



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. (MWF)

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

2023 ELECTION NOTICE

In compliance with the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland, an election will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023, to elect the Mayor and Council.

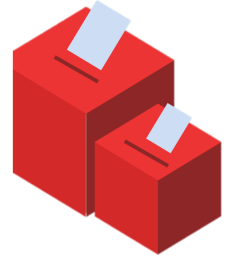
Voting will take place on Monday, May 1, 2023 at Riverdale Park Town Hall (5008 Queensbury Road)

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Residents may also vote by mail (or ballot dropbox) by requesting an Absentee Ballot. Absentee ballot applications are available at www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, by e-mail request to TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or by calling 301-927-6381 (ext. 505). Absentee ballot applications must be received by Friday, April 21, 2023.

Candidates for office must file a Petition for Elective Office and a Financial Disclosure Statement with the Board of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023, to have their names placed on the official ballot. Petitions for Elective Office and Financial Disclosure Statements are available on the Town's website, www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, by e-mail request to TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov or by calling 301-927- 6381 (ext. 505). There is a \$25.00 filing fee for all candidates.

All residents sixteen years of age or older, who have resided in the Town of Riverdale Park for 45 days or more preceding Monday, May 1, 2023 (March 17, 2023, to April 30, 2023), will be entitled to vote. More information regarding how to register to vote is available in the Town Crier and on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov. Same day voter registration will also be available on Election Day, Monday, May 1, 2023.



El Boletín de Riverdale Park está
disponible en Español!
Asegúrese de escanear el QR Code.



Town of Riverdale Park
www.riverdaleparkmd.gov
Cable Channels: 10 and 71

Mayor

Alan K. Thompson, 202-527-0309
akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Council Members

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rsmith@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 2 – Aaron Faulx, 202-527-3130
afulx@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 3 – David Lingua, 301-779-3849
djlingua@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 4 – Thomas Sadiq, 202-845-6251
tsadiq@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 5 – Karen Mejia, 202-329-7610
kmejia@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 6 – Hala Mayers, 202-527-2637
hmayers@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Administration

John N. Lestitian, **Town Manager**
jnlestitian@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Jessica Barnes, **Administrative Services
Director/Town Clerk**
jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ivy Lewis, **Public Projects and Services Director**
ilewis@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ryan Chelton, **Development Services Director**
rchelton@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Paul Smith, **Finance and Employee Services Director**
psmith@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Rosa Guixens, **Chief of Police**
rguixens@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Fire Department - Emergency 911

Information - 301-927-0356

Brian Carpio, **Fire Chief**
Eng7twr@yahoo.com;
Info@riverdalevfd.com;
www.riverdalevfd.com

The Town Crier is also available on the Town's
Website: www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

Submission deadline: 15th of each month

Send submissions to:
towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov

2023 Dates to Remember

**Mixed-Used Town Center Local Design
Review Committee (MUTC)**

March 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Legislative Meeting

March 6, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

State of the Town

March 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Community Conversation

March 18, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Work Session

March 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Legislative Meeting

April 3, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

**Mixed-Used Town Center Local Design
Review Committee (MUTC)**

April 5, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

FY2024 Budget Public Hearing

April 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

FY2024 Budget Public Hearing

April 22, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Work Session

April 24, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

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



Council Actions

February 6, 2023 Legislative Meeting

Consent Agenda

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

Fence Permit Request: 6-foot vinyl fence at
5010 Nicholson Street

Minutes: January 17, 2023, Special Work Session;
December 20, 2022, Public Hearing; April 4, 2022,
Legislative Meeting; February 28, 2022, Work Session

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-OR-03 regarding
Ward Boundaries as amended - **Adopted**
2. Motion regarding Ordinance 2023-OR-02 regarding
Ward Boundaries
3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-OR-01 regarding
2023 Town Election - **Adopted**
4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-R-03 Defined
Benefit Plan Board of Trustees Appointments - **Adopted**
5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-R-05 Acquisition of
Vehicles– Suspension of Competitive Bidding - **Adopted**
6. Motion to approve the affirmation of Quiet Zone
140905K Queensbury Road - **Approved**

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

PARTICIPATE, LEARN, AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023
9:30 AM VIA ZOOM

