



# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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## **Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information**

### **Town Hall**

5008 Queensbury Road

301-927-6381

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

### **Department of Public Works**

5008 Queensbury Road

301-927-6381

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

### **Police Department**

5004 Queensbury Road

301-927-4343

24-hours

# Juneteenth



## A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

# JUNE 19, 2022

# Council Actions

Special Legislative Meeting  
April 25, 2022

## Legislative Action Item

1. Introduction of Ordinance 2022-OR-03 regarding FY2023 Operating and CIP Budget and Tax Rates - **Introduced**

Legislative Meeting  
May 2, 2022

## Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes: April 23, 2022, Special legislative Meeting; April 9, 2022, Budget Public Hearing; October 25, 2021, Work Session; August 30, 2021, Work Session

## Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to continue Town's participation in the Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Program - **Approved**
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-02 regarding Financial Disclosure - **Adopted**
3. Introduction of Ordinance 2022-OR-04 regarding Town of Riverdale Park Property Maintenance Code - **Introduced**
4. Motion to repeal Resolution 2021-R-11 and replace with Resolution 2022-R-11 to address dates of the June Work Sessions - **Approved**
5. Motion to authorize the acquisition of public art, the Insect House by Elliot Hamilton - **Approved**
6. Motion to authorize Town Manager to send a letter of support for County Legislation CB-14-2022 regarding disposable food service ware - **Approved**
7. Motion to approve appointments to Town Seal Design Committee - **Approved**
8. Motion to approve appointments to Redistricting Committee - **Approved**

## New Business

1. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Meade & Hunt for an amount not to exceed \$35,550 for 54th Avenue Lighting Photometric Analysis and Design - **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Brighter Bites in the amount of \$10,500 to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic - **Approved**
3. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Shepherd's Table for an amount of \$42,536 to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic - **Approved**
4. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with CKAR CDC for an amount of \$50,000 to address food insecurity in Riverdale Park related to the COVID-19 pandemic - **Approved**

## Town of Riverdale Park

[www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov)  
Cable Channels: 10 and 71

### Mayor

Alan K. Thompson, 202-527-0309  
[akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

### Council Members

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[rsmith@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:rsmith@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

**Ward 2** – Aaron Faulx, 202-527-3130  
[afaulx@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:afaulx@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

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### Administration

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[psmith@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:psmith@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

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[rguixens@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:rguixens@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

### Fire Department - Emergency 911

Information - 301-927-0356

Brian Carpio, **Fire Chief**  
[Eng7twr@yahoo.com](mailto:Eng7twr@yahoo.com);  
[info@riverdalevfd.com](mailto:info@riverdalevfd.com);  
[www.riverdalevfd.com](http://www.riverdalevfd.com)

The Town Crier is also available on the Town's Website: [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov)

**Submission deadline: 15th of each month**

Send submissions to:  
[towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

## Fair Summary of Ordinance 2022-OR-03 FY2023 Budget and Tax Rates

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2022-OR-03.

Ordinance 2022-OR-03 would adopt the operating and capital budgets for the Town of Riverdale Park for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023; sets rates of real and personal property and operating property taxation for such fiscal year and levying such taxes; and 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, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

Ordinance 2022-OR-03 is available for inspection by the public on the Town's website [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), by e-mail request to [community\\_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov), or by calling 301-927-6381.

This legal advertisement was also included in the *Enquirer-Gazette* on May 5, 2022.

## Fair Summary of Ordinance 2022-OR-04

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2022-OR-04.

Ordinance 2022-OR-04 will enact a new property maintenance code for the Town of Riverdale Park based upon the International Property Maintenance Code 2018 with certain revisions and supplementations; repeal certain provisions that become obsolete with the adoption of a new property maintenance code; and generally relate to standards and regulations relating to the maintenance of buildings, conditions and properties, and the condemnation and demolition of buildings

and structures unfit for human occupancy or use, in the Town of Riverdale Park.

Ordinance 2022-OR-04 is available for inspection by the public on the Town's website [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), by e-mail request to [community\\_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov), or by calling 301-927-6381.

This legal advertisement was also included in the *Enquirer-Gazette* on May 12, 2022.

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson

It's mid-May as I write this report, and spring weather is STILL here, though the forecast has the temperature in the 90s in a few days (before cooling off again). This cool spring weather is my favorite!

### 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 every time I learn something new about the status of COVID-19.

Recent updates to how the CDC reports the status of COVID-19 have made it more difficult to track. The old (and I think better) statistic was *community transmission*, the rate at which people are getting infected. The newer statistic, *community levels*, takes both hospitalization and infection rates into account when reporting the impact of the disease. The idea was that since the vaccines protect us against serious illness (and worse), an infection *by itself* is not a cause for as much alarm (or public health response) as in the pre-vaccine part of the pandemic.

