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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



Council Actions

Special Legislative Meeting
February 28, 2022

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-CR-01 regarding Elections as amended - **Adopted**
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-01 regarding Town Election Procedures - **Adopted**

Legislative Meeting
March 7, 2022

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items: - **Approved**

1. Fence Permit Request: 4508 Oliver Street; 6-foot wood fence
2. Minutes: February 7, 2022, Public Hearing minutes; January 31, 2022, Special Legislative Meeting minutes; January 31, 2022, Work Session minutes; April 24, 2021, Public Hearing minutes

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter to the Board of Zoning Appeals in support of Variance Request for variances of 13 feet front yard depth and 22% net lot coverage for 4514 Riverdale Road - **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a License Agreement with International Code Council - **Approved**
3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-R-03 to establish a committee and process to consider changes to the Town's Common Seal - **Adopted**
4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-R-04 establishing Food Assistance Grant Program - **Adopted**
5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-R-05 establishing Non-profit Grant Program - **Adopted**
6. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-R-06 establishing Emergency Housing Assistance Program - **Adopted**
7. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-R-07 reestablishing the Business Growth Grant - **Adopted**

New Business

1. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to extend the agreement with Motir Lawn Mowing Services to March 31, 2024 - **Approved**

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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

Notice of Adoption of Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-CR-01 Elections

This is to give notice that on February 28, 2022, the Riverdale Park Town Council adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-CR-01 ("the Resolution"). The title to the Resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION concerning

CHARTER AMENDMENT – ELECTIONS

FOR the purpose of amending the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park to provide for the creation, composition, terms, duties and responsibilities of a Board of Elections for the Town of Riverdale Park; to specify the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Elections and alter certain duties and responsibilities of election judges for municipal elections; to provide for the designation, duties and responsibilities of a Chief Election Judge and Deputy Chief Election Judge; to make certain changes in style and terminology; and generally to relate to the conduct and management of municipal elections in the Town of Riverdale Park.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park (January 2008 Revision, as amended) ARTICLE V, Nominations and Elections §§ 502, 504, 506, 508, 511 and 514

Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-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 19, 2022, 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.

This legal advertisement was also included in the *Enquirer-Gazette* on 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31.

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 FY2023 Budget.

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual Meetings via Zoom

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

DATES:

Saturday, April 9, 2022

To Join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83934913952?pwd=NU1kNjVXUm8rS0hWcklWcDBIVkIJUT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 839-3491-3952

Passcode: 579554

and

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81250484281?pwd=d2l0RmJSL1pFa2tyVzdkdVJEN3FJQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 812-5048-4281

Passcode: 579554

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.

This notice was also included in *Enquirer-Gazette* on March 24, 2022.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson

It's mid-March as I write this report, and daylight savings time has just started. Spring will officially start in a week! It was snowy and cold earlier this week, but warm weather is in the forecast, and there are blossoms on the cherry tree in front of my house.

COVID-19 – Pandemic

County Executive Alsobrooks lifted the State of Emergency on March 9th, and I was hoping to be feeling the optimism that comes from springtime about COVID, but news that arrived in the last few days has gotten in the way. While our current numbers are good (and, as I wrote last month, I *have* relaxed some of my own precautions), the news from Europe and parts of Asia is looking bad. The **death** rate from COVID in Denmark is 50% higher than it has **ever** been before, and the COVID infection rate in South Korea is *40 times* higher than ever before. I'm worried that we will see another wave here soon. I know we are all So Ready to be done with this pandemic, but I hope you will join me in working to keep our community safe.

The good news is that the same strategies we have been using for the last two years still work, including vaccines, masks, good ventilation, and limiting contact with others. If you aren't vaccinated and boosted, please get any doses that you can, as soon as you can – it takes a couple of weeks to become effective. Likewise, continue using masks that provide high-grade protection: N95s are best, KN95s next, then surgical, then cloth. At-home tests are easier to get now; I recommend stocking up, so you can determine whether you need to isolate from others.