**Walk, Bike, Drive
Safety Initiative**

To obtain Zoom meeting information please visit www.RiverdaleParkMD.gov

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

STATE OF THE TOWN MARCH 13, 2023

7:30 PM
VIA ZOOM



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT, WWW.RIVERDALEPARKMD.GOV

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

LM-UTC: March 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84707097392?
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addon](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84707097392?pwd=Zy84NVAvMmVCRkV4cGZiY0tXUnl3QT09&from=addon)

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 847 0709 7392

Passcode: 556982

Legislative Meeting: March 6, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88123750696?
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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 881-2375-0696

Passcode: 20221207

State of the Town: March 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89114434442?
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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 891-1443-4442

Passcode: 122722

Com. Conversations: March 18, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85827880017?
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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 858-2788-0017

Passcode: 15122022



TSDC Meeting: March 23, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86264552920?
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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 862-6455-2920

Passcode: 2212023

Work Session: March 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86121586007?
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Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 861-2158-6007

Passcode: 71222

FY2024 Budget Preparation

FY2024 Budget Development and Adoption Calendar

March 2023

March 6: Mayor and Council Legislative Meeting presentation: Expenditures, FY2023 Estimated Actuals, FY2024 Projections, and FY2024 Challenges and Opportunities revisited

March 13: State of the Town presentation: Budget Overview

March 27: Mayor and Council Work Session presentation: Budget updates and adjustments

April 2023

April 3: Mayor and Council Work Session: Presentation of the FY2024 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget

April 15: Budget Public Hearing: Review of Proposed FY2024 Operating and CIP Budget

April 22: Budget Public Hearing: Review of Proposed FY2024 Operating and CIP Budget

April 24: Mayor and Council Special Legislative Meeting and Work Session: Review of edits to the Proposed Budget and Introduction of FY2024 Operating and CIP Budget and Tax Rates Ordinance

May 2023

May 2: Real Property Tax Rate Public Hearing

May 22: Mayor and Council Special Legislative Meeting: Adoption Final FY2024 Operating and CIP Budget and Tax Rates Ordinance



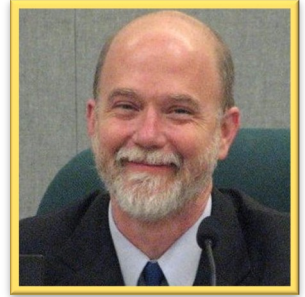
Mayor Thompson's Message—March 2023

It's February as I write this report, and, well, it's February. That being said, the sun was shining and the weather warm today, and the days are getting longer. By the time you see this report, spring will be only a few weeks away!

Maryland Mayors Association Meeting

I attended the Maryland Mayors Association winter meeting in mid-February, with sessions on cybersecurity, "first amendment audits" (Riverdale Park experienced one last year, but a low-key audit compared to other municipalities from the stories other mayors shared), a presentation from Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman on her plans for modernizing and revitalizing that office, and a presentation on the economic outlook for the next few years (focused on the impact on municipal government). I was able to reconnect with many mayors from across the state and meet a few new ones; this connection is great to have when I want to reach out to another mayor to learn about their perspective and experiences.

I was also able to speak with the District 22 state legislative team, including our new Senator (and former delegate) Alonzo Washington. We discussed some bills of interest to the town that are making their way through the legislature, including (1) a bill sponsored by Senator Washington to increase stormwater funding for local governments like ours, and (2) an expansion of automated enforcement authorities. If the second set of bills pass, current authorities for speed and red light enforcement would be expanded to address people running stop signs and the explosion of intentional muffler noise we have experienced in town since the beginning of the pandemic. Another bill being considered by the legislature is sharing of taxes from the sale of recreational cannabis between the state and municipalities.



Alan Thompson, Mayor



Mayor Thompson pictured with MD Governor Wes Moore, MD First Lady Dawn Moore, and the Mayoral Conference.



