



The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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5008 Queensbury Road
301-927-6381
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Department of Public Works

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

Police Department

5004 Queensbury Road
301-927-4343
24-hours

Bates Trucking and Trash Collection

Bulk Trash Collection
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
301-773-2069

*Residents must contact Bates by 2 p.m. on Tuesday for a Wednesday pickup. Residents may request a bulk trash pickup online at www.batestrucking.com. Click on Customer Center and complete the Request Service form.

October Community Walk

Community Walks are a good time to meet your Town representatives and discuss opportunities for or concerns about your community. Please plan to join us for the next Community Walk on October 19th at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

COME GROW WITH US!

WE ♥ TOWN LIFE!

Prince George's County Department of the Environment 5th Annual Green Summit

To register for your FREE ticket, visit bit.ly/doesummit2019

PRINCE GEORGE'S BALLROOM
2411 PINEBROOK AVENUE
&
KENTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
2413 PINEBROOK AVE
LANDOVER, MD 20785

10AM - 3PM

FREE AND FUN
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

GREEN VENDORS
DIY WORKSHOPS
GREEN BUILDING TOURS
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION
KIDS ACTIVITIES

Prince George's County
GREEN SUMMIT
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
2019

For more information, visit environment.sppgca.us
For vendor opportunities, contact bgarner@co.pg.md.us

Free event with Green Vendors, DIY workshops, tours and so much more for the whole family!

When: October 12th from 10am – 3pm

Where: Kentland Community Center, 2413 Pinebrook Ave, Landover, MD 20785

To Register for your free ticket, visit bit.ly/doesummit2019

Council Actions

Legislative Meeting
September 9, 2019

Consent Agenda

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

1. Fence Permit Request: 6" metal fence around patio area at Town Center Market, 4705 Queensbury Road
2. Street Closure Request: 6200 block of 43rd Street on September 28, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for annual Block Party (Ward
3. Minutes: July 24, 2019 Special Legislative Meeting, June 17, 2019 Special Legislative Meeting, April 29, 2019 Work Session

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to approve a licensing agreement with Town Center Market- **Approved**
2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-05 regarding amendment to Accessory Structure Grant Program- **Adopted**
3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-07 regarding Vision and Commitment to Professional, Well-trained Employees- **Adopted**
4. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR-06 regarding Small Cell Design Guidelines- **Introduced**
5. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR-07 correcting the codification of the provisions of Ordinance 2019-OR-03- **Introduced**
6. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR-08 repealing Chapter 22- Clubs- **Introduced**
7. Introduction of Charter Amendment 2019-CR-01 regarding Article VI Finance, Section 623 Competitive Bidding- **Introduced**
8. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter to M-NCPPC regarding budget requests for parks located in Town- **Approved**

New Business:

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-06 regarding CKAR Sarvis Café Project- **Adopted**

Town of Riverdale Park

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

Submission deadline: 15th of each month

EYEFA DOLLS

Emily's Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Arts

We specialize in teaching history, business management, and STEM skills through fine arts classes.

STEAM Program for Youth 7+
Learn Marketing Skills
Learn Leadership Skills
Learn How to Make Your Own Historical Dolls
Learn History and How to Conduct Your Own Research



Classes held most Sundays from 3:00PM to 5:30PM at Riverdale Park Town Hall.
5008 Queensbury Road · Riverdale Park, MD 20737

To pre-register, email Emily Fanning at ourdollmom@aol.com

Fair Summary

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2019-CR-01 PROCUREMENT AND PIGGYBACKING

This is to give notice the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Charter Amendment Resolution 2019-CR-01.

Charter Amendment Resolution 2019-CR-01 would amend Section 623 of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park (January 2008 Revision), to allow the Town to make purchases of certain supplies, materials, equipment, construction of public improvements, or contractual service from a person who is supplying the same supplies, materials, equipment, construction or services to another governmental entity, under, certain conditions and circumstances, without complying with certain Town sealed and competitive bidding requirements; and generally relate to procurement requirements for purchases by the Town of Riverdale Park.

Charter Amendment Resolution 2019-CR-01 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FAIR SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2019-OR-06

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2019-OR-06.