I hope you believe me when I say I'm not any happier about the news of another wave of COVID than any of you are. We are all in this together, and we need to work together to bring it under control.

Mosquitos

At the March 7 meeting, the Town Council had a very informative discussion with Brian Prendergast, who manages the State Department of Agriculture's mosquito control program. Based on this conversation and previous research, we will have to decide on the level of participation in the state program that makes sense for our Town. That said, there's also a lot that each of us can *individually* do to control mosquitos.

Volunteers in our neighboring town, University Park have collected a lot of good information on mosquito control, which you can read here: <https://www.upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control>. I'll attempt to summarize their findings below.

The first thing I've learned over many years of battling mosquitos in my yard is that enemy number one, at least now, is the Asian Tiger mosquito. These nasty beasts bite 24 hours a day, but (some good news) they

can't fly very far, so if they are biting you, they came from your yard or a neighbor's yard.

The Asian Tigers don't need much standing water to breed– the rainwater in a bottle cap is plenty. To combat them, the easiest (and essential) first step is to *eliminate standing water outside of your house*. The black corrugated downspout extenders are particularly bad – they have little troughs that collect water and serve as sites where larvae can grow. There are other places that can hold water: gutters, flowerpots, trash can lids, old tires, bird baths, and fish ponds (unless there are fish in the pond, as they eat the larvae). Standing water needs to be emptied *at least* once a week to prevent breeding.

If there are places that collect water in your yard that you can't drain that often, purchase and use *mosquito dunks*. These are small (~2" diameter, ½" thick) donut-shaped solids (also available as granular material for small openings or shallow surface water) that release bacteria that attack mosquito, blackfly, and fungus gnat larvae. They are environmentally harmless because they don't attack anything else. The dunks can be purchased at local hardware stores, and typically last around 30 days before you need to replace them. The granular form needs to be refreshed every week or two.

If you want to go *all in* on reducing mosquitos, you can purchase mosquito traps. There are a few options (and please read about them at the University Park site), but I recently purchased two BG-GAT *traps* for around \$90, and that should be enough for my entire quarter acre lot. These traps attract and kill Asian Tiger mosquitos and, as a bonus, yellow fever mosquitos as well. I will put them out as soon as the temperatures are reliably above freezing, which should have happened by the time you read this. These traps need to be refreshed about once a month. Putting them out early in the season, as I plan to do, will make mosquito control easier during the rest of the year because the population won't get established after the end of winter.

I hope you will all join me in combating mosquitos in town, particularly the Asian Tiger!

Town Seal Redesign

As I anticipated last month, the Town Council established an advisory committee to advise the Council on a redesign of the Town's seal. The current seal has been used, as far as I know, since the founding of the Town in 1920, and many of the features of the seal

(such as the twin bridges over the two branches of the Anacostia River) no longer exist. We anticipate that this advisory committee will meet through at least the end of 2022 and will hold multiple meetings, with the assistance of a facilitator, to collect input from the public. If you are interested in this topic, and in particular if you would be interested in being a member of this advisory committee, please reach out to your Ward representative or me.

Budget Process

We are approaching the end of the budget cycle but will be doing a lot of the hard work during April. On both April 9 and April 23, the Town Council's Finance Committee will have hearings to discuss the budget in detail, with members of the public encouraged to attend and comment. These hearings start at 9:30 am and often last for 5-6 hours, so we can discuss every aspect of the Town's planned spending. I hope to see you at a hearing!

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 town mobile number). I also monitor accounts on Facebook, Twitter (@RPMdMayor, it's my preferred social media site right now), 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 spring will truly be here, and I hope to be enjoying the weather a LOT. Take care and stay safe until then!

Notice of Road Improvement Project

This is notification that the Town of Riverdale Park has a Road Improvement Project on your street. The contractor performing the work is ECM Corporation. The project is scheduled to be completed within four months, weather permitting.

