

The Riverdale Park Town Crier

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Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information

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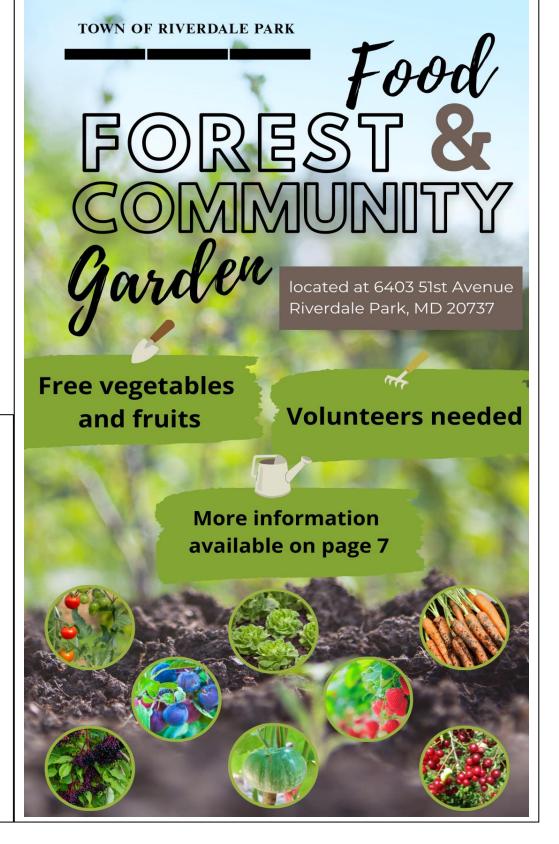
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 May 23, 2022

Legislative Action Item

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-03 regarding FY2023
 Operating and CIP Budget and Tax Rates - Adopted

Legislative Meeting June 6, 2022

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items: - Approved

- 1. Fence Permit Request: 6-foot fence at 6411 49th Avenue
- 2. Fence Permit Request: 6-foot fence at 4701 Oliver Street
- 3. Fence Permit Request: 6-foot fence at 4600 East West Highway
- Minutes: May 16, 2022, Special Work Session; May 2, 2022, Public Hearing; April 25, 2022, Special Legislative Meeting; November 1, 2021, Legislative Meeting; and October 4, 2021, Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items

- Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-04 regarding Town of Riverdale Park Property Maintenance Code - Adopted
- Motion to extend expiration of grant agreement with Brighter Bites from June 30, 2022, to August 31, 2022, to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic - *Approved*
- Motion to extend expiration of grant agreement with Shepherd's Table from June 30, 2022, to August 31, 2022, to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic - Approved
- Motion to extend expiration of grant agreement with CKAR CDC from June 30, 2022, to August 31, 2022, to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic - *Approved*
- Motion to send a letter of support for University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center - Approved

New Business

- Motion to direct spending up to \$20,054 with Town's on call engineering firm to conduct feasibility study (for public wi-fi and solar energy solutions) - Approved
- Motion to authorize a subcommittee (Mayor Thompson, CM Lingua, and CM Mayers) to express opinions on behalf of the entire Council on CB-21-2022 as amended - Approved
- Motion to move the June Work Session to June 27 Approved
- Motion to forgive absence of CMs Sadiq, CM Mejia, and CM Mayers – *Approved*



Town of Riverdale Park

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info@riverdalevfd.com;
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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

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson

It's mid-June as I write this report, and while we've had a few gorgeous days of weather, we've had some hot and humid weather too...but that's the weather that makes for great tomatoes and corn! I've been kayaking a fair amount and enjoying the summer; I hope you are enjoying your summer too!

COVID-19 – Current situation

As I said last month, the pandemic changes much faster than publication of this report, so I'm always guessing where we will be by the time you are reading this. If you want updates faster, I post on Twitter (@RPMdMayor) every time I learn something new about the status of COVID-19.

COVID-19 cases in the County have, for the moment, plateaued, though you should read my report from June about how the quality of the data is much worse than in the past. (I'm getting reports of a LOT of infection, including my wife who says that half her clients last week were infected.) Assuming we are reflecting the rest of the US, these cases are all subvariants of Omicron, as has been true since late December. About half of the cases are BA.2.12.1, but BA.4 and BA.5 are increasing rapidly, and the number of new variants being detected is huge. BA.4 and BA.5 have been shown to have higher infectiousness and *may* produce more serious symptoms. These two variants are expected to cause another wave of infections in late summer / early fall.