Redistricting and Elections

The town council adopted new Wards at the February legislative meeting after making a few minor adjustments to one of the maps recommended by the Redistricting Committee. The changes in the Ward boundaries are being communicated to the County Board of Elections as I write, and with the Wards now established, it is the beginning of election season. I have heard that some current representatives will not be seeking re-election, and the boundaries of both Wards 1 and 4 will change significantly, as will Ward 3. Riverdale Park Station/The Station will be moving from Ward 1 to Ward 4, and Ward 3 will expand to include some of the properties south of Riverdale Road, and east of the Anacostia. You can see the final ward boundaries here: <https://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/redistricting.php> . If you have any questions about elections or the new ward boundaries please reach out to me.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic continues – COVID-19 is still the third leading cause of death in the USA, behind cancer and heart disease. Hospitalizations and deaths from acute COVID-19 seem to be stable, if at an unacceptably high level (almost 25,000 deaths in the United States since the beginning of this year). We are better understanding the impact of long COVID (symptoms and COVID-triggered health issues that last months or years beyond the initial infection) – most recently a study shows that vaccination prevents the development of diabetes. People infected with COVID-19 have a 58 % increase in chances of developing diabetes, but those vaccinated show no significant increase in diabetes diagnoses. As I've said for years now, the best thing to do is avoid getting infected (using masks, ensuring good ventilation, and minimizing contact with others, particularly those showing symptoms of respiratory illness), with vaccination to protect you from serious illness should those infection-prevention strategies fail. The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention and State Department of Health both say (and I agree) that If you haven't gotten vaccinated or a booster in the last six months (since updated vaccines have become available) you should do so.

Development - Apartments

The Legacy Mixed-Use Town Center (LM-UTC) Local Design Review Committee ("the Committee") met in February to review an updated proposal for "The Lofts", an apartment complex proposed for the southwest corner of Queensbury and Rhode Island Avenue. The committee noted that many, perhaps most, of the issues raised by the Committee in previous meetings had been addressed. The committee, and several residents in attendance, provided feedback about the development. We will continue to work with this developer to meet the town's vision of development in the LM-UTC zone. We also have heard from the developer of the Chambers site at the corner of and Cleveland Avenue and Madison Street in Ward 1 – they will provide a pre-application presentation at the March 1st LM-UTC meeting.

Contact Me

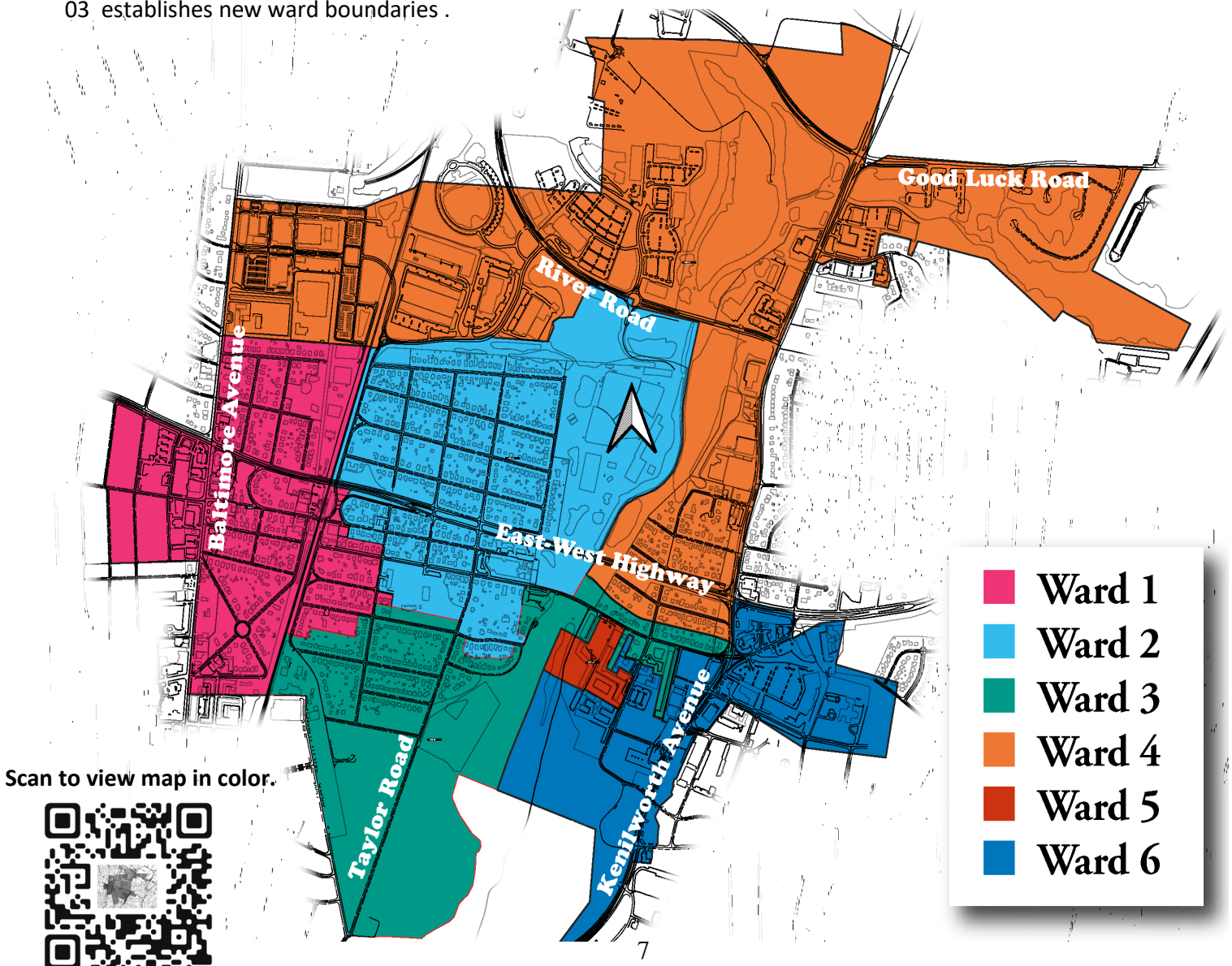
If you have any questions or comments about any aspect of Town government, please contact me by e-mail (akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or phone (202-527-0309 – my town mobile number). I also monitor accounts on Mastodon (@RPMdMayor@forall.social, my preferred social media site right now), Facebook, Twitter (@RPMdMayor), 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. I'll be back here in April as spring is tantalizingly close. Take care and stay safe until then!

