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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



Call for Volunteers for the Riverdale Park

Redistricting Committee

Send expressions of interest to

community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov

MORE
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES
COMING
SOON!

RIVERDALE PARK

Council Actions

January 31, 2022
Special Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Item

1. Motion to adopt December Finance Reports subject to audit - **Approved**

February 7, 2022
Legislative Meeting

Consent Agenda

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

1. Fence Permit Request: 6-foot wood fence at 4901 Sheridan Street
2. Minutes: January 3, 2022, Legislative Meeting, December 20, 2021, Work Session, September 27, 2021, Work Session

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-R-01 Renaming of Field of Dreams - **Adopted**
2. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Clinton Sewer Expert for an amount not to exceed \$189,575 for Longfellow Street Storm Drainage Improvement Project CIP #20PP01 - **Approved**
3. Motion to authorize Town Manager to sign Mutual Aid Agreement with University of Maryland Police Department (UMPD) - **Approved**
4. Motion to approve the amended description of the Economic Recovery Strategy Fund - **Approved**
5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-R-02 Establishing a redistricting committee - **Adopted**

New Business

1. Motion to authorize Town Manager to sign Municipal Curbside Recycling Agreement and related documents - **Approved**

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Town of Riverdale Park

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Cable Channels: 10 and 71

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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-February as I write this report, and the days have gotten noticeably longer. Earlier this week the weather was warm, though there were snow flurries this afternoon. We can't really tell yet, but spring *is* on the way!

COVID-19 – Pandemic

As I'm writing, I am unsure about what will happen during the couple of weeks before this article is published. Please keep that in mind as you read on.

The COVID case counts have come down a LOT: we peaked at around 2300 diagnoses a day in the County and are now at 120 diagnoses/day. When looking at these numbers, it's easier to compare our daily diagnoses with other places (including the whole state, for example) by looking at the *fraction* of people who are diagnosed in a day, and a convenient way to do that is to look at the number of diagnoses for every 100,000 people who live in the county. With a county population of 910,000, the 114 diagnoses per day becomes 13 cases per day for every 100,000 people. Not to focus *too much* on the math, that "daily case rate" of 13 is down from 250 in early January. That's quite an improvement, but still higher than the daily case rate of 10 — the *level of concern* that epidemiologists believe is the daily case rate above which we need to continue to take strong precautions to avoid exposure. Still, it's good news to have the daily case rate twenty times smaller!

What lies ahead is, of course, uncertain.

Whether or not the good news has continued since I wrote these words, I would encourage everyone who is not *up-to-date* on their COVID-19 vaccinations to get up-to-date as quickly as possible. *Up-to-date* is a new phrase used by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – the CDC – to indicate that you have received all primary doses for the vaccine you are getting, and any additional doses for which you are eligible. After your second dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, you are up-to-date for several months (five for Pfizer, six for Moderna) and then need to get the third dose/booster. If you received the one-dose Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine, you need another dose/booster *two* months after receiving the first. (Research shows that getting the Pfizer/Moderna

as the second dose provides better immunity than another dose of J&J does).

Assuming the daily case rate *has* fallen to below 10 cases/100,000 people, please carefully choose which, if any, of your current precautions to relax. (If you are not vaccinated, of course, you should not relax any of your precautions, because you are at high risk for serious illness if you catch COVID.)

As I've mentioned before, I'm pretty strict in my own precautions, but I might be willing to relax and have a friend or two over for an outdoor visit (ideally shortly after we've all taken an at-home test that came back negative), or (if the case rate drops even further) eat in a well-ventilated, non-crowded restaurant. But if I'm grocery shopping, at the pharmacy, or at a doctor's office, I will *still* keep on my N95 mask, because doing so is a small annoyance with a big benefit. Even with a mask, I don't see myself being in a poorly ventilated space with lots of other people until there are much, much lower daily case rates than we have right now.