As always, do everything you can to avoid being infected to protect yourself, your family, and our community, including: (1) wearing a high-quality N-95 or KN-95 mask when outside of your home and, if you suspect you may be infected, inside your home as well to protect your family members; (2) avoiding crowded indoor areas as much as possible, particularly if the area is not well ventilated (somewhere that smoke would collect if something was burning) or a lot of people are not wearing masks; (3) avoiding poorly-ventilated areas where other people may have been within the last 3 hours; (4) regularly washing or sanitizing your hands, and (5) (perhaps the most important for your *personal* protection) staying up-to-date on your COVID-19 vaccinations – get every booster you are eligible to receive. Keep reading for prevention strategies that I haven't discussed in detail before....

COVID-19 - Long COVID

Last month I discussed what's called *Long COVID*, where aspects of the disease can last for months or longer after you have recovered from the initial infection. I encourage you to read that report if you haven't, but during the last month there have been two important research findings about Long COVID: (1) the fraction of people who have it, which the CDC now states to to be around 20 % of those infected and (2) the effectiveness of vaccination at preventing Long COVID, which appears to be low — only 15 % or so. It is still very important to stay up to date on your vaccinations, but current vaccines don't seem to help much with Long COVID. Even people who had asymptomatic COVID infections can get Long COVID.

COVID-19 – air quality

In each of my COVID-19 reports I list "avoiding poorly-ventilated areas" as a way to minimize your chances of catching it. While lots of fresh air is always a good idea, an alternative is filtering or cleaning the air. The White House launched a challenge in late March to encourage people to do this, which you can read about at https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/news-updates/2022/03/23/lets-clear-the-air-on-covid/

The first alternative, **filtering**, is best done by putting better HEPA or MERV-13 filtration in HVAC systems or installing portable HEPA systems. HEPA filters and systems tend to be expensive, but an alternative is to build what's called a Corsi-Rosenthal box, which is nothing more than a standard box fan duct-taped to one or more MERV-13 filters. For around \$100 worth of materials, you can reduce transmission of COVID in a classroom-sized space by 50-80 %. You can read more about these at https://cleanaircrew.org/box-fan-filters/, and I can tell you it's not hard to make one (I built one for Council Member Faulx to use in his classroom as part of Teacher Appreciation Week this year). These are extremely useful to have if someone in your household becomes infected with COVID, to prevent further transmission within your household, and an added benefit is that they will remove pollen and help out with allergies, and smoke!

The second option, **cleaning** the air, can be done with what's called upper-room ultraviolet-C (UV-C) or germicidal UV (UVGI). The ultraviolet rays that give us sunburns, UV-A and UV-B, have some effect on COVID-19 (and most other viruses and bacteria) but are not as effective as UV-C. UV-C can cause burns just like UV-A and UV-B, which is why it should be confined to the upper part of the room (and you should carefully avoid

looking directly at a UV-C bulb). UV-C has the advantage that it doesn't reflect from or transmit through almost all materials, so once it hits something (walls, ceilings, windows) you don't need to worry about it anymore.

Because of the hazards associated with UV-C, I do *not* recommend this for people at home, but I *do* encourage all of our retail businesses to look into this technology. For a few thousand dollars (and replacing the bulbs once a year) you can greatly reduce the chances of transmission not just of COVID-19 but also flu, colds, and even tuberculosis (these units have been used in homeless shelters for more than 15 years to prevent tuberculosis transmission). If you want to see a UVGI filter in action, we have one installed in the town's train station – it was installed last year just before we reopened the station. You can see a faint blue light in the upper part of the train station if you look through the windows at night.

You can read more about UVGI at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/ventilation/uvgi.html

Primary Election

On July 19 there will be a primary election, and I encourage everyone to research the candidates and vote! All of the top state-wide offices (Governor/Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, and Attorney General) are open seats (no incumbent is running) this year, and our US House seat and County Council District 3 seat are also open. We lost our US House Representative, Steny Hoyer, to redistricting, so you will want to consider your options carefully. Furthermore, the Governor's race has a huge number of candidates, so it's best to take some time to research who you want to vote for.

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 elsewhere 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!

