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**Insert: Carry Out Cash Program
Coat Drive, Rental License**

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301-927-6381
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Department of Public Works

5012 Queensbury Road
301-927-6381
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Police Department

5004 Queensbury Road
301-927-4343
24-hours

Bates Trucking and Trash Collection

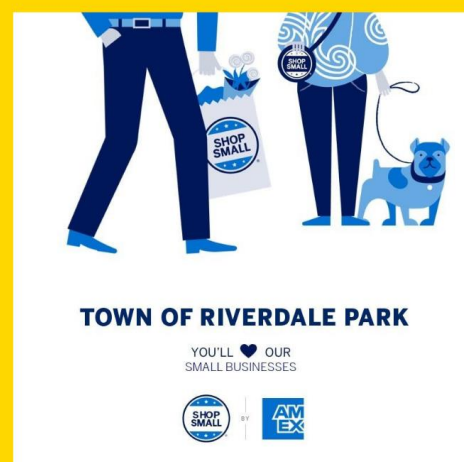
301-773-2069

*Residents must contact Bates by 2 p.m.
on Tuesday for a Wednesday bulk trash
pickup.

Our small businesses need **you** more than ever.

Small Business Saturday is November 28, 2020 and **you** can make a difference in our community by shopping small.

More information about
Small Business Saturday
will be available here:
www.riverdaleparkmd.gov
and on social media.



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RIVERDALE PARK SMALL BUSINESS



Carryout Cash

Council Actions

Legislative Meeting October 5, 2020

Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes: April 7, 2020 Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-OR-13 regarding Juneteenth as a Town Holiday - **Adopted**
2. Introduction of Ordinance 2020-OR-14 establishing School Zones and Maximum Speed Limits Town-wide - **Introduced**
3. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign a Novation Agreement regarding a current Town contracted engineering firm – **Approved**
4. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign an agreement with E&R Services, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$30,912 to install sidewalks at Tuckerman Street at the Field of Dreams – **Approved**

New Business:

1. Motion to authorize letter to SHA and State delegation regarding the Purple Line – **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize letter to County Executive Alsobrooks regarding: (a) Nine Pond Project; (b) Root Cause Analysis of flooding event on September 10, 2020 – **Approved**

Fair Summary of Ordinance 2020-OR-14

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2020-OR-14.

Ordinance 2020-OR-14 would modify existing and add new school zones in the Town of Riverdale Park; establish maximum speed limits; clarify within which school zones in the Town of Riverdale Park automated school zone speed monitoring enforcement is authorized; and generally relate to school zones and automated speed monitoring enforcement in the Town.

Ordinance 2020-OR-14 is available for inspection by the public on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov or by e-mail request to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

RIVERDALE PARK TOWN COUNCIL

BY: JESSICA BARNES, TOWN CLERK

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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

By Mayor Alan K. Thompson

As we start moving into winter, we are faced with an active (and apparently worsening) COVID-19 crisis. Fortunately, there are multiple vaccines moving through the approval process, so I am cautiously optimistic. I'll update my report on the September 10th flood from last month and discuss a few other items in this month's report. There's a lot of information here, so let's dive right in!

SEPTEMBER 10 FLOOD UPDATE

I have a few small updates on my report on the September 10th flood from the October Town Crier.

The first is that I, Council Member Lingua, and several members of town staff attended a virtual meeting hosted by the Town of Edmonston to discuss what appeared to be a failure of the pumping station at the southern end of Taylor Road in Edmonston. (The concern was that this failure contributed to flooding of houses near the collection pond for the pumps). County staff briefed everyone in attendance with information of what happened, but seemed surprised by information from attendees who had witnessed the flooding firsthand. I was not satisfied with the level of information provided (and as of the time I am writing this report I have not received information that was promised at the meeting), and I have requested that relevant Prince George's County public works staff meet with Riverdale Park residents and government officials to discuss this, as well as other flooding issues in town. That meeting is scheduled for October 29th. I have also submitted a letter to County Executive Alsobrooks asking for a detailed investigation and root cause analysis.

