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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

5012 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

Bulk Trash Collection Service
suspended until further notice.
301-773-2069
www.batesrucking.com

Riverdale Park Art Initiative



The Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative is a collaborative program sponsored and enabled by the Town of Riverdale Park. The Initiative is facilitated and implemented by Hyattsville Community Development Corporation. The Initiative offers the Riverdale Park community with a rotating, year-round outdoor, town-wide sculpture gallery to bring public artwork to delight and enliven the Town, its residents and its visitors. In addition, the Initiative emphasizes the creation of promotional opportunities for local artists to extend their audience and their boundaries. Share your photos online **#RiverdalePark** **#RiverdaleParkMD** **@HyattsvilleCDC**
<http://hycdc.org/the-arts/public-art/riverdale-park-public-art-initiative/map/>



Council Actions

Special Legislative Meeting May 26, 2020

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-09 regarding the FY2021 Budget and Tax Rates - **Adopted**
2. Motion to authorize Town Manager to sign Cooperation Agreement with Prince George's County, regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County Qualification for Federal FY 2021-2023 - **Approved**
3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-14: Call to a Cooperative Approach to address the Economic Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic - **Adopted**

Legislative Meeting June 2, 2020

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

1. Minutes: May 5, 2020 Public Hearing, May 12, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to approve Fence Permit Request for a 6-foot cedar fence in backyard of 6101 43rd Street - **Approved**
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-05 regarding Chapter 53 Police Department - **Adopted**
3. Motion to adopt Charter Amendment 2020-CR-01 regarding Town Government Organizational Structure as amended - **Adopted**
4. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-06 regarding Organizational Structure of Town Government - **Adopted**
5. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-07 regarding Revisions to Town Personnel Manual - **Adopted**
6. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with PEPCO regarding Electric vehicle charging stations - **Approved**
7. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-15 regarding the Go Green Initiative - **Adopted**
8. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-16 regarding the Redevelopment Zone Initiative - **Adopted**
9. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-17 regarding Ethics Commission Appointments - **Adopted**
10. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-18 establishing a commitment to policies, programs and initiatives that aim to undo the effects of systemic racism and unequivocally support and defend African Americans and Black people - **Adopted**

Town of Riverdale Park

www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

Cable Channels: 10 and 71

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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

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2020-CR-01 TOWN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

This is to give notice that on June 2, 2020, the Riverdale Park Town Council adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 2020-CR-01 (“the Resolution”). The title to the Resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION concerning

CHARTER AMENDMENT – TOWN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

FOR the purpose of amending the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park to modify the organizational structure of the certain positions in the Town government; alter the composition of the Town’s unclassified service; modify the method of appointment and removal of certain Town positions; provide for the exercise of certain financial powers of the Town; eliminate employment contracts for certain positions in the Town; and matters generally relating to employees of the Town of Riverdale Park.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments
Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park
(January 2008 Revision)
ARTICLE VII, Administration and Personnel
Sections 702(c)(3), 702(c)(4) 702(c)(8) and
705(a)(2)

Charter Amendment Resolution 2020-CR-01 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall, on the Town’s website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, or by e-mail request to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov. The amendment to the Charter will become effective on July 22, 2020, 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.

RIVERDALE PARK TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor’s Report

By Mayor Alan K. Thompson

Little did I know in May that we would be facing even more crises.

George Floyd, among many others

I try to focus on local issues in my reports, but this is one of the times when the national news shines a spotlight on local issues. I was horrified, as I’m sure all of you were, to watch the video of a Minneapolis police officer murdering George Floyd. As protests grew across the country, and in our own region, with even more videos depicting the excessive use of force by police officers, the question that came into my mind (and from your letters to me) was what our town is doing, and what else could be done, to ensure this did not happen in Riverdale Park.

Town government as a whole has been working for many years to make sure that our police force reflects the values of the community, and we will continue to do so.

As an example, we almost always have fully funded but empty positions in our police department because applicants for those positions do not make it through our screening process. The hiring process has strong outreach to minority communities, and candidates are screened by managers up to and including our Town Manager (our form of government - the Council-Manager form - prohibits the Mayor and Council Members from being involved in hiring individual police officers). The Department and the Town prefer to leave positions vacant rather than fill them with an unqualified officer.