Because there is no issue published in August, I'll be back here in September when summer will be leaving us and fall will be arriving. Take care and stay safe until then!

Town Office Extensions

- General Inquiries (301) 927-6381: ext. 500
- Assistance in Spanish: ext. 500
- o Town Provided Services (Public Works): ext. 500
- o Permits and Licensing: ext. 500
- Neighborhood (Code-related) Concerns: ext.
 508, 514
- o Business and Economic Development: ext. 509
- o Accounts Payable: ext. 500
- o Human Resources: ext. 507
- Town Clerk: ext. 505
- o 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_informatio n_reports.php
- ✓ Follow the Town's Social Media accounts:
 - Facebook:

 https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkM

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Facebook Page QR Code:



Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkm d aov/

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park_

Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS

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2022 Dates to Remember

- Town Offices and DPW Services Closed in recognition of Independence Day: July 4, 2022 (No trash or yard waste collection)
- Redistricting Committee Meeting: July 6, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- Legislative Meeting: July 11, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee (Green Team) Meeting: August 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
- TRP Walk & Talk: August 20, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.
- Council Work Session: August 29, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
- Town Offices and DPW Services Closed in recognition of Labor Day: September 5, 2022 (No trash or yard waste collection)
- Legislative Meeting: September 12, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
- Council Work Session: September 19, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

TRP Redistricting Committee Meeting: July 6, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89673624757?pwd=if35y MhSRcP4ee6hL2daoiE6QpujsY.1

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 896-7362-4757

Passcode: 23062022

Legislative Meeting: July 11, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82095418221?pwd=blJu

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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 820-9541-8221

Passcode: 579533

Council Work Session: August 29, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87065758334?pwd=M1R

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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 870-6575-8334

Passcode: 579555



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.

Residential Parking Permit Program

Several virtual Community Meetings will be held to discuss the Residential Permit Parking Program with residents. The purpose of the Community Meetings is to receive input from residents at the beginning of the permit parking program revision process. Please note that the dates below are tentative, and more information will be available in the Status and Information Report, on the Town's website, or by calling 301-927-6381.

The following virtual Community Meetings are proposed for the groups below:

Group 1: Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

- 5000 block of Riverdale Road
- 6100 block of 54th Avenue
- 5000 block of Nicholson Street
- 5300 block of Powhatan Street
- 5411 Powhatan Street
- 5000 block of Somerset Road
- 4700 block of Tuckerman Street
- 5800-6000 block of Riverside Drive

Group 2: Wednesday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

• Madison Hill neighborhood

Group 3: Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

• Riverdale Park Station townhome neighborhood

Questions about the Residential Parking Permit Program can be sent to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov

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

Jermaine Dixon- jdixon@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 ext. 514

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.

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-callcheck.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 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.

Food Forest and Community Garden

The Town's Food Forest and Community Garden have been busy with volunteers, Town officials, and staff planting a variety of produce that should be ready for harvest in the coming weeks. Residents are free to take fresh produce and the Town provides the materials necessary for the garden. The Food Forest and Community Garden help promote healthy food choices, providing free food resources to residents and it also helps boost the spirit of community!

Residents are invited to stop by the Community Garden and Food Forest to harvest the ripe vegetables and fruits as they become available. The Food Forest will likely not generate a lot of fruit this season, but we expect to see more fruit from the Food Forest in the coming years. The Community Garden is expected to generate lots of vegetables for the community again this season.

The following list of vegetables and fruits have been planted at the Community Garden: tomatoes, cabbage, squash, brussels sprouts, lettuce, strawberries, watermelon, cantaloupe, green pepper, yellow pepper, cucumber, zucchini, eggplant, cilantro and basil.

The following have been planted at the Food Forest: chokecherry, persimmon, serviceberry highbush blueberry, beach plum, elderberry, eastern redbud, American hazelnut, pawpaw, fragrant sumac, lowbush blueberry, aronia melanocarpa.

Volunteers are always needed to help maintain the Food Forest and Community Garden. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ryan Chelton at *rchelton@riverdaleparkmd.gov* for details. The Riverdale Park Food Forest and Community Garden are located at 6403 51st Avenue.

Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Graduation

Sergeant Jaime Amaya has graduated from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. The Riverdale Park Police Department is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Sergeant Jaime Amaya from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University. Sergeant Jaime Amaya has successfully completed the (22) week Staff and Command program held in Evanston, Illinois from July 12 – December 19, 2021. This program, which was implemented by the Center for Public Safety in 1983, has graduated over 30,000 students both nationally and internationally. Sergeant Jaime Amaya was a student in SPSC Class #503 which accommodated a total of 21 students for the twenty-two-week period.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in a total of twenty-seven core blocks of instruction and additional optional blocks during each session. The major topics of study include: Leadership, Human Resources, Employee Relations, Organizational Behavior, Applied Statistics, Planning and Policy Development, Budgeting and Resource Allocation.

Each student is academically challenged through written examinations, projects, presentations, and quizzes in addition to a staff study paper that are all required parts of the curriculum. Upon successful completion, students may be awarded a total of 6 units of undergraduate credit from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

The Center for Public Safety was established at Northwestern University in 1936 with the specific goal of expanding university-based education and training for the Law Enforcement Community. Since its inception, the Center has broadened its original objective and now provides a variety of courses and programs in the area of Police Training, Management Training, and Executive Development.

The Riverdale Park Police Department anticipates a variety of benefits from Sergeant Jaime Amaya's attendance at this program. Many of the program's graduates do go on to achieve a variety of leadership positions within their respective agencies.



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Inc.

Riverdale Park Officer to Receive Medal of Honor Private Quenton Josey has been selected to receive the 2021 Maryland Chiefs of Police Association — Medal of Honor. This is the highest award conferred upon an officer who, in a life-threatening situation, displayed exceptional courage, intelligence, alertness and presence of mind and acted in a manner above and beyond the call of duty. This award usually involves a single event where the nominee's life was placed in danger while either saving a life or apprehending a dangerous felon.

The award will be presented on Monday, September 12, 2022 at our annual Professional Development Seminar which will be held at the Ocean City Fontainebleau Resort, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland. The award winners are offered a two night stay for two at the hotel, meals included. We also ask that a Departmental representative (usually the Chief or his/her designee) be in attendance during the award ceremony to present the award along with the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association President, Chief Melissa Hyatt.

Emergency Housing Assistance

On March 7, 2022, Town Council approved the creation of the Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) program and on March 28, 2022, approved funding for program in response to the exponential need for housing assistance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The EHA program provides rent, mortgage and utility assistance to eligible residents facing or that faced a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town has partnered with Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development, Inc. (SEED), a HUD-certified counseling agency to administer the program on behalf of the Town.

Tenants and homeowners may apply for their delinquent rental or mortgage payments that began April 1, 2020, for up to 12 months of back rent. The monthly amount of assistance is based on the actual rent or mortgage value less all late fees, interest, and other costs associated with the applicant's default. Residents are able to apply for utility assistance singularly or combined with rent or mortgage assistance. Utility assistance includes gas, electricity, water/sewer. A Social Security number or birth certificate is NOT required to apply. All Town residents that are in need, had a financial setback and defaulted

on rent, mortgage or utility payments are encouraged to apply. Applications can be submitted at https://forms.gle/UdAwn7fJ39cx2qhW9. Additional information can be found on the flyer included in the *Town Crier*.

Neighborhood Garden Party

Saturday, August 6, noon-3 pm FREE! No registration necessary

Riversdale House Museum invites our Riverdale Park neighbors to enjoy, explore, and engage during a party just for you! Discover ways you can get involved, share feedback, say hello & have fun! Picnics & leashed pets welcome. Lawn games | Tours | Treats & Giveaways (while supplies last). Bilingual materials & interpreters available.

Riversdale House Museum | 4811 Riverdale Road | Riverdale Park | 20737 riversdale@pgparks.com; 301.864.0420; TTY 301.699.2544



Boy Scout Troop 214

On Sunday, June 5, 2022, Boy Scout Troop 214 honored four Scouts—Andrew Jones, Devon Kaelber, Sean Leonard, and Lee Smith—who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting. The ceremony took place at Elks Lodge #1778 in Riverdale Park with family members and fellow Scouts in attendance.

Achieving the rank of Eagle is no easy task and requires the dedication of the Scout to fulfill its requirements. As part of the requirements for Eagle Scout, each Scout must plan, develop, and lead a service project to help an organization, school, or community. True to Troop 214's focus on the outdoors, the Scouts' service projects

focused on improving our local parks from trail remulching to invasive species removal and the protection of our trees.