Please note: Due to the nature of the project and seasonal temperatures, there may be a partial shutdown of the project due to temperatures at or below freezing or when supply plants close for the season. The project will resume when temperatures reach acceptable levels, and the supply plants reopen.

Date Range of Project: December 2021 to April/May 2022

Impacted Locations:

- 46th Avenue between Sheridan Street and Tuckerman Street
- Maryland Avenue between MD 410 Overpass and Tuckerman Street
- Sheridan Street at 49th Avenue
- 54th Place Cul-De-Sac
- Jefferson Street between Kenilworth Avenue and 54th Avenue
- Greenway Drive between Kenilworth Avenue and Spring Lane
- 47th Avenue at Madison Street
- Oglethorpe Street between 48th Avenue and Lafayette Avenue
- 48th Avenue between Nicholson Street and Oglethorpe Street
- Madison Street between 48th Avenue and Taylor Road
- Nicholson Street between 48th Avenue and Taylor Road
- Supra Place Cul-De-Sac
- Signet Lane Cul-De-Sac
- Rivertech Court (bike lane)

Scope of Work: Reconstruction and resurfacing sections of the roadway; replacement and/or installation of new curb ramps; and/or connection of new sidewalk panels to existing sidewalks.

Preparation for Work: Some work may require parking restrictions on your street. No parking signs will be erected at least 24 hours before parking restrictions take effect.

Contact for Questions:

Ivy Lewis
240-375-6448
ILewis@RiverdaleParkMD.Gov

Longfellow Storm Drainage Project

The Longfellow Street Storm Drainage Project is starting soon. The Town of Riverdale Park has hired Clinton Sewer Expert (CSE), Inc. to construct the stormwater improvements on Longfellow Street.

The project includes the installation of two new storm drain lines across Longfellow Street, one close to Taylor Road; the other, to 48th Avenue. Additionally, it includes the construction of a new inlet at the storm drain line near 48th Avenue. The two center inlets on the south side of Longfellow Street will be retained but the grate will be removed and replaced with a steel plate. Existing sump pumps discharge pipes currently connected to the existing inlet boxes will remain. Storm drain improvements will also be constructed on the private property at 5705 and 5709 due to excessive ponding of stormwater during normal rain events.

Completion is expected by mid-May. During construction, parking will be restricted on one or both sides of the street for short periods of time, and one lane of traffic may be closed. No Parking signs will be posted at least 24 hours before they take effect. The contractor is required to provide traffic control at all times during construction.

A copy of the design specifications for the project can be viewed at the link below.

https://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/news_detail_T6_R242.php

Please contact Ivy Lewis at 240-375-6448, anytime Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm if you have questions or would like additional information about the project. You may also send an email to [iLewis@RiverdaleParkMD.Gov](mailto:ILewis@RiverdaleParkMD.Gov).

Town Office Extensions

- General Inquiries (301) 927-6381: ext. 500, 503
- Assistance in Spanish: ext. 500, 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: ext. 505
- Police Department (Non-emergency): ext. 560

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/
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
 - Youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeANS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ>

2022 Dates to Remember

- Legislative Meeting: April 4, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- Budget Public Hearing: April 9, 2022
- Budget Public Hearing: April 23, 2022
- Work Session: April 25, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- Legislative Meeting: May 2, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- Special Legislative Meeting and Work Session: May 23, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

Legislative Meeting: April 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84454502545?pwd=NS9laFhyenY1T21COTdzTk5pOWMvZz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 844-5450-2545

Passcode: 579554

Council Work Session: April 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87478940570?pwd=VWNsRzZlczNrK2ZYRkV6aitoZk5oUT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 874-7894-0570

Passcode: 579554

Purple Line Construction Notices

Purple Line construction is well 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.



Earth Day Clean-Up!