As another example, the Police Department has been working for several years on rewriting their General Orders, which govern every aspect of how officers do their jobs. Two General Orders – “body-worn cameras” and “use of force” – are recently available on the Town’s web site, and are under a final review by staff to ensure completeness and clarity (including clarity on how well the “use of force” policy meets the guidelines from the 8cantwait.org web site that many of you mentioned in your letters to me).

These are the actions we have been taking, and continue to take, to ensure that the policies and actions of our police department match the values of our

community. I have ideas as to how to address the larger issues of systemic racism in our town, our nation, and ourselves, ideas I've developed during my own decades-long work to eliminate the racism I was exposed to growing up in segregated Texas. But those ideas may not be well-informed; and I want to listen even more carefully, to learn, and to support through action the recommendations of Black and Brown people who have borne the burdens of racism their entire lives and know it better than I ever will. I strongly supported Council Member Dixon's recommendations when I voted in favor of her resolution establishing a commitment to undo the effects of systemic racism. I was proud to sign the resolution and I look forward to building upon that commitment.

COVID-19

As I have said each month for the last few months, every week I spend many, many hours staying up to date on the COVID-19 pandemic and response. While the news at this moment is good, with regular daily decreases in diagnoses, hospitalizations, and deaths, we must remain vigilant or we will follow states like Oregon, California, and Washington, where COVID-19 was receding but is now increasing again.

There are only a few tools we have right now to combat COVID-19: hand washing (aim for *once an hour* when outside of your home, and as needed), masks (I wear one whenever I leave my house), maintaining at least six feet of distance from people when you *are* outside of your home, and quickly providing information to contact tracers from the State or County if they call you. These tools work best when you use ALL of them together.

Please, please follow these guidelines. Lives are in the balance. Your actions can keep you and others safe.

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 (301-237-0632). 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 September, when with luck and good adherence to CDC guidelines, COVID-19 cases will be low and stable, and hopefully there will also be good news from vaccine trials. Take care and stay safe until then.

Community Input

Input from the community is welcomed and encouraged as we navigate a new medium for holding public meetings. The public is invited to join the meetings virtually or e-mail comments to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov. The internet or a smart phone are not the only ways to join in. You may also call from a landline to listen to the meeting and provide comments or call Town staff (301-927-6381) prior to the meeting and we will assist you with submitting your comments. We look forward to hearing from you!

Share Your Photos



Happy Birthday Riverdale Park! The Town turned 100 years old on June 14, 2020! Help us celebrate the Town's centennial by participating in our town-wide photo and video contest. We are looking for photos or videos of your favorite places in town, a favorite memory, your old neighborhood, or a fun time you shared with others. We will be sharing the submissions across our social media accounts. Members of the Town's Centennial Committee will be choosing 3 winners from the entries. First place winner will receive

a \$50 gift card to a restaurant in Town of their choice (so long as the restaurants have gift cards available). Second place winner gets a \$25 gift card. Third place winner gets a \$10 gift card. BONUS: 20 randomly selected entries will receive a We Love Town Life t-shirt! The end date for submissions is June 30, 2020. Only Town resident entries will be eligible for the prize drawings; all others can submit photos/videos for sharing on our accounts. Please send us a DM via our Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, or email your photos/videos to TRPSocialmedia@riverdaleparkmd.gov. We look forward to celebrating our 100th birthday with you!

VOICES OF RIVERDALE PARK!



Voices of Riverdale Park is a program comprised of monthly installments of short articles written by freelance journalists, who will interview various characters in Riverdale Park. These articles aim to share perceptions and narratives of the community, from the community. The list includes - but is not limited to - business owners, long term residents, new residents, and so on. Interested in sharing your story or writing an article? Message us on Facebook or call Town Hall at 301-927-6381! You can also email Program Specialist Denisa Caballero at dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

Town Cable Channel

The Town is working to improve the quality of the cable channel transmissions. The acquisition and installation of new equipment is necessary to make this happen. In the coming weeks, a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be created in order to acquire and install new equipment. This process will likely take several months. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work towards this goal.

Gangster Vegan Organics Now Open



Gangster Vegan Organics is now officially open for take-out and delivery. The eatery features vegan dishes with hip hop-inspired names, like a Swizz Beets burger, a C.R.E.A.M. smoothie made with bananas and dates and a Dirty South barbecue bowl.

You can order Gangster Vegan Organics by phone to pick up at (240) 667-2648 or through UberEats. People can also order takeout in person inside the restaurant and the turnaround time to prep any meal, which are all raw, is usually two or three minutes.