The second is that in my October report I *incorrectly* stated that during a "100-year" flood, when compared to the pre-developed state, the Cafritz project ejected additional runoff of approximately 100 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the peak of runoff. I met with the stormwater engineers who had written the report, and they pointed out an offset I had missed. In fact, there is no difference in the amount of runoff between the undeveloped state and the developed state. An interesting detail is that the project was not allowed to count many of the project's advanced storm water features in their calculation, and those advanced features effectively reduce the impact of a 500-year

flood to that of a 100-year flood. I was correct that there is a mismatch between the incoming capacity of Wells Run (where it crosses from University Park into Riverdale Park) and where it passes under the CSX railroad tracks. That mismatch is 1000 cfs, and is what filled the neighborhood during the September 10 flooding event. I met with many residents of the neighborhood to discuss these issues on September 26th.

COVID-19

Every week I spend many, many hours staying up to date on the COVID-19 pandemic and response. I said last month that while the news was good, we must remain vigilant. Unfortunately, cases are increasing across the state as I write this report (this was reported at a briefing by the state to municipal officials on October 16th). On that same call, state officials reported that contact tracing of new cases indicates that transmission is occurring at bars and restaurants (and other social gatherings without masks), small gatherings at homes, during travel (even local travel), and in dorms and other "congregate settings." Large parties, which are still occurring, are also a source of new cases (this is not a surprise).

As part of the Town's response to the current status, we made some hard decisions to recommend against traditional trick-or-treating on Halloween, and we have canceled the Holiday Market (we are hoping to have some form of the Festival of Lights still).

COVID-19: Vaccine

As I did last month, before I talk about the COVID-19 vaccines that are under development, I'm going to encourage you (and ask you to encourage everyone you know) to get the *flu* vaccine. The flu vaccine is safe, effective, and available now. Because the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, you will at least save yourself from being scared if you avoid getting the flu (and the flu is a serious illness all by itself). I got my vaccine as I promised in last month's report and it was quick and easy (I made an appointment at an in-town pharmacy about 30 minutes before I got the vaccine, and could have just walked in). It was completely paid for by my health insurance.

On to the vaccines.....

The most important thing to know about the vaccines is that every vaccine that is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration goes through a careful and

thorough screening process to ensure that it is safe and effective. The COVID-19 vaccines will have gone through the same process – in fact, the FDA has set much, much higher standards for approval of the COVID-19 vaccines than are legally required. The only safety check that will NOT have happened upon approval is long-term monitoring of the vaccine recipients for health issues that could take time to develop; this monitoring typically lasts for two years after the large-scale “Phase 3” tests that are currently underway. Given the seriousness of the disease (as I am writing 821 people have died in Prince George’s County, almost 1 death for each 1,000 population), public health experts are almost universally recommending that the vaccines be used before the long-term monitoring is complete. As a member of a high-risk group, I believe that taking the vaccine will likely be safer than being unvaccinated, and plan to be vaccinated as soon as I possibly can be.

The main reason that approval and deployment of these vaccines is happening so quickly is that the risks to pharmaceutical companies developing a vaccine (the cost of the clinical trials, and the cost of producing huge numbers of doses of the vaccines) will be covered by the federal government. Our federal government has ordered 100,000,000 doses of each of the vaccines so that production can begin even as the trials are underway, with more to be ordered if the trials are successful.

Just as a reminder, vaccines work by teaching your body’s immune system to recognize the attacking virus. In the case of COVID-19 the body needs to be trained to recognize a “spike” on the surface of the virus, which acts like a key to let the virus into your cells. Once the virus is in your cells, it seizes control and makes copies of itself. Those copies then go on to infect other cells.

There are three different ways of teaching the body to appropriately respond to the “spike” so your immune system will respond and learn to keep you protected.

The first I’ll discuss is a brand-new idea – it convinces your cells to make copies of the “spike” and recognize it as a foreign invader. While there are no existing vaccines that use this technique, it is performing well in the trials. There are two companies – Moderna and Pfizer – that are working on this approach. A disadvantage is that it seems that you’ll need two injections of this over a few week time frame for it to be effective, and a *lot* of people in the trials reported fever, fatigue, and chills after the second dose.

The second technique is to take another virus, that does not cause serious illness, attach the “spike” to it, and then introduce it into your body. The fact that it’s a foreign virus stimulates your body to react to it, and your body learns to recognize the “spike” without getting you *too* sick. These vaccines – produced by AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson, seem to be fairly effective at producing an immune reaction, but produce fever/fatigue/headache/pain for a fair number of the recipients. The Ebola vaccine approved for use in Europe is similar to these vaccines and has been used safely there. (That being said, trials for both of these are currently suspended in the United States because one recipient in each trial became seriously ill – they are investigating whether it was related to the vaccine and have stopped administering it to new people as they investigate).