**Earth Day - We Need YOU for Riverdale Park's
2022 Earth Day Clean-Up!**

Every Spring, the Town of Riverdale Park joins the Anacostia Watershed Society in hosting an Earth Day

Clean Up event. Anacostiaws.org/earthday2022 We want everyone to join us on April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. to make a difference in the health and safety of our community. We will be staging the cleanup at **6200 Rhode Island Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD 20737**. In order to stay safe, online registration is required. **Vaccinations are required of all participants over the age of 5.** Be sure to save the date on your calendar!

Last year, we weren't able to make this happen due to Covid-19. Residents, youth groups, students and all interested parties are asked to join us as we do our share to clean a portion of the river. Volunteers wishing to participate in the Earth Day event are asked to register online at Anacostiaws.org/earthday2022. Student volunteers earn community service hours for this activity. Please contact Stacy Lucas 301-699-6203 x 119 or earthday@anacostiaws.org for any questions.

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:

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

Tulip Nicol- tnicol@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 ext. 508

Collection Reminders



Residential Trash

Place residential trash in durable, leak-proof bags before placing it in containers. Close lid tightly to keep rainwater out to reduce spillage. Clean trash can regularly. Place trash can 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. Place yard waste in paper bags or in reusable bins marked as yard waste. Bundle branches and limbs with rope or string (do not use wire). Bundles must be less than 4 feet long and less than 3 inches in diameter and weigh less than 60 pounds. Place yard waste curbside by 6:00 a.m. on Mondays or the night before collection.



that bulk trash collection is limited to three (3) items per week. Set out bulk trash scheduled for pickup by 6 a.m. on Thursday.



Report a Concern

To report a concern, call 301-927-6381 or submit a request online. The Trash Concerns app can be used to order a new trash container, report missed collections and report any other trash-

related concerns. Visit www.riverdaleparkmd.gov and click on the Trash Concerns icon.

Disposing of Bamboo

Bamboo should be placed in a trash container or tied together in bundles no longer than 4 feet long and 12 inches across. Bamboo may also be dropped off at the Public Works building on Bulk Trash Drop off Saturday but is limited to a maximum of 15 bundles (4 feet by 12 inches) on a given drop off day.



Bulk Trash Drop off Saturday the Public Works facility takes place on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Public Works facility is located at 5012 Queensbury Road.



Recycling

As a reminder, NO PLASTIC BAGS ARE 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

about this service. Place recycling bins curbside by 6:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Bulk Trash

Collection is 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. Please note

Zero Deaths Maryland

Maryland Department of Transportation



Pedestrian and Bicyclist safety is an issue that affects everyone in Maryland; young and old, drivers and walkers, during the day and at night. Everyone is a pedestrian in some capacity at one point or another. Many unnecessary injuries and fatalities occur because of intoxication, ignorance, or inattentiveness by either or both motorists and pedestrians. Roadways should be safe places for everyone and it's important that we all do our part.

That also extends to bicyclists. Most people don't know that bicycles are actually considered vehicles on Maryland's roadways, just like cars or trucks. As such, drivers and cyclists alike must learn to share the road with one another and do whatever it takes to keep each other safe.

Slow down, pay attention, and always be alert for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Walk Smart, Bike Smart, Drive Smart

Walk Smart: You need to look up, look out, and stay alert. It's tempting to pass the time on a walk by looking at your cell phone but it's safer to pay attention to your surroundings, especially when crossing the street or walking near traffic.

Always follow traffic rules and cross at designated pedestrian crossings wherever possible. Be sure to obey pedestrian crossing signals: push the button and wait for the walk! Help drivers see you by wearing bright or light-colored clothes, and reflective items at night. If you must walk in the road, walk against traffic so that you can always see the vehicles coming.

Make eye contact with drivers. If they don't make eye contact with you, there's a good chance they haven't noticed you, so you shouldn't step into their path. While drivers are required to obey pedestrian crossing signals and stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, they might not see you. Pedestrians are the vulnerable road users who are killed or injured when struck by a careless driver breaking the law. Always walk defensively, even when you have the right of way.