Ordinance 2023-OR-03 Exhibit A—As Amended

Ordinance 2023-OR-03 was adopted by the Riverdale Park Town Council on February 6, 2023 and became effective on February 26, 2023. FOR the purpose of altering the boundaries of the six wards in the Town of Riverdale Park effective beginning with the Town municipal election to be held on the first Monday in May, 2023; providing for the continuation in office of current Council Members in the wards from which they were elected until a certain time; providing for the repeal of current ward boundaries as of a certain date; and generally relating to the revision of ward boundaries in the Town of Riverdale Park.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: Section 501(b) of the Riverdale Park Town Charter requires that the Town be divided into six wards for municipal voting purposes; that the boundaries of these wards be established by ordinance; and that the ward boundaries be reviewed following “the decennial year in which the federal census is taken to ensure substantial equality of representation as nearly as practicable.” The Town’s current ward boundaries were established by Ordinance 2013-OR-01, adopted on February 4, 2013. In accordance with Section 501(b), the Town has undertaken a review of the current ward boundaries and determined that an adjustment in the boundaries of the Town’s six wards is necessary “to ensure substantial equality of representation as nearly as practicable” as a result in population changes in the Town documented by the federal 2020 decennial census. Ordinance 2023-OR-03 establishes new ward boundaries .



Register to Vote in 2023 Town Election

How do I register to vote?

The Town of Riverdale Park will hold an election on May 1, 2023 to elect a mayor and all councilmanic seats. Residents may register to vote in one of the following ways:

- If you are a U.S. citizen, a Maryland resident, and at least 16 years old; you may register to vote by using the State of Maryland Voter Registration Application found on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov; OR
- If you have, or will have, the Town of Riverdale Park as your primary residence, for at least forty-five (45) days immediately prior to May 1, 2023 (March 17, 2023 to April 30, 2023); are at least 16 years old; do not claim the right to vote elsewhere in the United States; and have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote; register to vote by using the Town of Riverdale Park Supplemental Voter Registry Voter Registration Form found on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov.

What forms of identification and proof of residence will be accepted for the supplemental voter registry?

- An identification card issued by a federal, state, or local government entity of the United States or any foreign country or school provided that the identification document contains the applicant's name and date of birth; AND
- A document that establishes your current residence in the Town of Riverdale Park if not already established by (1.) above. Examples include a copy of house or apartment lease, utility bill, paycheck, bank statement, school record, or other document that shows your legal name and current address in the Town of Riverdale Park.

Can I register to vote on the day of the election?

Yes, anyone may register to vote on the day of the election. If you do not have sufficient proof of age and residency, you will need to complete an affidavit in order to vote.

Reminder to new residents: Be sure to update your address with the Prince George's County Board of Elections (BOE). For more information, call the BOE at 301-341-7300 or visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1980/Voter-Registration>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk at 301-927-6381 (ext. 505).

Absentee (Mail-in) Ballot Applications

Applications for Absentee (Mail-in) Ballots for the May 1, 2023, Town election are available on pages 9-10 of the March *Town Crier*.