The third technique is to produce (using standard pharmaceutical technology) a huge number of copies of the “spike,” and attach them to a chemical that stimulates your immune system. This vaccine, developed by Maryland-based Novavax, seems to be highly effective with not many people experiencing side effects like fever, etc. It seems to be a month or so behind the other vaccines, so it may not be the first one approved or available.

The last thing I’ll discuss is what’s going to happen when one or more vaccines is approved.

Even though there are going to be a huge number of doses available when approved, it’s still going to take time to get those doses where they need to be – in the hands of someone who can give it to you. Because we can’t give everyone the vaccine at once, it will be necessary to prioritize who should get the early doses. The first people who will get it are those most likely to be infected or become seriously ill – front line medical workers, public safety personnel and other essential workers, and then the elderly and people with preexisting conditions. This is partly because the high risk for these people means they (and the FDA) are more comfortable using a recently-approved vaccine – the risk of not being vaccinated means the minimal risk of side effects from the vaccine is less troubling.

I’ll close this discussion by saying that vaccines are not going to make the pandemic go away overnight, and even after vaccination becomes widespread, we may need to continue to use masks and (some) separation to

be safe. Vaccines, if widely taken, will be a big step back to normal life, but it will take time to complete that journey and we will need to continue to use our existing tools to keep the spread of the virus in check.

Voting

If you haven't voted yet and it is on or before election day (November 3) as you read this, you can still vote in-person either early or on election day (October 20 was the last day to request a mail-in ballot). The nearest early-voting site (which will also be open on Election Day) is at the Pavilion at University of Maryland (8500 Paint Branch Drive in College Park) and is open from October 26 to November 2nd. Nearby election-day voting sites are at Northwestern High School, Bladensburg High School, and Parkdale High School. All in-person voting sites are open 7am to 8pm. You can register to vote when early voting or voting on election day (online registration closed on October 13). I view voting as a duty of every citizen and hope that you will all carefully consider the candidates and carefully cast your vote!

Thanksgiving

At the end of November we will celebrate Thanksgiving, and before closing my report I want to say that I have a lot to be thankful for: a stable job, a healthy and happy family, hard-working and devoted town employees (including my colleagues on the Town Council), a wide variety of businesses to meet my every need, and a fantastic community to live and work in. I am grateful and extend my thanks to everyone who makes Riverdale Park a great place to live, work, play, and shop. Though this year's Thanksgiving will be subdued compared to other years, I look forward to that peaceful day of gratitude.

Contact Me

If you have any questions or comments about any aspect of Town government, please contact me by e-mail (akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or phone (301-237-0632). I also monitor accounts on Facebook, Twitter (most often), and Instagram. I will get back to you as quickly as I can, but please remember that while I love being Mayor, I have a full-time job during the day (as do the other members of the Town Council), and it may take me a little while to get back to you. If you leave me a voice mail (and please do if I don't answer!) I'd be grateful if you could let me know what times are good for me to call you back. Thanks!

I'll be back here in December, when with luck and good adherence to CDC guidelines, COVID-19 cases will be low and stable or declining, and hopefully there will also be more good news from vaccine trials. Take care and stay safe until then.

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

November 2, 2020 Legislative Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

To join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87841944760?pwd=a2RsT2RQMhLcTzJNDRUExySWZ3dz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 878-4194-4760

Passcode: 194756

November 30, 2020 Work Session at 7:00 p.m.

To join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88469707375?pwd=VnUxcMjLTzFVeTRXc0M2U2tCaVZKQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 884-6970-7375

Passcode: 387686

If you would like to provide written comments, please call 301-927-6381 or e-mail them to: community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

Town Cable Channel

The Town is working to improve the quality of the cable channel transmissions. The acquisition and installation of new equipment is necessary to make this happen. In the coming weeks, a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be created in order to acquire and install new equipment. This process will likely take several months. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work towards this goal.

Riverdale Park Gives

Please consider donating to the Town's annual Toy Drive this holiday season.