Bike Smart: When you're on a bike, always ride with traffic, signal the direction you're heading, obey all traffic signs and markings, and follow all traffic safety laws. Being on a bike is not an excuse to ignore red lights or stop signs.

Bicyclists are often harder to see than cars or trucks. Wear reflective clothing and use a light if you're riding

at night so that you're more easily seen. And when riding near vehicles or passing them, be alert to whether the driver may not see you.

Currently, bicyclists are not allowed to ride on sidewalks in Maryland unless a local jurisdiction specifically allows it; a number of local jurisdictions do allow it. Be aware that riding on sidewalks can put pedestrians at risk so be courteous and cautious when doing so. Be mindful of bridges, tunnels, and other stretches of road where riding is prohibited by law.

Drive Smart: Risky behavior behind the wheel can easily result in a collision and if you hit a pedestrian or a bicyclist, the results are devastating for our most vulnerable road users. Keep in mind that you're moving a lot faster and are better protected. Even at relatively low speeds, car collisions can be deadly for those on foot or bike.

Obey all traffic safety laws and follow all traffic signals. Keep an eye on bikes riding on the road or in bike lanes, and always give plenty of room — at least 3 feet — to bicyclists when passing them. Stop for pedestrians in the marked as well as unmarked crosswalks. If you see other cars stopping or slowing, be aware that they may be stopping or yielding to someone on foot or bicycle — you are required to stop too.

There are times that pedestrians and bicyclists may not see you approach. They may not have time to react if you are speeding or if they are distracted. Look Up, Look Out, and Stay Alert!

Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will be launching 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>

Complete an Expression of Interest Form and be added to the MD-DHCD's email list.

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund/ExpressionofInterest.aspx>

If you are a homeowner who has fallen behind on your mortgage payments, getting help early in the process can mean the difference between saving your home and losing it to foreclosure. A housing counselor can help you understand your options based on your specific circumstances and can assist you with finding a solution that works best for you. *Contact a housing counselor today.* You can also call 1-877-462-7555 to find a state-approved nonprofit agency that can provide individual guidance to homeowners facing foreclosure.

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.

What is the COVID Care Program?

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 will help people:

- With social service needs, including:
 - Connecting to health insurance, medical care, and mental health care at a Federally Qualified Health Center
 - Food
 - Living situation
 - Utilities
 - Transportation, and other needs
- With isolation and quarantine:
 - The County will 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 have 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-phn.app/index.php/181471/lang/en/newtest/Y>

Questions? COVIDcare@co.pg.md.us

People who qualify will be contacted by a Community Health Worker from the Prince George's Healthcare Alliance. Please encourage those you refer to answer the phone when they receive a call.

Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP)

SYEP offers County youth and young adults ages 14 to 22 with enriching and constructive summer work experiences in community organizations, private sector companies, and government agencies.

Applications for the Prince George's County Summer Youth Employment Program open **March 1, 2022**.

We strive to provide young people with the opportunity to:

- Learn new job skills while working
- Experience professional development opportunities
- Gain exposure to a diverse range of careers
- Participate in job readiness training
- Network with industry leaders
- Build your positive working relationships
- Earn pay for meaningful and rewarding work experiences

How to Apply

Application period begins March 1, 2022. IF you have additional questions, please contact syep@co.pg.md.us. <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/4226/About-the-SYEP-Program>

Senior Call Check

Senior Call Check is a FREE service available to adults 65+ in Maryland. Seniors can receive an automated daily call at a time they designate. After 3 attempts and no answer, the department will contact designated alternates to check on residents. Registration can be completed over the phone at 1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560) or online <https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx>

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.



