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A Welcoming Community, Come Grow with Us!

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7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Police Department
5004 Queensbury Road
301-927-4343
24-hours

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

HOLIDAY SEASON KICKOFF

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023
TOWN CENTER
INTERSECTION OF QUEENSBURY ROAD &
RHODE ISLAND AVENUE
4PM - 7PM

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CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY TO-GO BAGS

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Website: www.riverdaleparkmd.gov
Submission deadline: 15th of each month
Send submissions to:
towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov

2023-2024 Dates to Remember

Legislative Meeting

December 4, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Community Conversation

December 16, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Work Session

December 18, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Town Hall and DPW Operations Closed

December 25, 2023

Town Hall and DPW Operations Closed

January 1, 2024

Legislative Meeting

January 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Town Hall and DPW Operations Closed

January 15, 2024

Community Conversation

January 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Work Session

January 29, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.



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



Council Actions

October 30, 2023 Special Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to ratify Town staff authorization of task order agreement with Pennoni, a Town on-call engineering firm, for \$24,933.24 for engineering services related to Welcome Signage CIP Project #20PP04 - **Approved**
2. Motion to approve letter to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) regarding reforestation of their properties - **Approved**

November 6, 2023 Legislative Meeting

Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes: October 16, 2023, Special Legislative Meeting; September 18, 2023, Special Legislative Meeting; May 22, 2023, Special Legislative Meeting; March 27, 2023, Work Session

Legislative Action Items

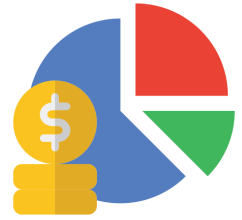
1. Motion to approve Street Closure of Natoli Place from Queensbury Road to Lafayette Avenue at Veterans Monument from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on November 11, 2023, for annual Veterans Day Ceremony - **Approved**
2. Motion to approve Street Closure for Town Center parking lot on December 2, 2023, and December 9, 2023 (if needed) from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. for Holiday Season Kickoff Event - **Approved**
3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-R-16 regarding Vision and Commitment Statement for Housing and Neighborhoods - **Adopted**
4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-R-17 regarding Vision and Commitment Statement for Sustainability - **Adopted**
5. Motion to authorize a donation of \$3,000 to Community Crisis Services, Inc. to support domestic violence services from the Undesignated Social Concerns line item - **Approved**

New Business

1. Motion to approve expanded Public Art locations- **Approved**

FY2025 Budget—Community Input

As Town Staff begin to prepare for the FY2025 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget, community input is encouraged. If you have any initial thoughts regarding items or projects that should be included in the FY2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget, please send them to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.



As in previous years, there will be many other opportunities throughout the budget preparation process for community input, including two public hearings in April 2024.

Better Ways to Reach You

Over the coming months we will begin to transition to Constant Contact, a communication platform that will provide more functionality. In order to make sure that you receive important updates from us, we need to collect some information to build our database. Register at <https://forms.gle/kcKKnfJF2LpJUaqm7>.



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HOURS OF OPERATION

7:30AM - 3:30PM

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NEW MENU !
NEW EXCITEMENT !

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FB : SarvisCafe

Mayor Thompson's Message— December 2023/ January 2024



Alan Thompson, Mayor

As I write this, my heart is heavy.

Tragedy at Riverdale Elementary

On November 20th there was a tragic accident near Riverdale Elementary; I am writing this before we understand what happened. What we do know is that two children walking to school were killed by a motor vehicle near the intersection of Taylor and Riverdale Road. The Prince George's County Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit is conducting the investigation, and it will likely be weeks or longer before their investigation is complete.

I don't know, at this moment, exactly how we are going to respond, but I call on everyone to do all they can to help the families, their friends and neighbors, the first responders, those who witnessed the event, and anyone else suffering in the aftermath of this horror. The Town will share additional information on how to help as it becomes available.

