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Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information

Town Hall

5008 Queensbury Road
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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.batestucking.com



RIVERDALE PARK: COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS TODAY!

THE 2020 CENSUS IS HAPPENING NOW. READ ON FOR HELPFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION:

You can respond online using your computer, smartphone, or tablet. You can also respond by phone or by mail.

You can complete the online questionnaire in the following languages: English, Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian, Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese.

To access the 2020 Census questionnaire in English, click the "Respond" button on the my2020census.gov page. There, click on the globe icon at the top of the page and select the language. You can also select your preferred language there at the bottom of any screen.

To help you respond, the Census Bureau also offers web pages and guides in 59 non-English languages, including American Sign Language, as well as guides in Braille and large print.

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The quickest way to respond to the 2020 Census is online with your Census ID, which easily links your response with your address. However, you can respond without a Census ID and still be linked with your address. This ID can be found on the letter or questionnaire you received from the Census Bureau.

If you have not received anything from the Census Bureau yet, you can still respond online without your Census ID. Visit the online form and select "Start Questionnaire." Below the ID field, choose the link that says, "If you do not have a Census ID, click here."

Once you complete your questionnaire online, a confirmation number will appear to indicate that your response was submitted successfully.

As of May 20, 2020, the Town of Riverdale Park has a response rate of 58%. The National self-response rate is 59.8%. Maryland's self-response rate is at 63.9%. Prince George's County's self-response rate is at 61.2%.

Are You Up to the Challenge?

Census results shape the future of communities, as census data informs how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed for health clinics, school lunch programs, disaster recovery initiatives, and other critical programs and services for the next 10 years.

You can inspire others. Tell everyone—your friends and family, neighbors and co-workers—that you will complete the census, and that they should respond now, too!



Council Actions

Legislative Meeting May 5, 2020

Consent Agenda

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

1. Fence Permit Request: 6-foot wooden fence at 4710 Ravenswood Road
2. Minutes: March 25, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to send a letter to the Planning Board regarding the Town's position on Special Permit Application SP-190001 for McDonald's - **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with A.K.J., Inc. for Municipal Center Project - Roof Replacement - **Approved**
3. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-05 regarding Chapter 53 Police Department - **Introduced**

Special Legislative Meeting May 12, 2020

Legislative Action Items:

1. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-09 regarding the FY2021 Budget and Tax Rates - **Introduced**
2. Motion to approve the extension of contract with Bates Trucking for residential trash collection services for a period of three (3) years - **Approved**

Fair Summary of Legislation

ORDINANCE 2020-OR-05

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2020-OR-05.

Ordinance 2020-OR-05 would comprehensively revise Town ordinances relating to the establishment, composition, organization, powers and duties, and officer and employee qualifications for the Riverdale Park Police Department; provide for certain permitted and prohibited activities of Department officers and employees relating to immigration law enforcement and federal immigration authorities; provide that Department activities regarding immigration must be consistent with federal law; and generally relate to the Riverdale Park Police Department.

ORDINANCE 2020-OR-06

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has

Town of Riverdale Park

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Cable Channels: 10 and 71

Mayor

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Administration

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info@riverdalevfd.com;
www.riverdalevfd.com

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Submission deadline: 15th of each month

Send submissions to:
towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov

introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2020-OR-06.

Ordinance 2020-OR-06 would modify the civil service departments in the Town government; modify unclassified positions in the Town government; provide for certain severance payments for certain unclassified employees under certain circumstances; and generally relate to the organizational structure of the Town government.

ORDINANCE 2020-OR-07

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2020-OR-07.

Ordinance 2020-OR-07 would amend the Town of Riverdale Park Personnel Manual to define certain terms, prohibit certain contracts of employment, alter the authority and procedures for certain performance assessments and discipline, alter certain provisions relating to voluntary departures from Town employment, and generally relate to the Town Personnel Manual.