Ordinance 2019-OR-06 would provide certain design guidelines relating to the location of small wireless telecommunications towers, antennas, and other structures within the Town's public rights-of-way, consistent with federal and state law; and generally related to the wireless telecommunication facilities and wireless infrastructure providers in the Town of Riverdale Park.

Ordinance 2019-OR-06 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FAIR SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2019-OR-07

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2019-OR-07.

Ordinance 2019-OR-07 would correct the codification of the provisions of Ordinance 2019-OR-03.

Ordinance 2019-OR-07 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FAIR SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2019-OR-08

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2019-OR-08.

Ordinance 2019-OR-08 would repeal Chapter 22, CLUBS, of the Code of the Town of Riverdale Park (January 2008 Revision as Supplemented) in its entirety.

Ordinance 2019-OR-08 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson

September was not as cool as I had hoped, but October is here along with shorter (and ever-shortening) days. I've used my chiminea a few times, just to get started, and am looking forward to cool evenings with a crackling fire as the month proceeds.

Zoning rewrite – map amendment

Prince George's County planning staff had a two-hour presentation in September on the next step in the zoning rewrite – the county-wide map amendment. For background, the County's zoning ordinance specifies what can and cannot be built on each property in the county, and also what activities can happen on every property; the

County has been working to simplify and streamline the ordinance for several years, and this is the next step in that process. Since all of the zones (types of uses and buildings) are changing in the County zoning ordinance, every property in the county will be assigned a new zoning category. Fortunately, most of these assignments are straightforward (there is a zone with very similar requirements to the existing single-family detached housing zone that most residential properties in the County fall under, and so all "R-55" properties will be reassigned into the new "RSF-65" zone). I carefully reviewed the draft map they had and found no surprises (though a mistake on the map means I still have a few open questions). An online zoning map showing the old and new zones will be available by the beginning of October, and I will be reviewing that carefully to ensure it matches our goals for future development.

Lunch with Senator Cardin

I was pleased to represent Riverdale Park at a luncheon with Senator Cardin for municipal leaders this month. He discussed what was going on in the Senate on a variety of topics, including that he does not expect immigration reform to make progress before the 2020 election. A big win for the Town he is now aware of mail delivery problems we (and surrounding municipalities) are having, and his staff is now directly involved in fixing those problems. It was great to reconnect with municipal leaders from across the county now that the summer break is over.

Grant Applications

I found out only after my August article went to press that town staff has been quite busy with applications for various grants and state programs. We have applied to be part of the Main Street Maryland Program (run by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to assist with revitalizing traditional downtown business districts). A grant application was submitted to PEPCO that, if successful, will (at no cost to the town) put electric vehicle charging stations in our town center and another location (still to be determined) near Kenilworth Avenue. Last but not least, we have submitted a grant

application with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to fund park improvements at the "Field of Dreams" park at the corner of Lafayette and Tuckerman. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we are successful!

Purple Line Construction

I typically only get a few weeks (at best) of advance notice on Purple Line activities, so it is best to sign up for announcements directly from <https://www.purplelinemd.com/construction/>. Purple Line construction continues to make a lot of progress, including the laying of the first sections of track in Lanham. Closer to home, River Road closures (and the regular closing of the rightmost southbound lane of Kenilworth Avenue) continue. The roundabout at the intersection of Haig/University Research Court and River Road is likely to have been eliminated by the time you are reading this. If you have immediate questions or concerns about construction, you can call the project help line 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 240-424-5325 or send e-mail to outreach@pltcllc.com.

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, 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 with an associated commute (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!

Look for me here again in November, as the holiday season starts!

Ward 1 Report

Council Member Marsha Dixon

Fall is officially here and school is back in full swing! Fall is my favorite time of year. We squeezed in a one-week trip to Florida to visit my mom and to visit Disney World. For any parent who has taken their kid(s) to Disney, you deserve an award! I've never walked as much and spent as much money on trivial things in my life. But it was worth it, to see my son's face light up. This year my son returned to his pre-k class and was very excited to see his returning classmates and teachers; it has been a much better adjustment than last year. For all residents with school-aged children, I hope the transition back to school for your young ones was a success.