I also call on all of us to drive safely, legally, and without distractions – it is literally a matter of life and death.

Happy Holidays

In the midst of tragedy, there are reminders that life continues for those who remain. Traditions bind us to each other and encourage us to acknowledge and celebrate what is important in life. As we enter the season of winter holidays, I am proud that Riverdale Park is an incredibly diverse community, and along with that diversity there are a wide range of holidays that are observed (and ways of observing them) during this season – Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hannukah, Yule, Pancha Ganapati, Bodhi Day, New Year's Day, and Orthodox Christmas, just to name some of them. Whatever holidays you observe I hope that you enjoy them and start 2024 refreshed and energized.

Vision and Commitment Statements

The Town Council continues to work on a variety of Vision and Commitment statements, which we on the Council use to remind ourselves of long-term goals, and the town staff use when proposing policies (including the priorities in the budget) to us. We have already completed statements on Housing and Neighborhoods, and Sustainability, and are discussing Business and Economic Development and Infrastructure, with more on the schedule. I encourage everyone in town to review [these statements](#) on the town's web site and provide feedback to your representatives (including me!) as we work through them in the months ahead.

Veterans Day Observance

On November 11, for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, more than twenty residents, along with Town staff and officials, joined an in-person observance of Veterans Day at the Veterans Monument in Town center. The ceremony started with the Patapsco Brass, and Sergeant Bo Saunders sang the national anthem. I then spoke about veterans through our nation's history (including local veteran Frank Moriarty) and the sacrifices they made to protect our freedoms. We ended the ceremony placing a wreath in front of the monument after which the Patapsco Brass played the national anthem. I look forward to more in-person events ahead (including the in-person Riverdale Park Holiday Kick-off on December 2nd) so long as we can have them safely.

Legislative Priorities

At the request of State Senator Alonzo Washington, all municipalities in his district (including Riverdale Park) will meet with the 22nd district delegation in late November to discuss legislative priorities – what legislation the Town would like to see the State Legislature and County enact during the upcoming session. The Town Council has been setting our priorities and hope they will address issues that are important to Town residents such as preventing flooding, addressing the ongoing housing shortage, and calming traffic. I'll report in the February Town Crier how the meeting went, and will let you know the status of legislation that will have an impact on the Town during the state legislative session (January – April).

Mayor Thompson's Message— December 2023/ January 2024 (*continued*)

Development – “The Lofts”

The paired projects called “The Lofts” that are planned for our historic town center are making progress through the approval process. The developer is currently pursuing construction of the smaller building on the east side of Rhode Island Avenue, next to the railroad tracks, and has said that they will submit plans to the Legacy Mixed-Use Town Center (LMUTC) review committee at their December 6 meeting. At a pre-application briefing on November 1, 2023, they provided drawings and solicited informal feedback. Their current proposal is for a three-story building that closely matches the footprint of the existing building, with four two-bedroom apartments in the upper floors and two retail spaces on the bottom floor. Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff will review the submission for compliance with the LMUTC architectural guidelines and the project will be thoroughly discussed at the LMUTC's December 6 meeting.

Town Budget

The town's budget process will start in December with a discussion of budget assumptions – the general principles that will guide the budget process (overall staffing levels, tax rates, routine capital spending, and assumptions about expected revenues). Stay tuned as we work on this document over the months ahead – it impacts every aspect of how the town works, and we seek public input at all stages of the process.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 situation is looking OK now but numbers seem to be ticking up in DC and to the south of us. While things are OK now, we don't know what the future holds so don't let down your guard – a lot of infections have happened during the holiday season in past years. If you haven't gotten the latest vaccine (approved in September) I recommend it....and consider getting a flu vaccine (and RSV vaccine if you are 60 or older).