ORDINANCE 2020-OR-09

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2020-OR-09

Ordinance 2020-OR-09 would adopt operating and capital budgets for the Town of Riverdale Park for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021; set rates of real property, personal property, and operating property taxation for such fiscal year and levy such taxes; and address matters generally relating to the adoption of Town budgets and levying of taxes and setting of tax rates for the Town of Riverdale Park for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2020-CR-01

This is to give notice the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Charter Amendment Resolution 2020-CR-01.

Charter Amendment Resolution 2020-CR-01 would amend Sections 702(c)(3), 702(c)(4) 702(c)(8) and 705(a)(2) of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park

(January 2008 Revision), 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.

Ordinances 2020-OR-06, 2020-OR-07, 2020-OR-09, and Charter Amendment Resolution 2020-CR-01 are available for inspection by the public on the Town's website or by e-mail request to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

RIVERDALE PARK TOWN COUNCIL

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!

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.

COME GROW WITH US!

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Mayor's Report

It is mid-May as I write this, and while the weather and season are fabulous, with warm days, cool nights, and flowers everywhere, that beauty is dimmed by the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects.

COVID-19

As I said last month, every week I spend many, many hours on telephone/video conferences staying up to date on the COVID-19 pandemic and response. I spend still more time reading and digesting news to understand how the pandemic might impact Riverdale Park residents and businesses. I am grateful to be advised on these calls by experts from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, County Executive Alsobrooks and her team (including the Prince George's County Department of Health), County Council Representative Glaros, and representatives from Governor Larry Hogan's Office and state agencies. My assessment of the current situation, and predictions for the future, are based on all of the information I've processed.

COVID-19: Current situation

Please remember that I am writing in mid-May, and the situation will almost certainly have changed by the time you are reading this.

From the perspective of town operations, we are continuing to provide as many services as possible while keeping our staff and residents safe, and have entered a "new normal," at least for the moment. We continue to have a greatly-reduced staff at Town Hall and ask that you conduct business through the town's web site and via telephone.

In mid-April I reported that I thought that the daily hospitalizations and deaths had stabilized; that appears to have been optimistic but basically true. While the number of hospitalizations is no longer provided by the County, the number of daily diagnoses rose from around 200 then to around 250, and has been stable since. Data on deaths is similar but of course the numbers are smaller and jump around more. There have been approximately 330 confirmed deaths in

Prince George's County since I wrote that article, 10 per day (to put that number in perspective, it is approximately the number of deaths in the County each day from cancer and heart disease *combined*). While the County Health Department does not reveal deaths by municipality or even zip code, I know of 9 deaths in Riverdale Park, and suspect there are more that I don't know about.

I was optimistic in April, based on what I saw then, that our rates of infection would be much lower than they have turned out to be, and I think it's more realistic that we will see these higher rates of infection, hospitalization, and death for at least a few months. My only hope over those months is that we can bring these rates down with testing, contact tracing, and the quarantine required if someone is found to have been in contact with an infected person. Another possibility, which I'll discuss next, is masks.

COVID-19: Masks

Before I even start, let me tell you that I hate wearing a mask as much as anyone – the mask I have squishes my nose, makes it a little difficult to breathe when I am on a walk, and makes it difficult to talk to people I see while I'm out (from a safe distance, of course!). All that being said, there's emerging research that wearing a mask is an inexpensive and effective way to reduce the spread of the virus, and get us back to a more normal life. Under Governor Hogan's Roadmap to Recovery, masks will be required for many, many months after reopening starts. These masks are to prevent an infected person from infecting other people, in particular in the early stages of the disease, when people don't even feel sick or have other symptoms. Masks are not as effective at protecting you from the virus; wearing a mask is an action you take to protect others. Almost half of infections happen from people with no symptoms, and preventing these infections would (with widespread testing and contact tracing) be the fastest way to end this disease. Please, for the sake of those in the community most threatened by COVID-19, wear a mask whenever you are in a public space and others are present. And remember, the mask is *in addition to* maintaining a six-foot distance from others.