As I wrote in last month's Town Crier, I am becoming more concerned with serious medical symptoms that can persist for weeks, months, or longer after an infection with COVID – what many are calling *long COVID*. A study published early in February found that even people with "mild" cases of COVID (those who were diagnosed but not hospitalized) had a higher risk of heart disease and stroke during the year following their COVID infection. Research investigating the long-term impacts to the lungs, brain, kidneys, and immune system is ongoing. The possibility of long COVID is another reason for you to do everything you can to stay safe and avoid infection.

Redistricting Committee – Members Needed

After each ten-year census is completed, the Town is required to redraw the borders of the six wards in our town. During the February legislative meeting, the Town Council voted to establish an advisory committee to recommend the new borders. I will chair the committee and recommend three community members to the council for approval. As I learned when I was involved with redistricting after the 2010 census, the work is both technically and legally complicated, and at times demands a lot of effort. It is also important to ensure that the Town Council fairly represents the residents of the Town. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please look elsewhere in this edition of the Town Crier for how to apply.

Naming of Park

Another action the council took at the February Legislative meeting was to name the park at the corner of Lafayette and Tuckerman – generally known, until now, as the *Field of Dreams* – after two people who were enslaved during the last decades of that despicable practice; one of them, Adam Plummer, was enslaved at the Riversdale Plantation. The *Adam and Emily Plummer Park*, as it is now known, recognizes and honors the extraordinary lives of Adam, Emily, and thru them their entire family. Adam and Emily's lives were documented in Adam Plummer's diary, the only known diary of an enslaved person written firsthand as he lived his life. Violetta Jones, a descendant of Adam and Emily Plummer, spoke in support of the renaming at the meeting, as did Maya Davis, the Director of the Riversdale House Museum. As stated in the resolution adopted by the council, this naming embodies the Town's values to create a community where the inherent worth and dignity of each person is recognized and celebrated.

Town Seal Redesign

At the upcoming March 7 Legislative meeting, the Town Council will consider establishing another advisory committee to advise the Council on a redesign of the Town's seal. The current seal has been used, as far as I know, since the founding of the Town in 1920, and many of the features of the seal (such as the twin bridges over the two branches of the Anacostia River) no longer exist. We anticipate that this advisory committee will meet through at least the end of 2022 and will hold multiple meetings, with the assistance of a facilitator, to collect input from the public. If you are interested in this topic, and in particular if you would be interested in being a member of this advisory committee, please attend the March 7 meeting or reach out to your Ward representative or me.

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 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 April, when spring will truly be here. Take care until then!

Notice of Road Improvement Project

This is notification that the Town of Riverdale Park has a Road Improvement Project on your street. The contractor performing the work is ECM Corporation. The project is scheduled to be completed within four months, weather permitting.

Please note: Due to the nature of the project and seasonal temperatures, there may be a partial shutdown of the project due to temperatures at or below freezing or when supply plants close for the season. The project will resume when temperatures reach acceptable levels, and the supply plants reopen.

Date Range of Project: December 2021 to April/May 2022

Impacted Locations:

- 46th Avenue between Sheridan Street and Tuckerman Street
- Maryland Avenue between MD 410 Overpass and Tuckerman Street
- Sheridan Street at 49th Avenue
- 54th Place Cul-De-Sac
- Jefferson Street between Kenilworth Avenue and 54th Avenue
- Greenway Drive between Kenilworth Avenue and Spring Lane
- 47th Avenue at Madison Street
- Oglethorpe Street between 48th Avenue and Lafayette Avenue
- 48th Avenue between Nicholson Street and Oglethorpe Street
- Madison Street between 48th Avenue and Taylor Road
- Nicholson Street between 48th Avenue and Taylor Road
- Supra Place Cul-De-Sac
- Signet Lane Cul-De-Sac
- Rivertech Court (bike lane)

Scope of Work: Reconstruction and resurfacing sections of the roadway; replacement and/or

installation of new curb ramps; and/or connection of new sidewalk panels to existing sidewalks.

Preparation for Work: Some work may require parking restrictions on your street. No parking signs will be erected at least 24 hours before parking restrictions take effect.

