creading@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 ext. 508



Election Notice

In compliance with the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland, an election will be held on Monday, May 3, 2021, to elect the Mayor and Council.

Voting will take place on Monday, May 3, 2021 at Riverdale Park Town Hall (5008 Queensbury Road) Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Residents may also vote by mail (or ballot dropbox) by requesting an Absentee Ballot.

Absentee ballot applications are available at www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, by e-mail request to TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or by calling 301-927-6381 (ext. 505). Absentee ballot applications must be received by **Friday, April 23, 2021.**

Candidates for office must file a Petition for Elective Office and a Financial Disclosure Statement with the

Election Judges no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021**, to have their names placed on the official ballot.

Petitions for Elective Office and Financial Disclosure Statements are available on the Town's website, www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, by e-mail request to TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov or by calling 301-927-6381 (ext. 505). There is a \$25.00 filing fee for all candidates.

All residents sixteen years of age or older, who have resided in the Town of Riverdale Park for 45 days or more preceding Monday, May 3, 2021 (March 19, 2021 to May 2, 2021), will be entitled to vote.

More information regarding how to register to vote is available in the *Town Crier* and on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov. Same day voter registration will also be available on Election Day, Monday, May 3, 2021.

Aviso de Elección

En cumplimiento con los Estatutos de la ciudad de Riverdale Park, Maryland, se llevará a cabo una elección el lunes 3 de mayo de 2021, para elegir al alcalde y al consejo.

La votación tendrá lugar el lunes, 3 de mayo de 2021 en el Ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Riverdale Park (5008 Queensbury Road). Las urnas estarán abiertas de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m.

Los votantes también pueden votar por correo (o buzón de votación) solicitando una boleta de voto en ausencia.

Las solicitudes de boleta de voto en ausencia están disponibles en www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, por correo electrónico a TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov o llamando al 301-927-6381 (ext. 505). Las solicitudes de boleta de voto en ausencia deben recibirse antes del **viernes 23 de abril de 2021.**

Los candidatos deben presentar una Petición para Cargo Público y una Declaración de Situación Financiera con los jueces electorales en el Ayuntamiento no más tarde de las **5:00 p.m. del jueves 8 de abril de 2021**, para que sus nombres sean colocados en la boleta oficial.

Las Peticiones para Cargo Público y Declaraciones de Situación Financiera están disponibles en el sitio web de la ciudad, www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, por correo electrónico a TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov o llamando al 301-927-6381 (ext. 505). Hay una tasa de solicitud de \$25.00 para todos los candidatos.

Todos los residentes de dieciséis años de edad o más, que hayan residido en la ciudad de Riverdale Park durante 45 días o más antes del lunes 3 de mayo de 2021 (19 de marzo de 2021 al 2 de mayo de 2021), tendrán derecho a votar.

Más información sobre cómo registrarse para votar está disponible en el *Town Crier* y en el sitio web de la ciudad www.riverdaleparkmd.gov. El registro de votantes el mismo día también estará disponible el día de las elecciones, el lunes 3 de mayo de 2021.

Register to Vote in 2021 Town Election

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Town residents may register to vote in one of the following ways:

1. If you are a U.S. citizen, a Maryland resident, and at least 16 years old; you may register to vote by using the State of Maryland Voter Registration Application found on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov; **OR**
2. If you have, or will have, the Town of Riverdale Park as your primary residence, for at least forty-five (45) days immediately prior to May 3, 2021 (March 19, 2021 to May 2, 2021); are at least 16 years old; do not claim the right to vote elsewhere in the United States; and have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote; register to vote by using the Town of Riverdale Park Supplemental Voter Registry Voter Registration Form found on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov.

WHAT FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL VOTER REGISTRY?

1. An identification card issued by a federal, state, or local government entity of the United States or any foreign country or school provided that the identification document contains the applicant's name and date of birth; **AND**

2. A document that establishes your current residence in the Town of Riverdale Park if not already established by (1.) above. Examples include a copy of house or apartment lease, utility bill, paycheck, bank statement, school record, or other document that shows your legal name and current address in the Town of Riverdale Park.

CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE ON THE DAY OF ELECTION?

Yes, anyone may register to vote on the day of the election. If you do not have sufficient proof of age and residency, you will need to complete an affidavit in order to vote.

REMINDER TO NEW RESIDENTS:

Be sure to update your address with the Prince George's County Board of Elections (BOE). For more information, call the BOE at 301-341-7300 or visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1980/Voter-Registration>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk at 301-927-6381 (ext. 505).