From what I'm seeing in mid-May and whichever statistic you prefer to use I'm still very worried. The increases that I was seeing in Mid-April have continued, and both our county and neighboring areas (including Montgomery County, Howard County, and DC) have had their community levels increase to *Moderate* from *Low*. The older standard, community transmission, is **high** for almost every county in the state, and in many other states across the country. States in New England had high

community *transmission* several weeks ago, and now they have high community *levels*, which means the virus is *again* seriously affecting the health of the residents of those states. We could be, and probably are, next.

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) (probably the most important for your *personal* protection) staying up-to-date on your COVID-19 vaccinations – *get every booster you are eligible to receive*.

### **COVID-19 – Long COVID**

Last month I discussed the fact that COVID-19 is much, much worse than the flu. I'll pick up from that discussion this month with a discussion of what's called *Long COVID*.

With the flu, you typically get sick, are sick for a week or two, and may be easily tired for a week or two after that, but then you're done. For a pretty large number of people who get COVID (I've heard estimates from 10% to over 50%), aspects of the disease linger for *months to years*, and perhaps permanently. There are many possible causes for Long COVID including a reservoir of active virus, a persistent immune over-response to the virus, and/or permanent damage to the heart, lungs, brain, and/or circulatory system. Even a mild case of COVID can result in Long COVID. According to the Mayo Clinic, common symptoms include fatigue, shortness of breath, cough, joint or muscle pain, chest pain, memory/concentration/sleep problems, fast heartbeat, loss of smell/taste, depression or anxiety, and dizziness when you stand. These symptoms often get worse after you stand up from sitting or lying down. I follow many people suffering from Long COVID on Twitter, and some of them who used to run 5 miles a day now have a hard time walking a few

blocks. I read a newspaper story a few days ago that said that there are *7 million people* in the US who are unable to work (or work as much as they used to) because of Long COVID.

There is some hope for treatment of Long COVID – some people with Long COVID have reported that vaccination helped clear up their symptoms, and others have found that the recently-approved oral antiviral drug Paxlovid helped. Many others saw no improvement from either. As with all aspects of COVID, it's best to avoid getting infected, or getting re-infected, using the strategies I discussed earlier in this report.

### **Budget Process**

The Town Council met in a special work session on May 16 to discuss some significant changes in the Capital Improvement Program section of the budget. These changes were needed because we received less in grant funding than we had expected. The main impact is to the schedule of several projects – we will get them done, but not as quickly as we had hoped. Another item discussed at that work session was to add a program to make Riverdale Park more attractive to pollinators. This idea was introduced by Council Member Lingua to offset the Council's decision to continue participation in the State's nuisance mosquito spraying program. The Town Council will almost certainly have adopted the budget by the time you are reading this – you can find a copy of it on the Town's web site if you want to see the details.

### **International Property Maintenance Code**

The Council has been working on a piece of legislation that allows the Town to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code; this legislation was introduced at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> legislative meeting. The Town has used a version of this Code for *residential* buildings for several decades, but the version currently being considered by the Council will allow the Town's Neighborhood Improvement staff to enforce maintenance requirements on *commercial* buildings as well. We currently ask nicely, or count on the County to enforce commercial building maintenance. As with all of our ordinances, we are aiming for compliance, not penalties, and the Town as an organization will work cooperatively with business owners and commercial property owners to achieve that compliance.

## Contact Me

If you have any questions or comments about any aspect of Town government, please contact me by e-mail ([akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto: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!

I'll be back here in July when summer will be in full swing, with fresh local tomatoes appearing at the Farmer's Market. Take care and stay safe until then!

## Town Office Extensions

- General Inquiries (301) 927-6381: ext. 500, 503
- Assistance in Spanish: ext. 500, 503
- Town Provided Services (Public Works): ext. 500, 503
- Permits and Licensing: ext. 500, 503
- Neighborhood (Code-related) Concerns: ext. 508, 514
- Business and Economic Development: ext. 509
- Accounts Payable: ext. 500
- Human Resources: ext. 507
- Town Clerk: ext. 505
- Police Department (Non-emergency): ext. 560

## Stay up-to-date with all of the happenings in Town

- ✓ Visit the Town's website for updates:  
[www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov)
- ✓ Check out what the Council is working on:  
[http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/government/meeting\\_agendas\\_and\\_minutes.php](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/government/meeting_agendas_and_minutes.php)
- ✓ Read the Town Manager's Status and Information Report:

[http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/government/town\\_administration/status\\_and\\_information\\_reports.php](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/government/town_administration/status_and_information_reports.php)