Report Street Light Outages

Streetlight outages can be quickly and easily reported through the PEPCO website at <https://pepco.streetlightoutages.com/> or by calling 1-800-735-2258. The online streetlight outage reporting tool is available 24/7.





Free

Covid-19 Vaccine & Diabetes Screening

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REGISTER HERE
REGÍSTRATE AQUÍ

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market
6220 Rhode Island Ave,
Riverdale, MD 20737

Thursday, April 14th 3pm-7pm
Jueves, Abril 14 de 3pm-7pm
No appointment needed – Sin cita

NO Photo ID or insurance required
NO necesita ID o seguro médico

FOR FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD COVID-19 VACCINATIONS.
PARA LA PRIMERA, SEGUNDA, O REFUERZO CONTRA COVID-19

- Pfizer (12+), J&J (18+), Moderna (18+)
- **Booster** COVID-19 // Dosis de Refuerzo contra COVID-19 (12 **yr** +)

FREE COVID-19 Home Tests Kits

Wednesdays from
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



- Proof of Town residency required
- 2 packs of test kits per address
- Masks are required to be worn inside the building

Town Hall is located at:
5008 Queensbury Road
Riverdale Park, MD 20737



RIVERDALE PARK



Anacostia Watershed Society EARTH DAY Cleanup

Saturday, April 23, 2022

10am - Noon

anacostiaws.org/earthday2022

Cleanup Sites in the Anacostia Watershed in MD and DC

Join with your community to celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up the Anacostia River, its shores, and tributary streams in Washington, DC, and Prince George's & Montgomery Counties.

Dozens of cleanup sites will be available. You will help stop pollution and restore the Anacostia River!

In order to stay safe, online registration is required. **Vaccinations are required of all participants over the age of 5.**



Earth Day Lead
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Anacostia Watershed Society DÍA DE LA TIERRA LIMPIEZA DE BASURA DEL RÍO

Sábado 23 de abril 2022

10am - Noon

anacostiaws.org/earthday2022

Sitios en la Cuenca del Río Anacostia en DC y MD

Únete a miles de voluntarios para celebrar el Día de la Tierra y ayúdanos a limpiar el Río Anacostia, sus riberas y sus tributarios en Washington DC, los condados de Prince George y Montgomery.

Habrà decenas de sitios de colecta de basura. ¡Ayúdanos a frenar la contaminación y a restaurar el río Anacostia!

Por su seguridad y la de los demás, es necesario registrarse en línea. **Se requieren vacunas para todos los participantes mayores de 5 años.**



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SPEEDING ENDANGERS EVERYONE ON THE ROAD

The speed limit in Town is 20 mph

SPEED
LIMIT
20



DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

Stay focused and alert

Come to full stops at red lights and stop signs

Don't follow others too closely

Allow more time for traveling



RIVERDALE PARK

April 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Municipal Center Renovation project, public meetings are being held via Zoom.</p> <p>If you have any questions about how to participate in a public meeting or need assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 301-927-6381 (extension 505).</p> | | | | | <p>1</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center Market 7 p.m.</p> | <p>2</p> |
| <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</p> <p>Legislative Meeting 7 p.m.</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Recycling Collection</p> <p>RPSC (Green Team) Meeting 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Trash Collection</p> <p>Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Town Center)</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center Market 7 p.m.</p> | <p>9</p> <p>FY2023 Budget Public Hearing 9:30 a.m.</p> |
| <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Recycling Collection</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Trash Collection</p> <p>Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Town Center)</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center Market 7 p.m.</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Bulk Trash Drop Off 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.</p> |
| <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Recycling Collection</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Trash Collection</p> <p>Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Town Center)</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center Market 7 p.m.</p> | <p>23</p> <p>FY2023 Budget Public Hearing 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Earth Day Cleanup 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> |
| <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</p> <p>Work Session 7 p.m.</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Recycling Collection</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Trash Collection</p> <p>Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Town Center)</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center Market 7 p.m.</p> | <p>30</p> |