Change in the Town Speed Limit

In last month's Crier, Mayor Thompson discussed the proposal to lower the speed limit on Town streets from 25 mph to 20 mph. I've received a few responses to this change, and welcome more. The safety of our Town residents is one of my primary concerns. As of now, I'm undecided on whether the speed limit should be lowered. I don't believe that an inability to obtain a conviction should be the sole reason to lower the speed limit. And as I've mentioned at various Council meetings, when it comes to changes to our roads and implementing traffic control methods, I prefer to defer to a traffic control professional's opinion rather than my own thoughts and opinions as a lay person. If you haven't shared your thoughts on lowering the speed limit, it's not too late to drop me a line or give me a call.

Do You Enjoy Composting?

I recently had a resident contact me inquiring about composting in Riverdale Park. Currently, the Prince George's County, through its Department of Environment, and the City of Hyattsville have pilot programs where they provide compost bins to residents and collect food scraps for composting. The Town previously had a feasibility study conducted by a University of Maryland student group but a formal proposal has not come before

the Council. If composting is something of interest to you, please let me know.

Coffee with the Councilwoman

While I canvassed during this last election cycle, there were a few residents who asked about my "Coffee with the Councilwoman" get together. I stopped doing them when attendance became scant. I have revived them and hope that residents (open to all, not only Ward 1 residents) can stop by and talk with me about anything. **The next meeting will be Saturday, November 12, 11am at Starbucks in Riverdale Park Station.** If you cannot make it, you can always feel free to give me a call or send me an e-mail with your questions/concerns. My contact information can be found on the front page of the Crier.

As most of you know, in addition to serving as your councilwoman, I am a single-mom to a wonderful (and very active) four-year-old son, and I have a full-time job. Sometimes, I can't immediately respond to e-mails or answer phone calls. So if you reach out to me and you don't receive a response, please don't hesitate to ping me again.

Riverdale Park Fun Run

I posted this in last month's Crier and haven't received any responses so I'm posting it again. For many years, I've thrown around the idea of a Town fun run. It's a great way for residents to meet each other and to explore our beautiful and growing Town. If you would be interested in participating in, or volunteering in a Town fun run, please call or drop me a line to let me know.

Happy Halloween

It's trick-or-treating season again. Unlike previous years, I'm ahead of the game in trying to figure out my son's Halloween costume. He's narrowed it down to being a doctor, dentist or chef for Halloween. I have no complaints, because as of now, they're pretty easy costumes to find on Amazon. I hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful time trick-or-treating with your little ones. Please don't forget that there are townhomes in the Arts District area that are fall

within the Town and are always eager to have Town residents and their kids to stop by!

Ward 2 Report

Council Member Aaron Faulx

Centennial Planning

Centennial Planning is well underway and we are tremendously excited about some of the ideas that are starting to come forward. The summative event is currently scheduled to occur on Saturday, June 13th in the Town Center area and will correspond with the 2nd annual Trolley Trail Day. The idea is that this will help bring more people to our fantastic little town. Events being deliberated for that day are potentially a parade, a fun run, a market, children's activities, and musical entertainment. Don't forget to mark this in your calendar. I've already invited my entire family down for the celebration!

Other events being discussed are a historical home and garden tour. Riverdale Park is home to some beautiful and unique spaces that we would like to highlight for the community to celebrate. The Town will also be hosting a Winter Market in years past thanks to the efforts of Jim Coleman and Town Staff. Last year's event was fantastic and we are looking to recreate that this year...hopefully with much better weather.

If you would like to participate in the home and garden tour, have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to volunteer for events, please reach out to myself, Councilwoman Colleen Richardson, or Town Clerk Jessica Barnes.

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jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Riverdale Park Parks

On Monday, September 16th Town Staff with help from the Council submitted a letter to the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) concerning the state of our parks. M-NCPPC is entering budget discussions and we wanted the opportunity to be heard. The

Council unanimously wants to see improvements made in the current status of our park while also adding amenities for town residents that will aim to activate our ample park spaces. We would like to see our current offerings improved while simultaneously adding new facilities that will improve the experience that our residents have in them. I recommended that M-NCPPC look at our park space to include the possible construction of an outdoor Futsal court, Bocce courts, and disc golf baskets. We need to have a unified voice that asks for our spaces to be activated for all people to enjoy and not just utilized by baseball and softball leagues. If we improve these spaces we add to the lure of our town. M-NCPPC will host its final public forum to solicit comments for next year's budget on October 7th from 7-9 pm at Harmony Hall Regional Center John Addison Concert Hall, 1071 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD.