Snow and Ice

It's been a few years since we've seen much, but the long-range weather forecast suggests it's more likely that we will get some snow and ice this winter. If that happens, we should all help the Public Works Department (and ourselves!) by parking correctly during snow and winter weather events. If there is going to be enough snow that plows will be out, you should ideally park your car in your driveway, or if you have to park on the street, on the EVEN-NUMBERED side of the street (with the exception that if parking is only allowed on one side of a street, stick to that side of the street). If you don't have houses with addresses on some streets, as happens in much of my neighborhood for streets running north-south, the even side is the WEST side for streets running north-south, or the NORTH side for streets running east-west. If we all follow these rules, the snowplows can clear the roads more quickly, and we can all get our cars back on the road more quickly.

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 Mastodon (@RPMdMayor@forall.social, my preferred social media site right now), Facebook, 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 elsewhere during the day (as do most of 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. I'll be back here in February (there is no Town Crier in January) as we endure winter and hope for spring. Take care and stay safe until then!

Town Seal Redesign

To support an effort, led by the Riverdale Park Town Seal Redesign Committee, to refresh and reconsider the Riverdale Park Town Seal, the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) created a Community Survey.

You can participate by filling out a brief survey to share your thoughts and feelings on the Town Seal Redesign -- just follow the QR code.



Upcoming Virtual Meetings

Legislative Meeting: December 4, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82013835776?
pwd=N1JvMzJUWHk0amlRRkE5MEtqRFdJQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82013835776?pwd=N1JvMzJUWHk0amlRRkE5MEtqRFdJQT09)

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 820-1383-5776

Passcode: 231506

Comm. Conversations: December 16, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86291802525?
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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 862-9180-2525

Passcode: 11623

Work Session: December 18, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 833-4388-8721

Passcode: 6152023

Legislative Meeting: January 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84525962126?
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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 845-2596-2126

Passcode: 112523

Comm. Conversations: January 20, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86354065452?
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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 863-5406-5452

Passcode: 110623

Work Session: January 29, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86125992026?
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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 861-2599-2026

Passcode: 20231125

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.

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 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.

Leaf Collection: Residents are encouraged to bag their leaves and/or mulch them during lawn mowing. It is extremely important to keep storm drains clear of leaves to allow the system optimal performance during a rain event.

To support leaf bagging, Public Works staff distributed ten (10) leaf bags to each single-family residence in Town. FREE leaf bags will also be available for pick up on the third Saturday of the month (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at the bulk trash drop off at the Public Works building until mid-January. Identification confirming residency is required.

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.





Let's Plan for Snow Season Rules to Remember

The Department of Public Works is prepared for snow season with a goal to work around the clock as necessary to remove snow and ice quickly and safely. Here are important snow removal facts the Department wants you to remember. Snow emergency conditions are in effect in the Town of Riverdale Park when Prince George's County, the Maryland State Highway Administration or the Maryland State Police declare a snow emergency.

When a snow emergency is in effect please follow these rules:

- Do not park any vehicle on any part of any street with a posted sign that says **Snow Emergency Street**;
- Only park on the even-numbered side of non-Snow Emergency Streets (parking on the odd-numbered side of any public street is prohibited during a snow emergency, except if parking is already restricted on one side of the street).
- Move your car(s) off the street so that snowplows can remove the snow from the street from curb to curb.
- Clear sidewalks in front of your house and, please, **do not** shovel snow into the roadway.

Be patient during a snow emergency as crews work around the clock to clear your street and nearby public spaces. Remember your vehicle may be removed and impounded by or under the direction of any duly authorized police officer if you violate these rules and you will be charged a towing or impound fee and be liable for a fine of \$250. Public Works will only plow Town-owned streets. The State or County is responsible for snow and ice removal on the following roadways:

- Kenilworth Avenue (Route 201)
- Baltimore Avenue (Route 1)
- East-West Highway (Route 410)
- Good Luck Road

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Festival of Lights

Submit photos of your decorated home/balcony by December 17th and enter to win!