Contact for Questions:

Ivy Lewis
240-375-6448
ILewis@RiverdaleParkMD.Gov

Longfellow Storm Drainage Project

The Longfellow Street Storm Drainage Project is starting soon. The Town of Riverdale Park has hired Clinton Sewer Expert (CSE), Inc. to construct the stormwater improvements on Longfellow Street.

The project includes the installation of two new storm drain lines across Longfellow Street, one close to Taylor Road; the other, to 48th Avenue. Additionally, it includes the construction of a new inlet at the storm drain line near 48th Avenue. The two center inlets on the south side of Longfellow Street will be retained but the grate will be removed and replaced with a steel plate. Existing sump pumps discharge pipes currently connected to the existing inlet boxes will remain. Storm drain improvements will also be constructed on the private property at 5705 and 5709 due to excessive ponding of stormwater during normal rain events.

Completion is expected by mid-May. During construction, parking will be restricted on one or both sides of the street for short periods of time, and one lane of traffic may be closed. No Parking signs will be posted at least 24 hours before they take effect. The contractor is required to provide traffic control at all times during construction.

A copy of the design specifications for the project can be viewed at the link below.

https://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/news_detail_T6_R242.php

Please contact Ivy Lewis **240-375-6448**, anytime Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm if you have questions or would like additional information

about the project. You may also send an email to [iLewis@RiverdaleParkMD.Gov](mailto:ILewis@RiverdaleParkMD.Gov).

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
- ✓ 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_information_reports.php

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- ✓ Follow the Town's Social Media accounts:
 - Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>
 - Instagram:
https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park_
 - Youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeANS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ>

2022 Dates to Remember

- Legislative Meeting: March 7, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- State of the Town Presentation: March 14, 2022
- Work Session: March 28, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- Legislative Meeting: April 4, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- Budget Public Hearing: April 9, 2022
- Budget Public Hearing: April 23, 2022
- Work Session: April 25, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- Legislative Meeting: May 2, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- Special Legislative Meeting and Work Session: May 23, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

Legislative Meeting:

Monday, March 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85826416624?pwd=dFFQZUczOXg2bUhUZGJheWs1OW1Vdz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 858-2641-6624

Passcode: 579554

State of the Town:

Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89647045117?pwd=UVkyVHZybEUrbVhkdIB0c0h2WmRoQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 896-4704-5117

Passcode: 579554

Council Work Session:

Monday, March 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89010751685?pwd=T3JuNlRiM2h3bGRVcGd5d0VGcXpvZz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 890-1075-1685

Passcode: 579554

FY2023 Budget Public Hearings

Please plan to join us!

Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83934913952?pwd=NU1kNjVXUm8rS0hWcklWcDBIVkIJUT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 839-3491-3952

Passcode: 579554

Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81250484281?pwd=d2l0RmJSL1pFa2tyVzdkdVJEN3FJQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 812-5048-4281

Passcode: 579554

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.



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:

Brad Goshen- bgoshen@riverdaleparkmd.gov or
301-927-6381 ext. 514

Tulip Nicol- tnicol@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-
6381 ext. 508

Collection Reminders



Residential Trash

Place residential trash in durable, leak-proof bags before placing it in containers. Close lid tightly to keep rainwater out to reduce spillage. Clean trash can regularly. Place trash can curbside

by 6:00 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays or the night before collection.

Yard Waste

Do NOT mix yard waste with household trash. Place yard waste in paper bags or in reusable bins marked as yard waste. Bundle branches and limbs with rope or string (do not use wire). Bundles must be less than 4 feet long and less than 3 inches in diameter and weigh less than 60 pounds. Place yard waste curbside by 6:00 a.m. on Mondays or the night before collection.



Recycling



As a reminder, NO PLASTIC BAGS ARE PERMITTED. Curbside recycling is provided by Prince George's County Department of the Environment. Please call 311 or 301-883-4748, if you have any questions or concerns about this service. Place recycling bins curbside by

6:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Bulk Trash

Collection is by appointment only on Thursdays. Schedule collection by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays by calling 240-604-6077 or online at



www.jedatruckinginc.com/book-online. Please note that bulk trash collection is limited to three (3) items per week. Set out bulk trash scheduled for pickup by 6 a.m. on Thursday.