Absentee (Mail-in) Ballot Applications

Applications for Absentee (Mail-in) Ballots for the May 3, 2021 Town election are available on the Town's website, www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, and in this month's edition of the *Town Crier*. Applications must be received by **April 23, 2021**. To request that an application be mailed to you, please call 301-927-6381 (ext. 505).

Election Materials Available at Town Hall

Although Town Hall is currently closed to the public, candidate packets and applications for Absentee (Mail-in) Ballots for the May 3, 2021 Town election are available in a plastic document holder located near the entrance of Town Hall. Candidate packets are due by **April 8, 2021**. Applications for Absentee (Mail-in) Ballots must be received by **April 23, 2021**.

Collection Reminders

Residential Trash

Residential trash should be placed in durable, leak proof bags before it is placed in cans. Be sure that the can's lid is tightly closed to keep rainwater out- this will help to reduce spillage. Excess trash should be placed beside your container.

Trash cans should be curbside by **6:00 a.m.** on **Mondays and Thursdays** or the night before collection.

Yard Waste

Do NOT mix yard waste with household trash. Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or in reusable bins marked as 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,
- less than 3 inches in diameter
- weigh less than 60 pounds

Yard Waste should be curbside by **6:00 a.m.** on **Mondays** or the night before collection.

Bulk Trash

Bulk trash collection is **by appointment only** on **Wednesdays**. Residents must schedule their collection by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday by calling 301-773-2069 or by completing a Request Service form online at www.batestucking.com. The Request Service form can be found on Customer Center tab at the top right corner of the Bates website.

Please note that bulk trash collection is limited to three (3) items per week.

Recycling

Recycling bins should be curbside by **6:00 a.m.** on **Wednesdays**. As a reminder, **NO PLASTIC BAGS PERMITTED**.



Curbside recycling is provided by Prince George's County Department of the Environment. Please call 311 or 301-883-4748, if you have any questions or concerns.

Reporting Concerns

In partnership with Bates Trucking and Trash Services, the Town has launched a dedicated Trash Concerns app. The Trash Concerns app can be used to order a new trash can, report missed collections, and any other trash related concerns. Visit



http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/ho.../trash_concerns/index.php.

You can also call 301-927-6381 (extension 500 or 503) to speak with a Town staff member.



Scheduling Process for Vaccine Appointments in Prince George's County

Anyone who lives or works in Prince George's County that wishes to receive the COVID-19 vaccine must fill out the County Health Department's pre-registration form: <https://bit.ly/PGCVaccineForm>

When you are eligible to receive a vaccine based on the County's phased distribution plan AND appointments are available based on vaccine supply, the Health Department will send a link via email with instructions on how to schedule an appointment.

When the County enters future phases of vaccine distribution, individuals that have pre-registered will receive a notification that they are eligible, and as appointments become available, will begin to receive links to schedule appointments.



- Bring a form of photo identification to your appointment.
- If you are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine because of your job, make sure you bring proof of employment with you to your appointment.
- If you have insurance, please bring your insurance card with you to your appointment.
- Current COVID-19 vaccines require two doses. Make sure you schedule your appointment for a second dose right after your appointment for the first dose, and make sure you keep that appointment.

FREE TREE GIVEAWAY!



Sponsored by the Prince George's County Soil Conservation District
Prince George's County Forestry Board

Saturday, April 10 – Two Locations
Must Pre-Register To Get Trees

Must Be a Prince George's County Resident—Limit to Two Trees Per Family

9 a.m. to Noon

Prince George's County Soil Conservation District
5301 Marlboro Race Track Road
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/TreeGiveaway1>
Supplies Are Limited—Please Pre-Register

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Riverdale Park, 6602 Rhode Island Avenue
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/TreeGiveaway2>
Supplies Are Limited—Please Pre-Register

All of the trees are 1–2' Willow Oaks. These beautiful trees can become up to 60' in height and 40' wide at the crown/top of the tree.

For more information, contact the Prince George's County Forestry Board at 240–601–2802 or email kimberleyknox@hotmail.com.



COVID-19
VACUNA

Proceso de programación de citas para vacunas en el Condado de Prince George

Cualquier persona que viva o trabaje en el Condado de Prince George que desee recibir la vacuna COVID-19 debe completar el formulario de preinscripción del Departamento de Salud del Condado:
<https://bit.ly/PGCVaccineForm>

Cuando sea elegible para recibir una vacuna según el plan de distribución del condado y las citas estén disponibles según el suministro de la vacuna, el Departamento de Salud le enviará un enlace por correo electrónico con instrucciones sobre cómo programar una cita.

Cuando el condado entre en las fases futuras de distribución de vacunas, las personas que se hayan preinscrito recibirán una notificación de que son elegibles y, a medida que las citas estén disponibles, comenzarán a recibir enlaces para programar citas.