COVID-19: Our community working together

Although the current situation is bleak, and we are all unhappy with the requirements to stay home and remain physically distant from others, this situation and crisis is temporary, and we can expect to return to a more normal situation fairly soon. I can also say that

our community is working to address the economic impacts on many of our residents and businesses.

As I am writing, the Town's Farmers Market Dollars program has been in effect for seven weeks is allowing 125 families to purchase fresh food at our Farmers Market. Several other efforts to provide food are also seeing success:

- World Central Kitchen is running a program that provides thousands of meals per week in our zip code;
- A program suggested by Banana Blossom Bistro owners Phil and Annie Esguerra, Greater Riverdale Cares, has been organized by Dannielle Glaros and is administered by the Central Kenilworth Area Revitalization (CKAR) CDC – this program collects donations at a GoFundMe page (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/gofundmecomgreat-er-riverdale-cares>) to pay for area restaurants (including Banana Blossom Bistro, Denizen's Brewery, Riviera Tapas, Dumm's Pizza/250 Texas BBQ, and Gepetto Catering) to provide meals to residents in need – this program has distributed *thousands* of meals over the last month;
- The Christian Life Center has ramped up and adjusted – to improve safety – their existing food distribution program and provided food to hundreds of families each month;
- The Capital Area Food Bank has committed to providing thousands of boxes of food at area locations through the end of May (hopefully longer).

All-in-all these programs are distributing around 8,000 meals to area residents each week. I am proud of Riverdale Park, our neighboring communities, businesses, and non-profit organizations for jumping in to address this critical issue of food security in the current economic situation, and would like to thank everyone involved.

The Town Council is discussing additional programs to assist residents and businesses economically impacted by COVID-19. These programs will be mostly funded by federal money provided through the CARES act. (I hope they will have been approved and implemented by the time you read this). Stay tuned!

Town Budget

The Town Budget was introduced early in May and adopted at the end of May. It is a conservative budget that reflects the funding realities that we anticipate

happening as a result of the pandemic. We have preserved current levels of service, and are deferring some capital projects and hires until we have more knowledge of economic and financial conditions.

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 July, when hopefully restrictions will be loosened, and with some luck and hard work we will be seeing dramatic drops in cases. Take care and stay safe until then.

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

Special Legislative Meeting, Work Session and Public Hearing for Charter Amendment

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

To participate visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83404286059?pwd=dIErc1VBd0hiUnVyZHNiYW42QTdDdz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 834-0428-6059 **Password:** 575512

M-UTC Local Design Review Committee

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Ethics Commission Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

To participate visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85884658531?pwd=bTIRV3Q5cDhndjdZWdhdhWW5ZalRVQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 858-8465-8531 **Password:** 035634

Council Work Session

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

To participate visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85197500069?pwd=WEgzU3YrWHpRTEFjNW8vOFNFVONzUT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 851-9750-0069 **Password:** 759784

Legislative Meeting

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

To participate visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82963697714?pwd=NVhSMzdZTXIvRjR0SExp0ZJMVQxQT09>

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.

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.

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!

Mosquito Control Program



The Town will once again participate in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program. Spray season began at the end of May and is anticipated to end in mid-September.

Spraying will take place after dark on **Tuesdays** and may continue until midnight or later. Spraying will commence as soon as it is dark. As a precaution, it is advised that residents stay inside their homes and close their windows while the spray truck is in the vicinity, bring in any pets, and remain in the home for 20-30 minutes after the spray truck has passed by. If there are people outside when the truck passes by, no spray will be released, and the truck will not make another pass down that street.

The spray schedule will rotate every 3 weeks meaning that Riverdale Park may not be sprayed each week. The frequency of spraying will be determined by surveillance data collected and complaints received. In order to determine if your community will be sprayed on its scheduled spray night, please contact 301-422-5080 between 2-4 p.m. that day. Any unscheduled sprayings will be announced on the Maryland Department of Agriculture's webpage www.mda.maryland.gov or on Twitter @MdAgMosquito and @MdAgDept.