Field of Dreams Update

At our last meeting, we were updated on the status of the park that will be built on the Field of Dreams site. Town Staff has been busy on multiple fronts concerning the park. The first work that will be completed on the site will be the construction of curbs and a sidewalk along the north side of Tuckerman Street. I haven't received a time frame for when this work will proceed but my hope is that we will start to see some progress by spring of 2020. I will update you all as soon as I know more information. In more exciting news, Town Staff has started applying for grant monies that will help us construct this park using mature trees and improved upon features that will make this space something that we are all proud of. We couldn't be more excited about our future that has us putting the park back in Riverdale Park!

Contact

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me in any of these forms.

Email: afaulx@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Phone/Text: (860)-970-7776

Twitter: @RPMdWard2

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. Please call 311 or 301-883-4748, if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

Mosquito Control Program



The Town is participating in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program. Spray season began on **May 29th** and is anticipated to end on **October 1st**.

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

The spray schedule will rotate every 3 weeks meaning

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

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

As a reminder, to reduce the presence of mosquitos, residents must keep their property free of mosquitos breeding containers, stagnant water, bird baths, wading pools, pet watering dishes, tin cans, old tires, clogged gutters or flowerpots. Other water holding containers should be stored upside down.

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

Riverdale Park Town Center Capital Bikeshare Installed



On September 11th, the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) installed the new Capital Bikeshare Station, called Riverdale Park Town Center at the 6100 Block of Rhode Island

Avenue, near the Trolley Trail (behind 4701 Queensbury Road) Trail. This station contains up to seventeen (17) bikes for riders.

For more information about the Capital Bikeshare program, please check out their website; <https://www.capitalbikeshare.com/>



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 the Neighborhood Services team:

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

CJ Reading- creading@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 ext. 508

We look forward to working with you!

Neighborhood Services Frequently Asked Questions

I want to build something on my property, do I need a Town building permit?

In most cases, yes. If you are planning to build a fence, driveway, garage, or anything that will require a building permit from Prince George's County, you will also need to obtain a building permit from the Town. To contact Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, call (301) 883-5900 or visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1024/Permitting-Inspections-and-Enforcement>.

Town permits are also required for storage receptacles (PODS) and dumpsters. For more information regarding Town permits, please visit the Town's website at http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/our_town/development_services/permits_and_licenses.php. If you have additional questions, please contact Neighborhood Services at 301-927-6381.

Who should I call to report a concern regarding an animal?

To report a missing, vicious, injured, or deceased animal, please call the Prince George's County Animal Services Division at 301-780-7200. You will need the following information when you call:

- Name, address, phone number (this information will be kept confidential)
- Address where the animal was last seen
- Animal's physical condition
- Color of animal
- Type of animal

I have a concern about a property in my neighborhood, what should I do?

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under Town Code and TRP's Vision and Commitment Statements.

I have concerns regarding cars parked on my street, who should I call?

If you have concerns regarding parking in your neighborhood, please contact the Riverdale Park Police Department at 301-927-4343. If you have questions about permit parking, please email Tracey Perrin at tperrin@riverdaleparkmd.gov or call (301) 927-4343.

Call for Recipes for Riverdale Park Centennial Cookbook

Please submit your best/favorite recipe for inclusion in the Riverdale Park Centennial Cookbook. Recipes must be submitted by March 15, 2020 and must include:

- Name of Recipe
- Ingredients
- Instructions for compiling your recipe
- Your Name

Please submit to:
maritanovicky@gmail.com

Hispanic Heritage Month in Prince George's County September 15 to October 15

In Prince George's County, approximately 17% of the population identifies as Hispanic or Latino. With many of Prince George's County Latinx residents coming from Central America, the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month has special significance.

**Brentwood Arts Exchange
Hispanic Heritage Film Series
All ages; FREE
Brentwood Arts Exchange**

3901 Rhode Island Ave.,
Brentwood 20722
301-277-2863
Thursday, October 3, 7-9 pm
Memorias del Subdesarrollo
(Memories of Underdevelopment)
(87 mins.)