New and unwrapped toys will be collected starting on November 18th through December 16th at

Riverdale Park Police Department. Toys are distributed to families in Riverdale Park in partnership with the Toys for Tots program.

Meetings with Staff

Staff are also available for virtual meetings while the Town buildings are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual meetings can be scheduled by phone or by e-mail. If you need assistance with scheduling a virtual meeting, please call 301-927-6381.

Town Office Contact Extensions

General Inquiries (301) 927-6381: ext. 500, 503
Assistance in Spanish: ext. 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

- ✓ Follow the Town's Social Media accounts:
 - Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>
 - Instagram:
https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
 - Youtube:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber

Domestic Violence Awareness

A message from Chief David Morris and Assistant Chief Rosa Guixens

"Domestic and family violence is abusive behavior by one person to control and dominate another person within a close relationship. It may include physical assault, psychological abuse, social abuse, economic abuse or emotional abuse." Domestic violence is a family, community and public health issue with widespread ripple effects that impact all parts of our community.

Domestic violence is a hidden crime, committed in "silence" behind closed doors, and all too often becoming public only when tragedy strikes. It takes all of us to build a peaceful and safe Town of Riverdale Park and to "Stop the Silence."

Did you know?

- **1 in 4** women and nearly **1 in 10** men will experience sexual violence, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner during their lives.
- More than **43** million women and **38** million men will experience psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Research also shows survivors of domestic violence have significantly higher rates of long-term health problems, including diabetes, frequent headaches, chronic pain, difficulty sleeping, asthma, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.

RIVERDALE PARK APPRECIATES IT'S SMALL BUSINESSES!

Please accept the Carryout Cash voucher below for **\$5 off**
any purchase at these participating businesses:

Alamo Mexican Restaurant
Denizens Brewing Co.
Dumm's Pizza & Subs
El Comalito
Las Comadres Restaurant

Maria Bonita Restaurant
Pollo Fiesta
Riviera Tapas Bar
Taqueria Puebla
Taqueria Y Rostiseria El Rey

To use the voucher:

1. Cut out the voucher
2. Take the voucher to a participating business
3. Use the voucher when paying

**\$5 Carryout Cash coupon available
only in the printed Town Crier.**

RENTAL LICENSES

TOWN RENTAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS → DUE JULY 1, 2020

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT:

WWW.RIVERDALEPARKMD.GOV

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CALL
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AT

301-927-6381 OR EMAIL

LICENSES@RIVERDALEPARKMD.GOV

Rental Properties in Town

Guidelines for Property Owners

- All properties not occupied by the legal owners of record must be inspected and must obtain a Riverdale Park rental license.
- All bedrooms in rental dwellings must have a clear ceiling height of not less than 7 feet.
- Basements CANNOT be separated from the upstairs portion of a house by way of a key locked door or a separate entrance.
- All rental properties built prior to 1978 MUST have a lead paint certificate issued from the Maryland Department of the Environment (www.MDE.state.md.us).
- All bedrooms must have a secondary means of escape (window or door).
- Window must be openable from the inside "without the use of tools, keys, or special effort".
- A clear opening of 5 square feet for windows at or below grade (5.7 square feet if above grade)
- Bottom of the window sill must not exceed 44 inches above the floor.



WILLIAM WIRT MIDDLE SCHOOL
Home of the Mighty Jaguars

The Remarkable and Radiant
RIVERDALE
Elementary School



OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE WARM COATS AND
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ELEMENTARY AND WILLIAM WIRT MIDDLE SCHOOL
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DONATIONS ACCEPTED

OCT 15 TO NOV 15

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Mondays & Wednesdays

RIVERDAL ELEMENTARY
5006 RIVERDALE RD.
RIVERDALE, MD 20737

WILLIAM WIRT MIDDLE SCHOOL
6200 TUCKERMAN STREET
RIVERDALE MD, 20737

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We can prevent domestic violence across our community by addressing the root causes of the problem. We can eliminate attitudes, beliefs, behaviors, environments and policies that contribute to domestic violence and promote strategies that stop it. Together, we can reduce our acceptance and tolerance of violence, and reject norms, practices and policies that place girls and women at increased risk.

To learn more about what you can do to prevent this violence from occurring within our community, please visit:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1671/Domestic-Violence>

For a listing of available county resources for those who find themselves in an abusive relationship, please visit:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5121/List-of-Domestic-Violence-Resources-PDF>

You are not alone and you are not to blame!!!