Instructions for Submitting Absentee Ballots

Absentee (Mail-in) ballot applications must be placed in the ballot drop-box located at Town Hall, e-mailed to TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov (must be signed and scanned), or mailed to the Town of Riverdale Park, Attn: Absentee Ballot Request, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737.

Completed forms are due by **5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2023.**

Please direct all inquiries regarding Absentee (Mail-in) voting to TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 (ext. 505).



TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Absentee (Mail-in) Ballot Application

Date: _____

To the Board of Elections of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland:

I, _____, hereby apply for a Town of Riverdale Park
(Print Name)

Absentee Ballot for the Election to be held on May 1, 2023.

My home address is:

(Number and Street)

in the Town of Riverdale Park, in the County of Prince George's, Maryland, and my
voting Ward to the best of my knowledge is: _____.

I desire that the absentee ballot be sent to me at the following address:

Signature: _____

I hereby swear or affirm under penalties of perjury that I am legally qualified to vote in
the 2023 election and that the information provided is true and correct.

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TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Solicitud de Boleta de Voto Ausente (Por Correo)

Fecha: _____

A la Junta Electoral de la Ciudad de Riverdale Park, Maryland:

Yo, _____, por lo presente solicito una boleta de voto en
(Nombre en letra de imprenta)

ausencia de la Ciudad de Riverdale Park para la elección que se llevará a cabo el 1 de mayo de 2023.

Mi dirección es: _____
(Número y calle)

en la Ciudad de Riverdale Park, en el Condado de Prince George's, Maryland, y mi distrito electoral, según mi leal saber y entender, es: _____.

Deseo que se me envíe la boleta de voto en ausencia a la siguiente dirección:

Firma: _____

Por lo presente juro o afirmo bajo pena de perjurio que estoy legalmente calificado para votar en las elecciones de 2023 y que la información proporcionada es verdadera y correcta.

Esta solicitud de boleta de voto en ausencia (por correo) debe entregarse o enviarse por correo a la Ciudad de Riverdale Park, a la atención de: Absentee Ballot Request, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737. Los formularios completos deben entregarse antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 21 de abril de 2023.

Por favor envíe cualquier pregunta sobre el voto en ausencia (por correo) a TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov o 301-927-6381 (ext. 505).




Ethics Awareness Month

The Town of Riverdale Park recognizes every March as Ethics Awareness Month with appropriate training and discussion. The Town takes great pride in reminding diligent to advancing Riverdale Park's principles and values to ensure accountability, transparency, and positive change in public service. In practice, we strive to follow the E⁵ Excellence in Service model: Execution, Ethics, Expectations, Efficiencies, and Effectiveness.



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers make our events possible and make Riverdale Park stronger! Please consider donating your time and expertise. We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with the following:

-  Member of the Ethics Commission
-  Alternate Election Judges for the Town election on May 1, 2023
-  Members of the Board of Election Appeals for the Town election on May 1, 2023

You may also add your information to our volunteer registry by filling out this [FORM](#).



Scan Me: Volunteer Registration

Permit Parking Renewals

It's time to renew your parking permits. Please contact Tracey Perrin for more details. Please direct your inquiries to tperrin@riverdaleparkmd.gov or by calling 301-927-4343.



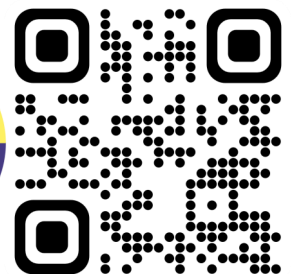
Prince George's County Launches Saturday Enrichment Academy

The M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County in partnership with the County Council is proud to announce its new weekend tutoring program, Saturday Enrichment Academy (SEA), to help improve grades and test scores of county youth. In this three-hour weekly program, learning coaches will use creative ways to meet the needs and styles of participants in grades 1-3 to promote academic acceleration. SEA is FREE for Prince George's County residents ages 6-9 and will take place at nine Department locations March 4 – June 10, 2023, from 9:30am – 12:30pm.

"The purpose of our Saturday Enrichment Academy is to provide academic support to youth who are having challenges with English Language Arts and STEAM", states Anica O'Neil, Assistant Division Chief at the Department. "It is our goal to bridge the gap and provide our youth with resources and a comfortable, fun, engaging environment that will assist with mitigating their learning challenges."