The eatery will be open from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays and will be adding additional availability over time. **You can follow Gangster Vegan Organics on Instagram @gangstervegandmv.**

Meetings with Staff

Staff are also available for virtual meetings while the Town buildings are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual meetings can be scheduled by phone or by e-mail. If you need assistance with scheduling a virtual meeting, please call 301-927-6381.

Volunteers Needed to Serve on Committees

The Town of Riverdale Park is seeking a volunteer to serve as an alternate member of the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission meets several times throughout the year and meeting days/times are flexible.

For more information about the Ethics Commission, visit

<http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/EthicsCommission.cfm>. Please contact Town Clerk Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov if you are interested in serving on this important committees.

Riverdale Park Food Forest



By Ryan Chelton
Development Services Director

The Town is establishing a Food Forest to assist residents whose income has been impacted by COVID-19 and are having difficulty finding food. The Food Forest will consist of multiple garden beds containing tomatoes, squash, peppers, cucumbers, beans, and more! Supplies for the Food Forest will be provided by the Town and volunteers will assist with the planting. If you have a green thumb and are interested in volunteering, please contact our Development Services office at 240-825-5333.

COME GROW WITH US!
WE ♥ TOWN LIFE!

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

Legislative Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

To participate visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82963697714?pwd=NVhSMzdZTXlvRjROSExpZjZJMVQxQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 829-6369-7714 **Password:** 913226

If you would like to provide written comments, please e-mail them to:

community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov
or call 301-927-6381 for assistance.

Neighborhood Services Frequently Asked Questions

I want to build something on my property, do I need a Town building permit?

In most cases, yes. If you are planning to build a fence, driveway, garage, or anything that will require a building permit from Prince George's County, you will also need to obtain a building permit from the Town. To contact Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, call (301) 883-5900 or visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1024/Permitting-Inspections-and-Enforcement>.

Town permits are also required for storage receptacles (PODS) and dumpsters. For more information regarding Town permits, please visit the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov. If you have additional questions, please contact the Neighborhood Services team at 301-927-6381.

Who should I call to report a concern regarding an animal?

To report a missing, vicious, injured, or deceased animal, please call the Prince George's County Animal Services Division at 301-780-7200. You will need the following information when you call:

- Name, address, phone number (this information will be kept confidential)
- Address where the animal was last seen
- Animal's physical condition
- Color of animal
- Type of animal

I have a concern about a property in my neighborhood, what should I do?

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

We look forward to working with you!

Cancellation of 2020 Adult Mosquito Spray Program

The Town has received notice from the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) that their adult mosquito spray program, which the Town has

participated in for many years, has been cancelled for this year due to budget constraints related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Town staff are working to identify possible options to continue this highly valued service.

MDA has reported that they anticipate being able to respond to complaints and conduct larviciding activity until they run out of the insecticide that they have in stock. Complaints regarding mosquitos may be submitted via their online form: <https://www.doit.state.md.us/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=740KI54#>.

As a reminder, to reduce the presence of mosquitos, residents must keep their property free of mosquitos breeding containers, stagnant water, bird baths, wading pools, pet watering dishes, tin cans, old tires, clogged gutters or flowerpots. Other water holding containers should be stored upside down.

Purple Line Construction Notices

Purple Line construction is still 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.



Coronavirus Testing Hotline

COVID-19 tests are available in Prince George's County. The Health Department is administering tests **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Call **301-883-6627**. Our nurses evaluate you over the phone, and if you get an appointment, you will be assessed once again when you arrive. It may take a few days to get results. If you get tested and your symptoms get worse, **DO NOT** wait for

your test results, SEEK MEDICAL CARE RIGHT AWAY.

This hotline is also for residents who have general COVID-19 questions or concerns. The hotline is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily to receive updated information about the coronavirus disease. ***Please contact 911 for medical emergencies only.**

Prince Georges County Health Department Testing Sites

COVID-19 testing is available at the following sites operated by the Prince George's County Health Department:

Cheverly Health Center

3003 Hospital Dr. Cheverly, MD 20782
Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center

7120 Contee Rd. Laurel, MD 20707
Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm.

Langley Park/Chillum area

Rollingcrest-Chillum Recreation Center
6120 Sargent Rd. Chillum, MD 20782
Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Center

8001 Sheriff Rd. Landover, MD 20785
Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville

6201 Belcrest Rd. Hyattsville, MD 20782
Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
<https://www.hyattsville.org/788/Coronavirus-COVID-19>