For more information regarding the Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program, visit http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control.aspx.

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.

To file a complaint about mosquitos, contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 301-422-5080 or file a complaint online via the MDA website (listed above).



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.**

COVID-19 Screening Appointments

Weather permitting, the **FedEx Field screening site will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with extended hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Testing by appointment will also be available **Tuesday and Thursday** next week at the **Health Department's clinic in Cheverly** (3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly, MD 20785) **9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

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](http://MarylandHungerSolutions.org) 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.

Boy Scout 252

By Bob Killen, Scoutmaster

I learned that an old dog can learn new tricks! Last month we had a Merit Badge session on "Zoom!" I had never used it, and the Scout's dad and I figured how to set up an account for him and for me. I will continue to be available to Zoom.

The Scout and I saw each other on our computers, and by watching him dive for his notes in the Workbook I soon found out his weak spots and strong spots. Judging on his age (12 years old) and his knowing that I was watching his every move, he performed very well. After the session, his dad brought the Blue card to my house (the Scout's mom wouldn't let the Scout out of the house), he waited outside my house while I signed it off, I ripped off my portion, and the dad went home, with his son one step closer on the Trail to The Eagle.

We've kept in constant Scouting contact by phone for years, but this was the first time for this old dog to "Zoom," but I suspect not the last. Scouts have canceled summer camping. We'll do day trips, maintaining our distances - With 16- and 17-year old sweaty Boy Scouts,



that's not bad.

Our Town Crier will help keep you up to date with our doings. Contact Sandra Tolson saanee@yahoo.com, 301-927-2275; Eneida Martínez-Brown, e.martinezbrown@gmail.com, 301-864-0059, Bob Killen, rfkille@yahoo.com, 301-483-8455, if you would like information. We'll be glad to share our experiences with you! Join us! More next month.



FREE TREES for PG COUNTY FAMILIES

The Family Tree Adoption Program (FTAP) of Prince George's County, Maryland is providing free trees and shrubs to all PG County homeowners and families. Beautify your yard, improve your family's health, and make your neighborhood gorgeous. We will deliver and plant your trees for you at no cost. All for FREE

RESERVE YOUR FAMILY'S TREES NOW!

Simply Text FTAP to 31279
Visit: www.myghep.org/ftap | Email us: info@globalhealthprojects.org
240-495-4944 Delivery is free
Families · Trees · Neighborhoods

ÁRBOLES GRATIS PARA LAS FAMILIAS DE PG COUNTY

El programa de adopción de árboles (FTAP por sus siglas en inglés) de Prince George's County, Maryland está ofreciendo árboles y retoños a todos los propietarios y familias de PG County. Embellece tu jardín, mejora la salud de tu familia, y vuelve hermoso a tu vecindario. Nosotros entregaremos y plantaremos los árboles por ti sin costo. Todo GRATIS

RESERVA LOS ÁRBOLES DE TU FAMILIA YA!

Simplemente Envía el texto FTAP al 31279
Visita: www.myghep.org/ftap
Llámanos al: 240-495-4944 La entrega a domicilio es gratis
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Local Postal Customer

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.



June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Legislative Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 M-UTC Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4 Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Town Center) Trash Collection	5	6
7	8 Trash & Yard Waste Collection	9	10 Recycling Collection	11 Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Town Center) Trash Collection	12	13
14	15 Trash & Yard Waste Collection	16	17 Ethics Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Recycling Collection	18 Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Town Center) Trash Collection	19	20
21 Happy Father's Day	22 Trash & Yard Waste Collection	23 Work Session 7:00 p.m.	24 Recycling Collection	25 Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Town Center) Trash Collection	26	27
28	29 Trash & Yard Waste Collection	30	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.			

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there may be additional changes to upcoming meetings and events. Please be sure to visit the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov for more information.