*First place winner will receive a \$100 gift card to a restaurant in Town of their choice.
*Second place winner gets a \$50 gift card.
*Third place winner gets a \$25 gift card.
*Only Town resident entries will be eligible for the prize drawings.
*Entries must be received by December 17th for prize drawings.

How to enter:
Send your photos via a DM to our Facebook, or Instagram, or send via email to TRPsocialmedia@riverdaleparkmd.gov

 @RiverdaleParkMD_gov  @RiverdaleParkMD

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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Give the Gift of Safe Driving This Holiday Season

For many, the holidays are a time of giving, and one of the greatest gifts is sober driving. Once again this holiday season, NHTSA is spreading the messages: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and If You Feel Different, You Drive Different — Drive High Get a DUI. The campaigns run from December 14 through January 1 and aims to educate people about the dangers and consequences of driving drunk and high, and that law enforcement will be stepping up patrols to get impaired drivers off the roads.



Drunk driving is a problem on our nation's roads every day, but it's more prevalent during the holidays. During the New Year's and Christmas periods in 2020, there were 209 drunk-driving-related fatalities. These deaths were 100% preventable. In 2020, there were 11,654 people killed nationwide in drunk-driving crashes, accounting for nearly one-third of the crash fatalities that year. The tragedy of these deaths is felt year-round, but for many, most strongly during the holidays.

Like drunk driving, drug-impaired driving is illegal in all 50 states. From 2019-2021, NHTSA conducted a study at several trauma centers and medical examiner offices involving drivers who were seriously injured or killed. The study found that about 26% of those drivers had active THC, which is found in marijuana, in their system. Whether the drug is obtained legally or illegally, drug-impaired driving can be deadly for drivers, passengers, and others on the road.

If you have a holiday gathering on your calendar, make smart choices and plan out how you're going to get home safely once the celebration ends. If you are the designated driver, make a commitment to 100% sobriety to keep you and your friends safe. If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement immediately. Doing so could save the life of the driver, passenger, and others on the road. And, if you have a friend who is about to drive impaired, take away their keys and help them make arrangements to get home safely — it will be the greatest gift you ever give them.

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>

Report Streetlight 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.

Emergency Repairs Grant Available

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

Successful applicants can be reimbursed for up to \$2,000 after work has been completed and paid for or \$5,000 if the applicant can demonstrate the emergency repair is due to a natural disaster. Applicants that have a household income of no greater than 50% of the Area Median Income can have the matching requirement waived. Grants require a 1:2 match for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and a 1:1 match thereafter. Grants are subject to funding availability.

For more information, please visit http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/emergency_repair_grant.php or contact ARPA Project Manager, LaVerne Peakes at lpeakes@riverdaleparkmd.gov 301-789-4141.

Self-Care During the Holiday Season

The holiday season can be very stressful for many people. However, there are many ways you can protect your mental health during this time. When trying to prevent, or lessen, the stressors of the holidays, knowing your triggers and having a game plan (e.g., budgeting, not over-committing your time and/ or avoiding upsetting situations) can benefit you in the long run. Regardless of the hopes you have for the holidays, consider how realistic it is you'll be able to meet those expectations. Keep in mind, there are times we don't meet the goals we set, which can result in feeling down... especially during the holiday season. Do your best to avoid anticipating all expectations will come to fruition. For example, you cannot predict how others will behave at a holiday event! Again, try to adjust your thinking: set goals you know you can realistically attain, and savor the victory of unexpected joys. Additionally, I know during the holidays it's so much fun to go Christmas shopping and to splurge on holiday treats; however, keeping spending within limits can be tough for many of us. We find it so easy to overspend this time of year that we forget to ask ourselves: once this is all over will we be in debt? Be sure to set a sensible budget for yourself and stick to it. As well, during the holiday season, we might find ourselves getting caught up in negative emotions. Writing in a gratitude journal may help you to recognize all of the good elements about your life and things for which you're thankful — while also reminding you of things not taken for granted.