Veteran's Day Celebration

The town's 2020 Veterans Day Ceremony will be pre-recorded and posted on our website and social media platforms on November 11, 2020. Please look out for this information soon. Our sincere gratitude goes out to all of our veterans for their bravery and service in protecting our nation.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets



Pastor Slye and the congregation of Christian Life Center are hosting their Annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets on Friday, November 20, 2020 1:00 p.m. at Tanglewood Park: 5671 Tanglewood Dr. Riverdale Park, MD 20737 while supplies last.

International Property Maintenance Code

By Ryan Chelton, Development Services Director

The Town began its review of the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IMPC) in September of 2019. Updates and discussion on various aspects of the proposed IPMC have been discussed at many Council meetings over the last year. When adopted the provisions of the code will apply to all existing residential and nonresidential structures and all existing premises. This code will establish the minimum requirements and standards for premises, structures, equipment and facilities for light, ventilation, space, heating, sanitation, protection from the elements, a reasonable level of safety from fire and other hazards, and for a reasonable level of sanitary maintenance. In the next several weeks, the staff team will conduct a final review of the model IPMC and the proposed local amendments. This review will include seeking input from code officials from neighboring jurisdictions. The results of this review and any additional amendments will then be presented to the Mayor and Council prior to a recommendation for adoption. If anyone has input, staff ask that they email Community_Input@riverdaleparkmd.gov or call 301-927-6381.

Emergency Repair Grant

By Ryan Chelton, Development Services Director

The Town is soliciting grant applications from homeowners who reside in Town. Applications will be accepted through Thursday, December 31, 2020. This grant program is designed to assist homeowners with emergency repairs in homes and businesses that would otherwise not be addressed. Residents can be reimbursed for up to \$2,000 after work has been completed and paid for. 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. For more information, please visit http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/emergency_repair_grant.php.



Festival of Lights Virtual Contest

Due to Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines we have decided to make the annual Festival of Lights a virtual contest. We are looking for photos or videos of the outside of your homes decorated for the holiday season. We will be sharing the submissions across our social media accounts. We will provide a virtual tour/map of all participating homes.

Members of the Town's Centennial Committee will be choosing 3 winners from the entries. First place winner will receive a \$50 gift card to a restaurant in Town of their choice (so long as the restaurants have gift cards available). Second place winner gets a \$25 gift card. Third place winner gets a \$10 gift card. BONUS: 20 randomly selected entries will receive a We Love Town Life t-shirt!

The end date for submissions is December 17, 2020. Only Town resident entries will be eligible for the prize drawings; all others can submit photos/videos for sharing on our accounts. Please send us a DM via our Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, or email your photos/videos to **TRPsocialmedia@riverdaleparkmd.gov**.

Volunteers Needed to Serve on Committees

The Town of Riverdale Park is seeking volunteers to serve as members of the Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review Committee (M-UTC).

M-UTC meets on the first Wednesday of most months to review development applications. For more

information about MUTC, visit <https://www.mncppc.org/3352/Riverdale-Park-MUTC>.

Please contact Town Clerk Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov if you are interested in serving on this important committee.

Leaf Collection

By Ivy Lewis, Director of Public Projects and Services

Residents are encouraged to bag their leaves and/or mulch them during lawn mowing instead of pushing them into the streets. It is extremely important to keep storm drains clear of leaves to allow the system optimal performance during a rain event. Public Works staff distributed five (5) leaf bags to all single-family residences in October. Free leaf bags will also be available for pick up on the third Saturday of the month (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at the bulk trash drop off at the Public Works building until mid-January. Identification confirming residency is required. Bagged leaves should be set out curbside by 6 a.m. on Monday for collection by the Town's hauler.

Coronavirus Testing Hotline

COVID-19 tests are available in Prince George's County. The Health Department is administering tests **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Call **301-883-6627**. Our nurses evaluate you over the phone, and if you get an appointment, you will be assessed once again when you arrive. It may take a few days to get results. If you get tested and your symptoms get worse, **DO NOT** wait for your test results, **SEEK MEDICAL CARE RIGHT AWAY**.