Report a Concern

To report a concern, call 301-927-6381 or submit a request online. The Trash Concerns app can be used to order a new trash container, report missed collections and report any other trash-related concerns. Visit www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

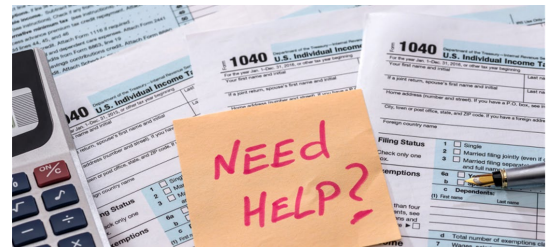
and click on the Trash Concerns icon.

Disposing of Bamboo

Bamboo should be placed in a trash container or tied together in bundles no longer than 4 feet long and 12 inches across. Bamboo may also be dropped off at the Public Works building on Bulk Trash Drop off Saturday but is limited to a maximum of 15 bundles (4 feet by 12 inches) on a given drop off day.



Bulk Trash Drop off Saturday the Public Works facility takes place on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Public Works facility is located at 5012 Queensbury Road.



Free Tax Preparation Services

The filing and payment deadline for state individual income tax returns is Friday, July 15, 2022. The federal individual income tax deadline is Monday, April 18, 2022. There are free tax preparation and filing options available to low- and moderate-income households. Here is a list of a few of those options.

AARP: Offers free state and federal tax preparation services. Customers can choose between in-person and remote tax assistance depending on site availability.

Eligibility: Anyone with low- to moderate-income, with a special focus on taxpayers who are 50 or older may qualify.

Contact: Call 1-888-AARP-NOW (1-888-227-7669) or go online to the *AARP Foundation Tax Locator*.

CASA: Offers free state and federal tax preparation services.

Eligibility: Individuals/families who made less than \$58,000 in 2021, specifically Spanish speakers. May also be able to assist persons who speak other languages, call for information. Must have an appointment.

Contact: Call 410-732-7777 to schedule an appointment.

CASH Campaign of MD: Offers free state and federal tax preparation services. Customers can choose between virtual appointments or drop-off tax preparation. You must have an appointment to receive services.

Eligibility: If you live in the Baltimore area and made \$58,000 or less in 2021, you may qualify for free tax preparation.

CASH Campaign of MD Partners: Offers free state and federal tax preparation services. Customers can choose between virtual appointments or drop-off tax preparation depending on site availability. Customers must have an appointment.

Eligibility: If you made \$58,000 or less in 2021, you may qualify for free tax preparation services.

Contact: *Check out the list of tax partners offering free tax preparation services.*

VITA: Offers free state and federal tax preparation services.

Eligibility: The filer made less than \$58,000 in 2021.

Contact: Call 1-800-906-9887 and ask to find a location or go online to the *IRS VITA locator*.

IRS: Offers free federal (sometimes state) tax preparation services. Online services only or independent filing.

Eligibility: The filer must have made under \$73,000 in 2021 to qualify for free online filing services. If the person made over \$73,000, they offer free tax forms for the filer to complete independently.

Contact: Go online to *choose an online free filing service*.

Comptroller: Offers free state tax preparation services. Must have an appointment.

Contact: For general information and free Maryland income tax assistance, call Taxpayer Services at 410-260-7980 from Central Maryland, or 1-800-MD-TAXES (1-800-638-2937). Assistance is available Mon-Fri, 8:30AM-7PM. As an alternative for phone assistance, you can send an email to taxhelp@marylandtaxes.gov. You can also *schedule an appointment online*. A list of *approved vendors* for filing your electronic return can be found on the Comptroller's website.

Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will be launching the Maryland Homeowners Assistance Fund in late 2021. The Fund will be open to homeowners statewide. Visit the Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund webpage to learn more about the program and the eligibility requirements.

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund.aspx>

Complete an Expression of Interest Form and be added to the MD-DHCD's email list.

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund/ExpressionofInterest.aspx>

If you are a homeowner who has fallen behind on your mortgage payments, getting help early in the process can mean the difference between saving your home and losing it to foreclosure. A housing counselor can help you understand your options based on your specific circumstances and can assist you with finding a solution that works best for you. *Contact a housing counselor today*. You can also call 1-877-462-7555 to find a state-approved nonprofit agency that can provide individual guidance to homeowners facing foreclosure.

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.

What is the COVID Care Program?

The Prince George's County Health Department's COVID Care Program is for residents who have been exposed to COVID-19 or who are COVID-19 positive. The program will help people:

- With social service needs, including:
 - Connecting to health insurance, medical care, and mental health care at a Federally Qualified Health Center
 - Food
 - Living situation
 - Utilities
 - Transportation, and other needs
- With isolation and quarantine:
 - The County will deliver COVID Care Kits to the homes of people who consent
 - COVID Care Kits include PPE, cleaning supplies, tissues, toilet paper, and educational materials

- Food insecure residents will also receive a 2-week supply of food, including fresh produce, canned goods, and kitchen staples like bread, tortillas, and rice

If you are aware of Prince George's County residents who have tested positive for or who were exposed to COVID-19 and need services, please refer them to the COVID Care Program at

<https://assess.pgchd-phn.app/index.php/181471/lang/en/newtest/Y>

Questions? COVIDcare@co.pg.md.us

People who qualify will be contacted by a Community Health Worker from the Prince George's Healthcare Alliance. Please encourage those you refer to answer the phone when they receive a call.

Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP)

SYEP offers County youth and young adults ages 14 to 22 with enriching and constructive summer work experiences in community organizations, private sector companies, and government agencies.

Applications for the Prince George's County Summer Youth Employment Program open **March 1, 2022**.

We strive to provide young people with the opportunity to:

- Learn new job skills while working
- Experience professional development opportunities
- Gain exposure to a diverse range of careers
- Participate in job readiness training
- Network with industry leaders
- Build your positive working relationships
- Earn pay for meaningful and rewarding work experiences

How to Apply

Application period begins March 1, 2022. If you have additional questions, please contact syep@co.pg.md.us.
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/4226/About-the-SYEP-Program>

Senior Call Check

Senior Call Check is a FREE service available to adults 65+ in Maryland. Seniors can receive an automated daily call at a time they designate. After 3 attempts and no answer, the department will contact designated alternates to check on residents. Registration can be completed over the phone at 1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560) or online

<https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx>

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.

Crescent Cities Charities, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

In 1999, Crescent Cities Charities, Inc. was established as a 501(c)(3) organization for the purpose of operating the Crescent Cities Center Nursing Home in Riverdale Park, MD. After nearly 20 years of successful operation it had been sold to another operator.

To that end, we have set aside some of these proceeds to provide scholarships to deserving students in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. Applications must be submitted on-line by April 15, 2022 to cccharities.org and recipients will be notified by June 1, 2022.

Crescent Cities Charities is committed to award roughly 150 scholarships in amounts from \$1,000 to \$2,500 in 2022 and hope to budget even more scholarships in future years. In the 2019 - 2021 years, Crescent Cities Charities awarded 307 scholarships totaling \$650,000. We welcome you to apply for one of this year's scholarships. You are eligible if:

- You are graduating from High School in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area in 2022 with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- You have a record of scholastic and other achievement
- You have demonstrated good leadership qualities and community involvement
- You will be enrolled in any undergraduate degree or certificate program in any area of study at an accredited college or university
- Preference may be given to students with financial need

Scholarship awards are made on a competitive basis. Decisions of our selection committee are final. All scholarship awards are paid directly to the College the recipient will be attending.