Eagle Scout Project Enhances Calvert Memorial Park

Working with the Riversdale Historical Society (RHS) and the Paint Branch Garden Club (PBGC), a local Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 249 coordinated and supervised a project at the Calvert Memorial Park to install a brick outline of the footprint of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, which, from 1897 to 1950, existed on the site just a short walk up the stairs from the Town Center.

The outline of the Church was created using approximately 850 bricks, set into the lawn of the Park. Using a survey of the site, the Scout set up lines showing the perimeter of the Church, and then using a sod cutter to remove the grass, bricks were set on a bed of small stone gravel. Two wooden benches built for the park were also included as a part of the installation. RHS is creating signage that will explain the cemetery, the church and the history of the site.

The church history reaches back to 1896, when citizens of Riverdale Park and the surrounding towns established the Riverdale Presbyterian Church next to the Calvert family cemetery. In 1950, the congregation of the Church moved to a new location in University Park, and in the late 1950's, much of the church was destroyed by fire. In 1968, as Route 410 was being constructed, the Riversdale Historical Society purchased the property from the State of Maryland.

The project enhances the Calvert Memorial Park, the final resting place of eight members of the Calvert Family, descendants of the original proprietor of the state of Maryland. The Park is part of what was originally the 700-acre Riversdale estate owned by the Calvert Family. At its heart, within walking distance from the cemetery, is the Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, located in the restored, five-part, stucco-covered brick home built between 1801 and 1807. The Museum is open for public tours on Friday and Sunday from noon to 3:30pm. By the mid-1850's, the Riversdale estate grew to over 2,000 acres. Today, the University of Maryland, College Park campus

as well as the Ikea on Route 1 outside the Beltway are located on the land that was a part of Riversdale. RHS Vice President Howard Menaker commented that the Scout project was a great example of volunteerism, bringing together 34 Scouts and adults who worked over 120 hours of planning, coordination, and construction under the Scout's leadership.

The Park is open to the public each day from dawn to dusk.







Prince George's County Board of Elections 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774



2022 PRIMARY ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

EARLY VOTING

Thurs., July 7, 2022 to Thurs., July 14, 2022 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Deadline to Register to Vote or Change Party Affiliation Tuesday, June 28, 2022 | 5:00 p.m. (In office) | 11:59 p.m. (online)

Deadline to Request Vote by Mail Ballot

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 8:00 p.m. (mail request)

1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A Largo, MD 20774

11:59 p.m. (fax/email request) 301-341-7399 or email boeabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us

Deadline to Request Electronic Vote by Mail Ballot

Friday, July 15, 2022 5:00 p.m. (mail request)

1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A Largo, MD 20774

11:59 p.m. (fax/email request) 301-341-7399 or email boeabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us



Text VBM to 77788



Requests for vote by mail ballots by mail or fax must be in the Board of Elections Office by the deadline date-not postmarked. Requests for vote by mail ballots may be hand delivered to the Prince George's County Board of Elections Office.

Upon delivery of your request, your ballot may be picked up. When picked up, your ballot may be taken with you and retur by mail or you may vote while at the Board of Elections.

Please note: only registered Democrats and Republicans can vote in the primary election unless there is a nonpartisan race in the voter's district.

we information, contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at (301) 341–7300 or visit the website at: http://elections.mypgc.us or email: election@co.pg.md.us

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En las Elecciones Primarias de 2022 Fechas Importantes

Elección Primaria de 2022

martes, 19 de julio de 2022 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Votación Temprana

jueves, 7 de julio de 2022 hasta jueves, 14 de julio de 2022 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Fecha limite para registrarse para votar o cambiar de afiliación partidista martes, 28 de junio de 2022 5:00 p.m. (en la oficina) 11:59 p.m. (en linea)

Fecha limite para solicitar el voto Papeleta de voto por correo

martes, 12 de julio de 2022 8:00 p.m. (solicitud por correo)

1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A Largo, MD 20774

11:59 p.m. solicitud por fax/correo electrónico 301-341-7399 o correo electrónico boeabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us

1 Envia texto VBM al 77788

Fecha limite para solicitar electrónico Voto Ausente por Internet

viernes, 15 de julio de 2022

1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A Largo, MD 20774

11:59 p.m. solicitud por fax/correo electrónico 301-341-7399 o correo electrónico boeabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us



La solicitud de papeletas de voto por correo o fax debe recibirse en la Oficina de la Junta Electoral antes de la fecha limite, no matasellada. Las solicitudes de papeletas de voto en ausencia se pueden entregar en persona en la Oficina de la Junta Electoral del Condado de Prince George.