This hotline is also for residents who have general COVID-19 questions or concerns. The hotline is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily to receive updated information about the coronavirus disease. ***Please contact 911 for medical emergencies only.**

Prince George's County Health Department Testing Sites

COVID-19 testing is available at the following sites operated by the Prince George's County Health Department:

Cheverly Health Center

3003 Hospital Dr. Cheverly, MD 20782
Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center

7120 Contee Rd. Laurel, MD 20707
Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm.

Langley Park/Chillum area

Rollingcrest-Chillum Recreation Center
6120 Sargent Rd. Chillum, MD 20782
Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Center

8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785
Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville

6201 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782
Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
<https://www.hyattsville.org/788/Coronavirus-COVID-19>

Collection Reminders

Residential Trash

Residential trash should be placed in durable, leak proof bags before it is placed in cans. Be sure that the can's lid is tightly closed to keep rainwater out- this will help to reduce spillage. Excess trash should be placed beside your container.



Trash cans should be 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. Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or in reusable bins marked as yard waste.



Branches and limbs need to be bundled with rope or string (do not use wire),

additionally all branches, limbs, and bundles must be:

- less than 4 feet long,
- less than 3 inches in diameter
- weigh less than 60 pounds

Yard Waste should be curbside by **6:00 a.m.** on **Mondays** or the night before collection.

Bulk Trash

Bulk trash collection is **by appointment only** on **Wednesdays**. Residents must schedule their collection by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday by calling 301-773-2069 or by completing a Request Service form online at www.batestrucking.com. The Request Service form can be found on Customer Center tab at the top right corner of the Bates website.

Please note that bulk trash collection is limited to three (3) items per week.

Recycling

Recycling bins should be curbside by **6:00 a.m.** on **Wednesdays**. As a reminder, no plastic bags are permitted.



Curbside recycling is provided by Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DOE). Please call 311 or 301-883-4748, if you have any questions or concerns.

TIP: Prince George's County DOE recommends that you write your address on your recycling bin so that it can be easily located.

Reporting Concerns

In partnership with Bates Trucking and Trash Services, the Town has launched a dedicated Trash Concerns app. The Trash Concerns app can be used to order a new trash can, report missed collections, and any other trash related concerns. Visit



http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/ho.../trash_concerns/index.php.

You can also call 301-927-6381 (extension 500 or 503) to speak with a Town staff member.



RESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY REPAIR GRANT PROGRAM



**Apply to receive up to
\$2,000**



for emergency repairs to your home

This matching grant program aids Town residents in repairing things like hot water tanks/systems, HVAC, broken or blocked sewer lines, roof leaks, and storm damage.

Application deadline is December 31, 2020.

Applications are available at
www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

For more information, call **301-927-6381**
or email development@riverdaleparkmd.gov



PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS DE REPARACIÓN DE EMERGENCIA RESIDENCIAL



**Aplique para recibir hasta
\$2,000**



para reparaciones de emergencia en su hogar

Este programa de subvenciones equivalentes ayuda a los residentes de la ciudad a reparar cosas como tanques / sistemas de agua caliente, HVAC, líneas de alcantarillado rotas o bloqueadas, goteras en el techo y daños por tormentas.

La fecha límite de solicitud es el 31 de diciembre de 2020.

Las solicitudes están disponibles en
www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

Para mas informacion llame al **301-927-6381**
o envíe un correo electrónico a
development@riverdaleparkmd.gov



November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Virtual Legislative Meeting 7:00 p.m. Trash & Yard Waste Collection	3 	4 Recycling Collection	5 Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Town Center) Trash Collection	6	7
8	9 Trash & Yard Waste Collection	10	11 Veteran's Day Town Hall & DPW Services Closed 	12 Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Town Center) Trash Collection	13	14
15	16 Trash & Yard Waste Collection	17	18 Recycling Collection	19 Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Town Center) Trash Collection	20	21 Bulk Trash Drop Off 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
22	23 Trash & Yard Waste Collection	24	25 Recycling Collection	26 Thanksgiving 	27 Town Hall & DPW Services Closed	28 Small Business Saturday
29	30 Virtual Work Session 7:00 p.m. Trash & Yard Waste Collection	<p>To participate in a Zoom meeting, log in information will be provided on the Town's website and will be made available with each meeting agenda. Please contact Town Hall at town@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 if you have any questions.</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there may be additional changes to upcoming meetings and events. Please be sure to visit the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov or call 301-927-6381 for more information.</p>				