Beginning in the fall of 2022, Crescent Cities Charities will bestow the Dr. Melvin Tanchel Memorial Scholarship to one prospective engineering student from our region. Applicants for this scholarship must plan on attending an engineering school in the District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$10,000 per year for four (4) years, totaling \$40,000 - provided the student meets the established criteria. Each year thereafter, another student will be awarded a four-year scholarship.

NOTE: Applicants for the Dr. Tanchel scholarship will follow the same application process as all other Crescent Cities Charities scholarship applicants. In the application documents, you will see the following language: "Only answer the following three questions if you wish to be considered for the Dr. Melvin Tanchel Memorial Scholarship and will be attending an engineering school in the District of Columbia, Maryland or Virginia area."

Students who complete the basic scholarship application, including answering the Dr. Tanchel scholarship questions, will be eligible. Additional information may be requested, including an interview. Students not receiving the Dr. Tanchel scholarship may still receive a Crescent Cities Charities scholarship.

Dr. Melvin Tanchel is a former President of Crescent Cities Charities and led our organization from 1998 until his death in 2009, at the age of 92. It was during this time that our nursing home was established and began

thriving as a viable and profitable facility. Proceeds for the sale of this nursing home make the Crescent Cities Charities Scholarship and Grants Program possible.

Additionally, Crescent Cities Charities will offer the Wilbert J. Lewis Scholarship. Wilbert J. Lewis is our current president and an avid supporter of higher education. Beginning in 2021 we have budgeted \$40,000 annually to award eight (8) Wilbert J. Lewis Scholarships of \$5,000 each. Graduating seniors selected for a Crescent Cities Charities Scholarship are eligible and do not have to take any action beyond submitting the application. This scholarship is in lieu of the initial scholarship and the total award is \$5,000 to each recipient.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED
BY APRIL 15, 2022 to: www.cccharities.org**

**For additional information, email:
steve.novak@cccharities.org**

Senator Paul G. Pinsky's Scholarship

Who may Apply: Current high school seniors, full-time and part-time degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students who live in the 22nd Legislative District.

How to Apply: The application is available online at senatorpinsky.org. Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in addition to Senator Paul G. Pinsky's scholarship application.

Award Criteria: Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need, and commitment to higher education. Awards range from \$500 - \$2000.

Renewing an Award: If you received an award from Senator Pinsky during a previous academic year, your award will be renewed automatically as long as you maintain satisfactory academic progress.

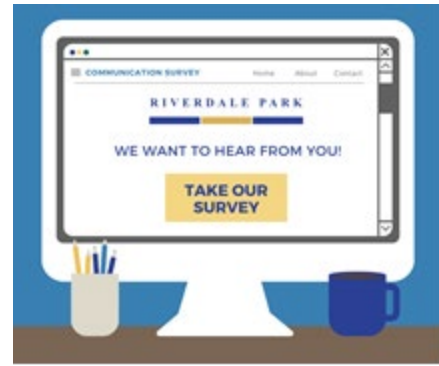
Questions: 301-858-3155 or
paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us

Deadline: April 3, 2022



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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TRPCrierSurvey>



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March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Municipal Center Renovation project, public meetings are being held via Zoom.		1	2 Recycling Collection MUTC Meeting 7:30 p.m. Cancelled	3 Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Town Center)	4 Train Stop Tunes Town Center Market 7 p.m.	5
	6	7 Trash and Yard Waste Collection Legislative Meeting 7 p.m.	8	9 Recycling Collection RPSC (Green Team) Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10 Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Town Center)	11 Train Stop Tunes Town Center Market 7 p.m.
	13	14 Trash and Yard Waste Collection State of the Town Presentation 7 p.m.	15	16 Recycling Collection	17 Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Town Center)	18 Train Stop Tunes Town Center Market 7 p.m.
	20	21 Trash and Yard Waste Collection	22	23 Recycling Collection	24 Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Town Center)	19 Bulk Trash Drop Off 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
	27	28 Trash and Yard Waste Collection Work Session 7 p.m.	29	30 Recycling Collection	31 Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Town Center)	26 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).