• Lleve una identificación con foto a su cita.



• Si es elegible para una vacuna COVID-19 debido a su trabajo, asegúrese de llevar una prueba de empleo a su cita.



• Si tiene seguro, por favor traiga su tarjeta de seguro a su cita.
• Las vacunas actuales de COVID-19 requieren dos dosis. Asegúrese de programar su cita para una segunda dosis inmediatamente después de su cita para la primera dosis, y asegúrese de asistir a esa cita.

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mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine

2020-2021 "GROW GREEN WITH TREES" PROGRAM



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**WE ARE PLANTING FREE
NATIVE TREES THIS YEAR**



Large shade trees are available to residents and businesses in and around Riverdale, Riverdale Park, Eastpines, Templeton Knolls, Beacon Heights, Bladensburg, the Port Towns, Woodlawn, and Lanham communities.

CKAR is working towards creating a healthy environment for all of our communities. The above-bulleted list indicates how trees significantly contribute towards this goal.

Primary benefits for having large shade trees:

- Increase your property value by up to 20%
- Increase business traffic and value
- Decrease storm-water runoff
- Help cool your community
- Encourage residents to engage in physical activity
- Increase immunity by exposing you to beneficial microbiota
- Improve mental health and lower stress
- Improve cognitive performance in children

Each tree recipient will also receive a home lighting kit consisting of light bulb assortment and power strip.

If you would like to take advantage of this program, go to our website and download our tree form:
www.ckarcdc.org/community-resource/

Or use the
QR Code -



Submit the Tree Request Form, either by fax, email, US mail, or drop-off in our office. You will be given a list of tree types available to select from. There is a limit on the various varieties offered, and they will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis.

Grant recipient from:



Fax: (240) 770-4938
Email: dipadilla@ckarcdc.org
or aprabu@ckarcdc.org
or dkholland@ckarcdc.org
Mail: CKAR CDC/Grow Green Tree
6801 Kenilworth Avenue
Suite 203
Riverdale Park, MD 20737

2020-2021 "CRECER VERDE CON ÁRBOLES" PROGRAMA



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**NOSOTROS ESTAMOS PLANTANDO
ÁRBOLES NATIVOS GRATIS ESTE AÑO**



ROBLES, OLMO AMERICANO, REDBUD, MAGNOLIA DE BAYAS DULCES, BAYA DE SERVICIO, CAQUI, CEDRO ROJO DEL ESTE Y OTROS

Grandes árboles de sombra están disponibles para residentes y negocios en y alrededor de Riverdale, Riverdale Park, Eastpines, Templeton Knolls, Beacon Heights, Bladensburg, las comunidades portuarias, Woodlawn y Lanham.

CKAR está trabajando para crear un ambiente saludable para todas nuestras comunidades. La lista con viñetas arriba indica cómo los árboles contribuyen significativamente a este objetivo.

Principales beneficios de tener grandes árboles de sombra:

- Aumenta el valor de tu propiedad hasta un 20%
- Aumenta el valor y el tráfico del negocio
- Disminuir la escorrentía de aguas pluviales
- Ayuda a enfriar tu comunidad
- Anima a los residentes a que realicen actividad física
- Aumenta la inmunidad exponiéndote a la microbiota beneficiosa
- Mejorar la salud mental y reducir el estrés
- Mejorar el rendimiento cognitivo en los niños

Cada destinatario del árbol también recibirá un kit de iluminación para el hogar que consta de un surtido de bombillas y una regleta.

Si desea aprovechar este programa, visite nuestro sitio web y descargue nuestro formulario de árbol:
www.ckarcdc.org/community-resource/

O use el
código QR -



Envíe el Formulario de solicitud de árbol, ya sea por fax, correo electrónico, correo de EE. UU. O entregándolo en nuestra oficina. Se le dará una lista de tipos de árboles disponibles para seleccionar. Hay un límite en las diversas variedades que se ofrecen, y se distribuirán por orden de llegada.



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April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Trash and Yard Waste Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	2	3
						
4 	5 Legislative Meeting 7 p.m. Trash and Yard Waste Collection	6	7 Recycling Collection	8 Trash and Yard Waste Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	9	10
11	12 Trash and Yard Waste Collection	13	14 Recycling Collection	15 Trash and Yard Waste Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	16	17 Bulk Trash Drop Off 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. FY2022 Public Budget Hearing 9:30 a.m.
18	19 Trash and Yard Waste Collection	20	21 Recycling Collection	22 Trash and Yard Waste Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	23	24 FY2022 Public Budget Hearing 9:30 a.m.
25	26 Trash and Yard Waste Collection	27	28 Recycling Collection	29 Trash and Yard Waste Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	30	