Students will receive small group tutoring that creates a more comfortable learning environment and allows tutors to meet participants where they are. SEA will take place each Saturday at the following Elementary Schools in Prince George's County:

Berwyn Heights
Columbia Park
Deerfield Run
Langley Park
Perrywood
Glassmanor
Fort Washington Forest
William Hall Academy
William Beanes



Scan Me: SEA Application

Registration is now open and you may visit <https://tinyurl.com/4kvwbeye> or you can scan the QR code.

To learn more, contact anica.oneil@pgparks.com.

Women's History Month

Riversdale Chamber Music Society


Join the Riversdale Chamber Music Society for an afternoon of chamber music featuring women composers performed by the Riverdale Woodwind Trio. This concert will feature the beautiful Sequoia Trio for woodwinds by Jennie Brandon and the lovely Trio in C major by Louise-Marie Simon (pen name Claude Arrieu). Performers will include Robert DiLutis, clarinet, Emily Tsai, oboe and Jimmy Ren, bassoon. Please join us for a Meet-the-Artist reception following the concert.

Date: March 5, 2023 **Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

Cost: FREE! Capacity limited and seating is first come,

GET YOUR VACCINE!



FREE COVID-19 vaccines & boosters available for ages 5+!


NO APPOINTMENT OR INSURANCE NEEDED!

First United Methodist Church, 6201 Belcrest Rd.

Tuesdays, 11 AM - 7 PM
11 AM - 7 PM: Vaccines & boosters for ages 12+
3 - 7 PM: Vaccines & boosters for ages 5+

Saturdays, 9 AM - 1 PM
Vaccines & boosters for ages 3+

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

 **HYATTSVILLE.ORG/COVIDVACCINE**
(240) 832 6952

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@RiverdaleParkMD_gov



@Town of Riverdale Park

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>

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.

Emergency Repairs Grant Available

The Town is soliciting grant applications from homeowners and businessowners for the Emergency Repair Grant Program. This grant program is designed to assist with emergency repairs in homes and businesses that would otherwise not be addressed. An "emergency repair" is defined as a situation that is life-threatening or one that prohibits someone from living in decent, safe, and sanitary conditions or is needed for the safe and continual operation of a business.

Successful applicants can be reimbursed for up to \$2,000 after work has been completed and paid for or \$5,000 if the applicant can demonstrate the emergency repair is due to a natural disaster. Applicants that have a household income of no greater than 50% of the Area Median Income can have the matching requirement waived. Grants require a 1:2 match for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and a 1:1 match thereafter. Grants are subject to funding availability

For more information, please visit http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/emergency_repair_grant.php or contact ARPA Project Manager, LaVerne Peakes at lpeakes@riverdaleparkmd.gov 301-789-4141.

Wildlife Habitat Advisors

It's a fact: You can really make a difference.

Are you concerned about the loss of habitat for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife? Want to make a difference by creating beneficial and beautiful habitat on your own property? Want to be part of a wildlife-friendly community network. Help is available.

Beginning again in April 2023, the Prince George's Audubon Wildlife Habitat Program will offer County residents the opportunity for a no-cost, on-site, in-person visit with trained advisors working to bring positive change to your property or neighborhood site. Visits go like this: volunteer Habitat Advisors typically spend an hour walking the property with you. They talk with you about native plants and landscape elements that provide food, water and shelter for birds, pollinators and other wildlife. Together you discuss topics like garden structure, lawn reduction, invasive plant removal, water conservation, and bird protection, setting priorities and making a plan for moving forward. When ready, you can certify online and order an attractive Audubon Bird-Friendly Habitat yard sign. To get more information, or request a visit, email audubonwildlifehabitat@gmail.com



Green Team

Riverdale Park's Sustainability Committee (RPSC or Green Team) meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting is March 14, 2023 via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84004794706?pwd=ejkWskpHQ3EzeWMrdFRqahFhOGVxQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 840 0479 4706
Passcode: 202301

Neighborhood Services

If you have concerns regarding a property in your neighborhood, please contact Neighborhood Services. One of the primary duties of the Neighborhood Services team is to educate residents about the Town's community standards. In most cases residents simply do not know that they are not meeting the Town's community standards as defined in the Town Code. In some cases, another community partner such as Prince George's County, may be needed to address your concerns. Information about the Town's community standards can be found on the Town's website, www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, under Town Code and TRP's Vision and Commitment Statements.