Tan pronto entregue su solicitud, podrá recoger su papeleta, podrá llevarse su papeleta y devolverla por correo o puede votar en la Junta Electoral.

Tenga en cuenta: solo los demócratas y republicanos registrados pueden votar en las elecciones primarias a menos que haya una contienda no partidista en el distrito del votante.

Para más información, contacte la Junta Electoral del Condado de Prince George por teléfono llamando al (301) 341-7300 o visite el sitio web en: http://elections.mypgc.us o por correo electrónico: election@co.pg.md.us



Fireworks Cause Injury & Damage Property

Every year in the United States, around the Fourth of July, thousands of people are injured and sometimes killed due to accidents involving fireworks. Sadly many of the injuries and deaths involve children. The Prince George's County Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department is concerned about the potential for injury and property damage from fireworks to the residents of Prince George's County. The Department responds to many calls related to fireworks use each year.

Prince George's County has a law that is meant to protect you!

The Law in Prince George's County

Plain and simple - ALL consumer fireworks from the smallest to the largest are illegal.

- . It is illegal for any person to manufacture, possess, store, offer for sale, sell, discharge, use, burn, or explode any fireworks in Prince George's County, Maryland, except that an authorized display may be conducted by a licensed pyrotechnic professional.
- Penalties for violations of the law include a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

People are most often injured or killed improperly using fireworks classified as 1.4g explosives by the U.S. Department of Transportation, commonly referred to as "consumer fireworks."

All fireworks, commercial, consumer and homemade, are illegal in Prince George's County.

Prince George's County has banned the sale, use and possession of these fireworks based on the danger to our citizens caused by the misuse of these products

The PGFD/EMS Fireworks Amnesty Program

· In Prince George's County, residents may turn in fireworks without fear of being arrested or fined. To turn in fireworks, contact the

PGFD/EMS Watch Office: 301-583-2200

- A member of the Fire/EMS Department will come to your home or business and remove your fireworks. ithout you risking arrest and/or fine. The amnesty program operates year-round
- To report the illegal use of fireworks, go to www.911.mypgc.us to fill out an online form for nonrbance calls and police will be dispatched OR call the non-emergency dispatch number - 301-352-1200 Please do not call 9-1-1 unless you are experiencing an emergency, or the fireworks are an immediate threat.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD. FIRE / EMS DEPARTMENT Amnistía De Fuegos Artificiales

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION? CONTACT PGFD WATCH OFFICE 301-583-2200 ANGELA D. ALSOBROOKS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE • TIFFANY D. GREEN, FIRE CHIEF

Los Fuegos Artificiales Causan Heridas Y Dañan Propiedades

Cada año en los estados unidos cerca del 4 de Julio. Miles de personas son heridas y a veces muertas en accidentes que involucran fuegos artificiales. Tristemente muchos de los heridos y muertos son niños. El Departamento de Bomberos del Condado de Prince George está preocupado por heridas y daños a propiedades causados por fuegos artificiales a los residentes del condado. El Departamento de Bomberos responde a muchas llamadas relacionadas al uso de fuegos artificiales cada año.

El Condado de Prince George tiene una ley que es para protegerte.

La Ley Del Condado De Prince George Simple y sencillo: todos los fuegos artificiales desde elas pequeño hasta el más grande son llegales.

- Es ilegal para cualquier persona, fabricar, poseer, ofrecer para venta, vender, descargar, usar, quemar o explotar cualquier fuego artificial en el Condado de Prince George. A menos de que sea un show autorizado llevado a cabo por un profesional de la pirotecnia.
- Las penalidades por violación de la ley incluye multas de hasta 1000 y o 6 meses de cárcel.

La gente generalmente se lastima o mata usando inapropiadamente fuegos artificiales. Clasificados como explosivos de 1.4g por el departamento de transportación comúnmente conocidos como fuegos artificiales para el consumidor.