Pedestrian and Traffic Safety

Traffic signals

Traffic signals go for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic, but not obeying traffic signals is another major area for concern when it comes to pedestrian safety. Many a driver has been frustrated after a pedestrian has begun crossing the road when their signal says not to. You'll even see people trying to cross when the light is not in their favor. No matter how late you are or whether or not you think you can make the light, if the signal is not in your favor, do not begin crossing. Failure to yield on the pedestrian's part accounts for about 15% of pedestrian fatalities, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

As for vehicles, aggressive drivers will often disobey their lights as well – speeding up to run through yellows when they should be slowing down; trying to get 'just one more' through on a left hand turn; or the 'rolling stop/turn' on a right led or at a stop side. All of these behaviors put pedestrians and other drivers at risk of serious injury or death.

Cross at appropriate places

Jaywalking, or crossing the road where there is no intersection or crosswalk, is another leading cause of pedestrian injury. Cross where appropriate in order to avoid injury and whenever possible, walk on a sidewalk – if a sidewalk is not available you should walk on the shoulder of the road facing traffic so that you can clearly see oncoming vehicles and they can see you. Data from the NHTSA has found that crossing at improper places accounts for approximately 30% of pedestrian fatalities. Walking, playing, working, etc., in the roadway also accounts for 25% of fatalities.

Visibility

It can be difficult for drivers to see those walking at night or in inclement weather. When possible, wear light-colored clothing and walk in well-lit areas. Carry a flashlight, wear a headlamp, and wear reflective clothing for added visibility.

Safety.com

Rental Assistance COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance



Temporary, Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA) available to help with rent and utility payments for tenants whose employment income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. This assistance may help prevent arrears and late fees from accumulating and prevent evictions from occurring. Depending upon need, applicants may be eligible for a maximum of up to \$1,800.00 per month for a maximum of up to 3 months of emergency rental assistance.

Eligibility

Renter households residing in Prince George's County with household incomes at or below 80% of area median income, as published by HUD and adjusted for household size. Applicant must demonstrate that they are:

At-risk of losing their rental housing or utility shut-off due to a COVID-19 related financial crisis and lack the financial resources and support networks needed to remain in existing housing.

Have a current income at or below 80% of AMI, defined by HUD, as follows based on household size:

1-person household: less than \$54,350

2-person household: less than \$62,100

3-person household: less than \$69,850

4-person household: less than \$77,600

More than 4-person household, refer to agency for additional screening.

How to Apply

1. Applicants may submit preliminary information by completing the [Emergency Rental Assistance Intake Form](#) or
2. Applicants can call 211 or 301-864-7161 for intake and referral to an ERA Partner Agency

Once you submit your Intake Form, a representative will contact you to obtain your supporting documentation.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program will last until all available funds are allocated.

Documentation & Payments

Applicants will be required to provide supporting documentation of hardship, including, but not limited to the following:

- Verification of Income (i.e. W-2, pay-stubs and/or tax returns, bank statements)
- Eviction notice or correspondence from landlord indicating the tenant is in arrears and amount owed
- Unpaid utility bill or utility shut-off notice
- Fully executed rental/lease agreement and rental addendums (front page and signature page)
- Photo ID/identifications for all adult members of household (i.e. MD Driver's License, MD Government ID, Current Passport, Visa, Employment ID)
- Evidence of Loss of Income after March 5, 2020
- Other documentation demonstrating lack of assets and savings. Payments will be made directly to the landlord or utility company. The ERA Partner Agency will assess the applicant's documentation to determine eligibility. If applicant is only seeking utility bill assistance, all the above documentation may not be needed.

Business Grants

By Ryan Chelton, Development Services Director

Business Grants have been amended as part of the Partners in Economic Recovery to assist businesses during these difficult times. The Business Improvement Grant Program is now accepting applications with

limited interior work that serves to attract commerce in addition to the previously qualifying projects. the Business Growth Grant Program is accepting applications with both hard and soft project costs and applicants are no longer required to match program funds 10:1 and are now required to match 2:1. If you have any questions about these programs or any of our other programs for Town businesses, please contact our Development Services office at 240-825-5333.

SNAP Assistance

Call [Maryland Hunger Solutions](#) at 866-821-5552 for assistance and questions related to SNAP applications. They can assist with completing and submitting SNAP applications over the phone, submit any changes to your active SNAP case, answer questions about your benefits, and direct you to additional food resources.