- ✓ Follow the Town's Social Media accounts:
  - Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>

Facebook Page

QR Code:



- Instagram:  
[https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd\\_gov/](https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/)
- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/Riverdale\\_Park](https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park)
- Youtube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeANS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ>

## 2022 Dates to Remember

- M-UTC Meeting: June 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
- Legislative Meeting: June 6, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- RPSC (Green Team): June 8, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- TRP Walk & Talk: June 11, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.
- Work Session: June 13, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- Town Offices and DPW Services Closed in observance of Juneteenth: June 20, 2022
- Town Offices and DPW Services Closed (and no trash collection) in observance of Fourth of July: July 4, 2022
- M-UTC Meeting: July 6, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
- Legislative Meeting: July 11, 2022, at 7 p.m.

## Upcoming Virtual Meetings

### Legislative Meeting June 6, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89459678222?pwd=bFcr eXBZZkxYc0ZLZkFIRzZDcnJHUT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 894 5967 8222  
Passcode: 579554

**Work Session: June 13, 2022, at 7 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005286481?pwd=clB6UVVFK0xINkIXbVRvcXV1dnQwdz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 830 0528 6481  
Passcode: 579554

## Mosquito Control Program



The Town will participate in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program this year. 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](http://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](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).

To request an exemption from the spraying program or for more information about an exemption, visit <https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/MosquitoControlExemptionForm.pdf>



## 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](http://purplelinemd.com), find "Construction" and click on "Subscribe for Updates". The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.

## 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](http://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](mailto:ssmith@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](https://www.wsscwater.com/assistance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).



## 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.

## Riversdale House Museum

### Father's Day Tours

**Sunday, June 19, noon, 1:30 pm, 3 pm**

FREE per paid admission

Celebrate dad, grandpa, or another special gentleman with a FREE tour of the historic home. Hear about some of the fathers who lived and labored at Riversdale, take a stroll through the garden, and stop in the open hearth kitchen where Kitchen Guild members will be preparing Father's Day favorites.

**Jazz on the Lawn: Karen Lovejoy  
Wednesday, June 29, 7-8 pm FREE!**

School is out and summer is here! Kick off these much-loved concerts on the lawn with the sounds of Karen Lovejoy, who mix traditional jazz with funky blues and Latin rhythms. Pack a picnic and bring a blanket or lawn chair for an evening outside. In case of inclement weather, concert may be canceled.

Stay tuned for more information on these upcoming summer programs!

### **Jazz on the Lawn, 7pm (FREE!):**

July 13: Archie Edwards Acoustic Blues (Blues)

July 27: Downtown Tumbao (Latin Jazz)

Aug 10: Bruce Ewan (Jazz)

Aug 24: Orchester Praževica (Eastern Euro Czardas Swing)

### **Shakespeare in the Parks, 7pm (FREE!):**

July 20: Macbeth

## Town of Riverdale Park 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*.

## Police Unity Tour



Acting Chief of Police Rosa Guixens participated in the Police Unity Tour this week to raise awareness and funds for officers who have lost their lives on duty. The challenging tour consists of officers riding across four states and logging over 300 miles.

On the last day of the tour, officers ride from Annapolis, Maryland, to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. Once there, many Police Unity Tour members present remembrance bracelets worn on their wrists throughout the journey to the families of the fallen. Acting Chief Guixens has participated in the Police Unity Tour for five years. Additional information about the Police Unity Tour can be found at <https://www.policeunitytour.com/>

## Rain Check Rebate Program



### Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program



#### Program Summary:

The Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program offers rebate incentives to property owners to install practices that will reduce stormwater runoff, reduce pollution, and improve local stream and river health.

#### Eligible Project Types:

Rain barrels, cisterns, rain gardens, urban tree canopy, pavement removal, permeable pavement, and green roofs.

#### Eligible Applicants:

The applicant must be the property owner or a nonprofit organization installing a project on public property.

#### Property Types:

Each of the eligible project types has a maximum rebate amount allowed and criteria that must be met.

#### Maximum Rebate Amounts:

The total maximum rebate amounts for the lifetime of the property are:

- \$4,000 for residential properties
- \$20,000 for commercial, industrial, and institutional properties
- \$20,000 annually for nonprofit organizations to install projects on public property

#### Deadline:

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

#### Submit Your Application:

Go to <https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-countyrain-check-rebate/> to submit an online application.



Contact:

Chesapeake Bay Trust Rain Check Rebate Coordinator  
(410) 974-4941  
[rebate@cbtrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbtrust.org)



## Department of Parks and Recreation's Juneteenth Celebration

This free family event is open to the public. As a part of the ongoing mission of the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation to provide exciting and unique cultural programming to county residents, the Juneteenth celebration is a must-attend event that will surely delight all.