Todos los fuegos artificiales comerciales, para el consumidor y hechos en casa son ilegales en el Condado de Prince George

El Condado De Prince George anuló la venta, uso, y portación de estos fuegos artificiales basados en el peligro para nuestros ciudadanos, causados por el l uso de estos productos

El Programa De Amnistía Del Departamento De Bomberos

• En el condado de Prince george los residentes pueden entregar sus fuegos artificiales sin el temor de ir a la cárcel o pagar multas. Para entregar fuegos artificiales contacta

A La Oficina De Vigilancia Del Departamento De Bomberos Al 301-583-2200

lés es el único lenguaje hablado en este número. Por fovor asegúnese de que usted o alquien que esté con usted puedi

- Un miembro del departamento de bomberos llegara a tu casa o negocio y recogerá los fuegos artificiales sin riesgo de arresto o multa para ti. El programa de amnistía está disponible todo el año
- Para reportar el uso ilegal de fuegos artificiales llama al número de no emergencia 301-352-1200.

Por favor no llames al 911 a menos que sea una emergencia o que los fuegos artificiales sean una amenaza.





SAVE THE DATE

Let's Talk Trees - Globally, Regionally, Locally

TREE SUM

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED

from 9:30 a.m. - noon

Hands-on demonstration (tentative)

Hosted by the Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BRENDA HARRIS AT 301-408-4343, OR SENIORS@PGPARKS.COM.







O Oppparks

Our front desk staff has access to an over-the-ghone interpretation service and can help in over 150 lang. Please ask for assistance when you call or visit us.

The Department of Parks and Recreation encourage to set a minimum of two weeks in advance of the p

RIVERDALE PARK ARTS

MAKING ART AND MUSIC ACCESSIBLE TO OUR COMMUNITY

CONCERTS

July 20 - Polka Terps Oktoberfest in July!

July 27 - ARCO

August 3 - Cantabile Groove

August 10 - Hart Guonjian-Pettit Jazz Duo

August 17 - Mayland Clarinet Quartet

August 24 - Patapsco Brass Quintet

August 31 - Carol Anne Bosco and Friends September 7 - IGNIS Woodwind Quintet

September 14 - University of Maryland Jazz

September 21 - Noah Getz and Friends

WEDNESDAYS STARTING IN JULY 2022 | 7 PM **TOWN CENTER** MARKET PATIO

Amazing Music, Great **Beer and Incredible** Wine!



ore info please visit: riverdaleparkar 4705 Queensbury Rd, Riverdale, MD





JOIN NEIGHBORS AND TOWN OFFICIALS

- Walk and Talk through the community
- Discuss community concerns
- ն Identify items that need attention
- Participate in a micro-clean up along the way

>>> TRP WALK & TALKS SCHEDULE

Satorday, May 14, 2022 € 9.30 a.m. √

Saturday, Jone 11, 2022 @ 9.30 a.m. ****

Saturday, August 20, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 17, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 22, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.



TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

301-927-6381 www.riverdaleparkmd.gov







TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE



The Town of Riverdale Park is now offering emergency housing assistance to tenants and homeowners experiencing financial difficulties due to COVID-19 pandemic through the Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) program. Apply online: https://forms.gle/UdAwn7fJ39cx2qhW9 or scan the QR code on the bottom. The application deadline is April 22th, 2022.

What can EHA cover?

Tenants and borrowers may apply for their delinquent rental or mortgage payments beginning on or after April 1, 2020 for up to 12 months of back rent. The monthly amount of assistance is based on the actual rent or mortgage value less all late fees, interest, and other costs associated with the applicant's default.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be residents of the Town of Riverdale Park. Property must be primary residence.
- Must be at least 3 months delinquent.
- Have a valid lease or mortgage agreement in their name.
- Income eligible families whose annual income does not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), as determined by HUD, and adjusted for household size (check the application link for AMI eligibility).
- Able to show income loss due to COVID-19.

A Social Security number or birth certificate is not required to apply.