If you have any questions regarding property maintenance or the application of Town codes, please contact:

Stephen Smith- ssmith@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 ext. 508

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

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.



How To Garden With Native Plants

A virtual workshop for creating rain gardens and wildlife habitat

March 2, 7:30-9:00 p.m. for Prince George's County
March 9, 7:30-9:00 p.m. for Montgomery County

Registration for Prince George's County residents: bit.ly/pg_sgzoom
Registration for Montgomery County residents: bit.ly/mc_sgzoom

Learn from experts how you can easily create a native plant garden at home that protects our waterways and supports wildlife, and learn how your county can provide you with financial support to do so!



Anacostia Watershed Society

EARTH DAY CLEANUP

Saturday, April 22, 2023
10am - Noon

anacostiaws.org/earthday2023

Cleanup Sites in the Anacostia Watershed in MD and DC

Join with your community to celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up the Anacostia River, its shores, and tributary streams in Washington, DC, and Prince George's & Montgomery Counties.

Dozens of cleanup sites will be available. You will help stop pollution and restore the Anacostia River!

In order to stay safe, online registration is required.

Vaccinations are required of all participants over the age of 5.



#AWSEARTHDAY

Earth Day Lead: Stacy Lucas
301-699-6204 x119
earthday@anacostiaws.org



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Co-founder

MARCH 2023

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>L-MUTC 7:30 PM</p> <p>Recycling Collection</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Farmer's Market Town Center 3pm-6:30pm</p> <p>Trash Collection</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center 5pm-7pm</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Legislative Meeting 7:30 PM</p> <p>Trash & Yard Waste Collection</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Recycling Collection</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Farmer's Market Town Center 3pm-6:30pm</p> <p>Trash Collection</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center 5pm-7pm</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>State of the Town 7.30 P.M.</p> <p>Trash & Yard Waste Collection</p>	<p>14</p> <p>RPSC (Green Team) 7:30 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Recycling Collection</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Farmer's Market Town Center 3pm-6:30pm</p> <p>Town Seal Design Committee 7:30 pm</p> <p>Trash Collection</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center 5pm-7pm</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Community Conversations</p> <p>Bulk Trash Drop-Off</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Trash & Yard Waste Collection</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Recycling Collection</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Farmer's Market Town Center 3pm-6:30pm</p> <p>Trash Collection</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Train Stop Tunes Town Center 5pm-7pm</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Work Session Meeting 7:30 PM</p> <p>Trash & Yard Waste Collection</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Town Hall will be open for in-person services on Mondays – Wednesdays – Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Please note that Town Hall will be closed on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lunch. Services are also available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. via phone at 301-927-6381, via email at community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov, and online at www.riverdaleparkmd.gov. If you need immediate assistance at any time, please call 301-927-6381.</p>

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Important Phone Numbers

Comcast: www.comcast.com
Customer service: 1-800-934-6489

Pepco: www.pepco.com
To report an outage: 1-877-737-2662
Customer service: 202-833-7500

Prince George's County: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov
Animal Control: 301-780-7200
Assessments: 301-952-2500
Parks and Recreation (maintenance): 301-918-4700
Permitting, Licenses and Enforcement: 301-636-2000
Public Works and Transportation: 301-883-5650

Prince George's County Public Schools: www.pgcps.org
Riverdale Elementary: 301-985-1850
William Wirt Middle School: 301-985-1720
Bladensburg High School: 301-887-6700
Parkdale High School: 301-513-5700

Verizon: www.verizon.com

Washington Gas: www.washingtongas.com
To report a gas leak: 703-750-1400 or 800-752-7520
Customer Service: 703-750-1000

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC):
www.wsscwater.com
To report a water main break or sewage backup: 301-206-4002
Customer service: 301-206-4001 or 1-800-634-8400

Local Organizations

Northern County Soccer Alliance
NCSA@soccer.net or 301-577-3559

Riverdale Park Boy Scout Troop 252
Scoutmaster Bob Killen at 301-483-8455

Madison Hill Homeowners Association
301-583-8857

Riversdale Historical Society
301-864-0420

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market
Jim Coleman at 301-586-5973

Riverdale Park Business Association
www.shoplocalriverdalepark.com

Riverdale Park Arts
Samuel Williams, Jr. at 909-380-4231

Riversdale Chamber Music Society
Robert DiLutis at rdilutis@umd.edu or
www.riversdalechambermusic.com