What You Need to Know About the 2020 Census in Prince George's County

The 2020 Census directly impacts how much federal funding the State of Maryland will receive over the next decade. It is estimated that the state of Maryland will receive \$16,398,153,415 from 55 federal programs for resources such as schools, hospitals, and infrastructure. Failure to obtain a complete and accurate count in the 2020 Census may lead to Maryland losing millions of dollars in funding for programs that benefit Prince George's County residents. People of color, low-income populations, young children, immigrants, and undocumented residents are among the groups most likely to be undercounted.

Ensuring services for Prince George's County residents in the future requires that we work to obtain an accurate Census count.

The 2020 Census will include two phases: self-response and non-response follow up. Self-response is the most accurate way to complete the count and ensure that Census field representatives do not visit Prince George's County households. However, many households are less likely to complete the self-response because of factors such as distrust of government, complex home and living arrangements, and changes in technology that pose challenges for the self-response component. Boosting self-response numbers for the 2020 Census is the most effective way to ensure over \$800 billion (according to the George Washington University School of Public Policy) in federal funding is fairly distributed across the entire U.S. population, allowing residents to thrive, live, learn, and grow.

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States every ten years. This information is used by the federal government to allocate resources across the country. Maryland can receive close to \$16,398,153,415 in federal dollars to improve schools, transportation, parks, government assistance programs, emergency assistance, etc. Business also use this information to inform their decisions and bring more growth and commerce.



Bulk Trash Requests will be limited until September 1, 2020

Due to the high volume of collections, Bates Trucking must **limit the bulk collections to 20 homes per collection day**. Residents will be on a first call first served basis. Once the bulk list for your municipality is full residents will be advised to call back for the following week's collection.

To schedule an appointment call 301-773-2069; Thursdays 9am - Tuesdays 2pm to get on the bulk trash list that Wednesday's service. Appointments can also be scheduled online. Only 3 bulk items are permitted per week. Clothing, books, shoes, household items (i.e. pots, pan, utensils, etc.) should be placed into a box or bag (3 boxes = one item, 5 bags = one item).



How to Obtain Bulk Services On-Line

All residents in Municipalities that use Bates Trucking to provide their Bulk Trash Services can put in your request on-line. [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to our Request for Service page under the Customer Center tab. Select 'Bulk Trash Service' when you get to the Service Type and don't forget to list up to three (3) bulk items in the Comments Section.

Large Bulk Items Include

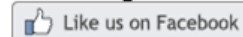
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Washers/Dryers
- Sofas
- Dining Room Table & Chairs
- Cabinets
- Deep Freezers
- Commodes/Toilets
- Desks
- Recliners
- Floor Model TVs
- Ladders
- Lawn Mowers
- Mattresses & Box Springs (covered)

Small Bulk Items Include

- Microwaves
- Lamps
- Small TVs
- Single Chairs
- Fans
- Broken Trash Cans
- Computers/Laptops/Printers
- Gardening Tools
- Mini Refrigerators

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about Bates Trucking Bulk Services!

Bates Trucking Trash Removal
PO Box 91, Bladensburg, MD 20710
(800) 840-6454 info@batestrucking.com



RENTAL LICENSES

TOWN RENTAL
LICENSE
APPLICATIONS
→ DUE
JULY 1, 2020

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT:

WWW.RIVERDALEPARKMD.GOV

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CALL

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AT

301-927-6381 OR EMAIL


LICENSES@RIVERDALEPARKMD.GOV

Rental Properties in Town

Guidelines for Property Owners

- All properties not occupied by the legal owners of record must be inspected and must obtain a Riverdale Park rental license.
- All bedrooms in rental dwellings must have a clear ceiling height of not less than 7 feet.
- Basements CANNOT be separated from the upstairs portion of a house by way of a key locked door or a separate entrance.
- All rental properties built prior to 1978 MUST have a lead paint certificate issued from the Maryland Department of the Environment (www.MDE.state.md.us).
- All bedrooms must have a secondary means of escape (window or door).
- Window must be openable from the inside "without the use of tools, keys, or special effort".
- A clear opening of 5 square feet for windows at or below grade (5.7 square feet if above grade)
- Bottom of the window sill must not exceed 44 inches above the floor.

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>To participate in a Zoom meeting, log in information will be provided on the Town's website and will be made available with each meeting agenda. Please contact Town Hall at town@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 if you have any questions.</p>			1	2 Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Town Center) Trash Collection	3 Town Hall and DPW Closed	4  Happy 4th of July!
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