Scan the QR code to apply





REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO APPLY

- · Photo identification
- Signed lease agreement
- Most recent W-2 and/or 1099
- Rent ledger/Account statement
- Proof of income for all 18+ non full-time college students (including wages, TANF, social security. pension, retirement, and unemployment) for 1 month
- Current utility bill (if applicable)

A COUNSELING SESSION
IS REQUIRED AND WILL
BE SCHEDULED AFTER
THE APPLICATION IS
REVIEWED

NO WALK-INS, ONLINE APPLICATION ONLY

Contact SEED: 6201 Riverdale Rd. #200, Riverdale, MD 20737 301-458-9808 ext. 118 MDAdmin@seedinc.org www.seedinc.org

CIUDAD DE RIVERDALE PARK ASISTENCIA DE VIVIENDA DE EMERGENCIA



La ciudad de Riverdale Park ahora está ofreciendo asistencia de vivienda de emergencia a inquilinos y propietarios de casas que tienen dificultades financieras debido a la pandemia de COVID-19 a través de la Asistencia de Vivienda de Emergencia (EHA). Puede aplicar en línea: https://forms.gle/UdAwn7fJ39cx2qhW9 o escanee el código QR en la parte inferior. La fecha límite de solicitud es el 22 de abril de 2022.

¿Qué puede cubrir la EHA?

Los inquilinos y prestatarios pueden aplicar por su renta retrasada o pago de su hipoteca retrasados, que hayan ocurrido a partir o después de abril 1, 2020 hasta 12 meses de renta o hipoteca retroactivos.

El monto mensual de la asistencia se basa en la renta actual o valor de la hipoteca mensual menos todos los cargos por demora, intereses y otros costos asociados con el incumplimiento del solicitante.

Requisitos de Elegibilidad

- Residentes de la ciudad de Riverdale Park. la propiedad debe ser la residencia principal.
- · Debe estar 3 meses retrasado
- Tener un contrato de arrendamiento o hipoteca válido a su nombre.
- Familias elegibles por ingresos cuyos ingresos anuales no excedan el 80% del Ingreso Medio del Área (AMI), como determinado por HUD y ajustado por el tamaño del hogar (consulte el enlace de la aplicación para conocer la elegibilidad de AMI).
- Capaz de mostrar la pérdida de ingresos debido a COVID-19.

No se requiere un número de Seguro Social o certificado de nacimiento para aplicar.

Escanee el código QR para aplicar





DOCUMENTOS REQUERIDOS PARA APLICAR

- · Identificación con foto
- Contrato de arrendamiento firmado
- Formato de Impuestos W2 y/o 1099
- Historial de pago renta/Hipoteca casa
- Comprobante de ingresos para todos los mayores de 18 años que no sean estudiantes universitarios de tiempo completo (incluyendo salarios, TANF, pagos de seguro social, pensión, jubilación y desempleo) para 1 mes
- Factura de servicios públicos actual (si aplica)

UNA SESION DE CONSEJERIA VIRTUAL ES REQUERIDA Y SE PROGRAMARÁ DESPUÉS DE QUE LA APLICACIÓN SEA REVISADA.

NO EN PERSONA, SOLO SOLICITUDES EN LÍNEA

Contacto de SEED: 6201 Riverdale Rd. #200, Riverdale, MD 20737 301-458-9808 ext. 118 MDAdmin@seedinc.org www.seedinc.org

July 2022

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	Town Hall and DPW Services Closed In Observance of Independence Day		Recycling Collection Redistricting Committee Meeting 7 p.m.	Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Town Center	Train Stop Tunes Town Center 7 p.m.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Trash and Yard Waste Collection Legislative Meeting 7 p.m.		Recycling Collection	Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Town Center	Train Stop Tunes Town Center 7 p.m.	Bulk Trash Drop Off 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Trash and Yard Waste Collection		Recycling Collection Summer Patio Concert Series Town Center Market 7 p.m.	Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Town Center	Train Stop Tunes Town Center 7 p.m.	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Trash and Yard Waste Collection		Recycling Collection Jazz on the Lawn (Riversdale House Museum) Summer Patio Concert Series Town Center Market	Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Town Center	Train Stop Tunes Town Center 7 p.m.	
			7 p.m.			

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Trash and Yard Waste Collection	National Night Out (Save the Date)	Recycling Collection M-UTC Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Town Center	Train Stop Tunes Town Center 7 p.m.	Riversdale House Museum Neighborhood Garden Party 12noon- 3 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Trash and Yard Waste Collection		Recycling Collection RPSC/Green Team Meeting 7:30 p.m. Summer Patio Concert Series Town Center	Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Town Center	Train Stop Tunes Town Center 7 p.m.	
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