When it comes to checking in with yourself, ask questions such as:

- How am I feeling today?
- Am I taking out enough time for myself to recharge?
- Are there any stressful things coming up... can I do something to relieve that stress beforehand?

Once you completed that self check-in, if you realize you need a moment to yourself do so. Schedule some me time, to regroup and recharge. One last important thing: set some healthy boundaries this holiday season. Know that it's OK to say NO. You might not be able to make it to every holiday party or do every gift exchange. It does not make you a bad person to set boundaries. If you know there are certain events you'd like to attend, plan ahead/set extra time so you'll be as relaxed as possible. Avoid spreading yourself so thin you feel overwhelmed.

**REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE,
YOU ARE SEEN AND YOU ARE LOVED.**

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:

Stephen Smith- ssmith@riverdaleparkmd.gov or
301-927-6381 ext. 508

Robert Redman- rredman@riverdaleparkmd.gov or
301-927-6381 ext. 580

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.



RPSC/Green Team

Riverdale Park's Sustainability Committee (RPSC or Green Team) meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting is December 12, 2023, via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84004794706?pwd=ejkwSkpHQ3EzeWMrdFRqaHFhOGVxQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 840 0479 4706
Passcode: 202301



December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Train Stop Tunes	2 Holiday Season Kick-off Event 4 to 7 p.m.
3	4 Legislative Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5	6 L-MUTC Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7 Farmers Market	8 Train Stop Tunes	9
10	11	12 RPSC/Green Team Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	13	14 Farmers Market TRP BOE 6:30 p.m.	15 Train Stop Tunes	16 Bulk Trash Drop-off Community Conversation 9:30 a.m.
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31	1 Town Hall and DPW Operations Closed	Notes  <i>Happy Holidays</i>				



January 2024



<u>Sunday</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 	1 Town Hall and DPW Operations Closed	2	3 L-MUTC Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4 Farmers Market	5 Train Stop Tunes	6
7	8 Legislative Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9 RPSC/Green Team Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	10	11 Farmers Market	12 Train Stop Tunes	13
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21	22	23	24	25 Farmers Market	26 Train Stop Tunes	27
28	29 Work Session 7:30 p.m.	30	31	1 Farmers Market	2 Train Stop Tunes	3

Notes

In-person services will be paused for the duration of the renovation process. Virtual Services will be available Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM via phone at 301-927-6381, via email at community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov, and online at www.RiverdaleParkMD.gov. Residents can also schedule appointments with Town Staff if needed. If you need immediate assistance at any time, please call 301-927-6381.

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Customer service: 1-800-934-6489

Pepco: www.pepco.com
To report an outage: 1-877-737-2662
Customer service: 202-833-7500

Prince George's County: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov
Animal Control: 301-780-7200
Assessments: 301-952-2500
Parks and Recreation (maintenance): 301-918-4700
Permitting, Licenses and Enforcement: 301-636-2000
Public Works and Transportation: 301-883-5650

Prince George's County Public Schools: www.pgcps.org
Riverdale Elementary: 301-985-1850
William Wirt Middle School: 301-985-1720
Bladensburg High School: 301-887-6700
Parkdale High School: 301-513-5700

Verizon: www.verizon.com

Washington Gas: www.washingtongas.com
To report a gas leak: 703-750-1400 or 800-752-7520
Customer Service: 703-750-1000

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC):
www.wsscwater.com
To report a water main break or sewage backup: 301-206-4002
Customer service: 301-206-4001 or 1-800-634-8400

Local Organizations

Northern County Soccer Alliance
NCSA@soccer.net or 301-577-3559

Riverdale Park Boy Scout Troop 252
Scoutmaster Bob Killen at 301-483-8455

Madison Hill Homeowners Association
301-583-8857

Riversdale Historical Society
301-864-0420

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market
Jim Coleman at 301-586-5973

Riverdale Park Business Association
www.shoplocalriverdalepark.com

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Robert DiLutis at
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