### What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Marking the date that the last enslaved people learned of their freedom, the month of June and the nineteenth day were combined to form the word Juneteenth. From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. Juneteenth is an official holiday recognized in over 43 states and the District of Columbia.

### Festival Information:

Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 12-5 p.m.  
Watkins Regional Park: 301 Watkins Park Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Please email the Black History Program coordinators for additional information at [blackhistory@pgparks.com](mailto:blackhistory@pgparks.com).



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**Call MISS UTILITY at 811 or  
visit [www.missutility.net](http://www.missutility.net)**





**TRP WALK & TALKS**

**JOIN NEIGHBORS AND TOWN OFFICIALS**

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

**TRP WALK & TALK SAVE THE DATE**

» **Saturday, June 11, 2022**  
**at 9:30 a.m.**

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK 301-927-6381  
www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

# ACCESSORY STRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

**Repair or Replace** your old fence, shed, or detached garage with a grant from the  
**Town of Riverdale Park!**

This matching grant program aids Town residents seeking to demolish, improve, repair, and /or replace accessory structures on their property, which includes, fences, detached garages, sheds, and certain walls.

Applications available at  
**www.riverdaleparkmd.gov**

For more information, please call 301-927-6381  
or email [development@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:development@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

**RIVERDALE PARK**

COME GROW WITH US!

# PROGRAMA DE AYUDA ECONÓMICA PARA ESTRUCTURAS DE ACCESORIA

**¡Repare o reemplace** su cerco viejo, cobertizo o garaje separado con una beca de la  
**Ciudad de Riverdale Park!**

Este programa de subsidios complementarios ayuda a los residentes de la ciudad que buscan demoler, mejorar, reparar y / o reemplazar estructuras accesorias en su propiedad, que incluyen cercos, garajes independientes, cobertizos y ciertas paredes.

Aplicaciones disponibles en  
**www.riverdaleparkmd.gov**

Para más información, llame al 301-927-6381  
o envíe un correo electrónico a  
[development@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:development@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

**RIVERDALE PARK**

COME GROW WITH US!



# RENTAL LICENSES

**TOWN RENTAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY JULY 1, 2022**

**Applications available at:**

[www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov)

**Contact us:**

301-927-6381

[licenses@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto: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](http://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.

## SPEEDING ENDANGERS EVERYONE ON THE ROAD

The speed limit in Town is 20 mph

**SPEED  
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## DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

Stay focused and alert

Come to full stops at red lights and stop signs

Don't follow others too closely

Allow more time for traveling

**RIVERDALE PARK**

## TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK



# Noise Control

## Chapter 49 of the Town Code

The Town's noise ordinance seeks to promote public health, safety, welfare, the peace and quiet of the inhabitants of the Town.

Residents, visitors, and businesses are asked to help keep the noise in Town under control by adhering to Chapter 49 of the Town Code.

If sound can be heard from a distance of 50 feet away, it may be too loud. Please note the following maximum allowable noise levels:

### **MAX NOISE LEVELS ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

**Daytime (7 am - 10pm):**

**65 decibels**

**Nighttime (10 pm - 7 am):**

**55 decibels**

### **MAX NOISE LEVELS ALLOWED IN COMMERCIAL AREAS**

**Daytime (7 am - 10pm):**

**67 decibels**

**Nighttime (10 pm - 7 am):**

**62 decibels**

Noise concerns should be directed to the Riverdale Park Police Department Non-emergency phone number at 301-927-4343

Visit [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov) to see Chapter 49 of the Town Code in its entirety.

# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Municipal Center Renovation project, public meetings are being held via Zoom.</p> <p>If you have any questions about how to participate in a public meeting or need assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 301-927-6381 (extension 505).</p>			<p>1</p> <p><b>Recycling Collection</b></p> <p><b>M-UTC Meeting</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Trash Collection</b></p> <p>Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</b></p> <p><b>Legislative Meeting</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Recycling Collection</b></p> <p><b>RPSC/Green Team Meeting</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Trash Collection</b></p> <p>Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center 7 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>TRP Walk and Talk</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b></p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</b></p> <p><b>Work Session</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Recycling Collection</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Trash Collection</b></p> <p>Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center 7 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Bulk Trash Drop Off</b> <b>9 a.m. – 2 p.m.</b></p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>Father's Day</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Town Hall and DPW Services Closed</b> <b>In observance of Juneteenth</b></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>Recycling Collection</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Trash Collection</b></p> <p>Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center 7 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</b></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>Recycling Collection</b></p> <p>Jazz on the Lawn (Riversdale House Museum)</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>Trash Collection</b></p> <p>Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)</p>		