Curated by University of Maryland Professor Ryan Long, is a Cuban classic directed by Tomas Gutierrez Alea in 1968. This is a film about a Cuban man as he cycles through his repressed opinions and memories as the threat of a foreign invasion intensifies and the rest of his family retreats to Miami.

Thursday, October 10, 7-9 pm
La Mujer Sin Cabeza
(The Headless Woman)
Directed by Lucrecia Martel, Argentina, 2008
(87 mins.)

The third and final film shown during the Hispanic Heritage Month Film Series, curated by University of Maryland Professor Ryan Long, is from Argentina. Directed by Lucretia Martel in 2008, the film follows a bourgeois Argentinian woman's life as she slowly descends into paranoia and isolation, as she fears she may have killed someone with her car.

Family Art Fun
All Ages; FREE
Langley Park Community Center
1500 Merrimac Dr.,
Hyattsville, MD 20783
301-445-4508
Saturday, October 5, 11 am – 1 pm

Enjoy the performance of the terrific wind quintet "Winds," an ensemble of Latin American and African American artists. The afternoon includes arts & crafts and children's activities.

Festival del Rio Anacostia
Saturday, October 12, 11am-4pm
Bladensburg Waterfront Park
4601 Annapolis Rd.,
Bladensburg, MD 20710
301-779-0371

Enjoy environmental activities, fishing, live performances, boat tours led by naturalists, ethnic food, and more! All ages; FREE admission & parking



Halloween Safety On and Off the Road

Kids love the magic of Halloween: Trick-or-treating, classroom parties and trips to a neighborhood haunted house. But for moms and dads, often there is a fine line between Halloween fun and safety concerns, especially when it comes to road and pedestrian safety.

In 2017, 7,450 pedestrians died in traffic or non-traffic incidents, according to *Injury Facts*. Non-traffic incidents include those occurring on driveways, in parking lots or on private property. NSC research reveals almost 18% of these deaths occurred at road crossings or intersections. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these deaths.

Here's a scary statistic: Children are [more than twice as likely](#) to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. In 2017, [October ranked No. 2 in motor vehicle deaths](#) by month, with 3,700. July is No. 1, with 3,830 deaths.

Costume Safety

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of [Halloween safety tips](#). Before Halloween arrives, be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

When They're on the Prowl

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

Safety Tips for Motorists

NSC offers these additional safety tips for parents – and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

National Safety Council

<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/autumn/halloween>



Riversdale Chamber Music Society 2019-20 Concert Season

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The Riversdale Chamber Music Society is now in its 8th Season as one of Maryland's most innovative classical chamber music organizations. Our mission is to provide a diverse chamber music experience by featuring University of Maryland School of Music students and faculty as well as collaborations with musicians from military and local ensembles in the region.

For our Fall Concert Series at the Riversdale Mansion we have chosen to collaborate with the museum and feature a UMD musician who was recently awarded a Prince George's County Artist Grant. We hope you will join us for this season's concerts sponsored by the Riverdale Town Center Market, The UMD School of Music, Riversdale House Museum and Zeke's Coffee.

Fall Concerts

Concert No. 1 – October 6, 2019 – 2:30pm

Don't miss this first concert of the season with our first Afro – American Chamber Ensemble. Join, flutist Ceylon Mitchell and friends as they take you on a musical journey to Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Brazil. Tour the House before the concert and join us after for a great reception.

Concert No. 2 – November 3, 2019 – 2:30pm

Join us for a concert of wedding style chamber music commemorating the 220th Anniversary of the 1799 marriage of Rosalie Stier and George Calvert, the original residents of the Riversdale House Museum. Come early and see the exhibit.

Belgian Fall Fest

Saturday, October 12, noon-4pm

Partnership with the Embassy of Belgium, celebrate fall the Belgian way! Enjoy demonstrations, traditional food and beverage tasting, children's activities, and more during Mrs. Calvert's favorite season!

FREE Admission

\$5 Food Tickets

\$1 Beverage Tickets

Boy Scout Troop 252

By: Scoutmaster Bob Killen

Camping season is still upon us and we are planning to go bicycling and hiking almost every weekend Scoutmaster Killen tries to ride his bicycle every day to keep his 81-year-old legs in shape. It's much easier to keep in shape than to get back in shape.

Summer is about over (you wouldn't know it by the thermometer) and school is back in session. Many Scouts now realize that the window of opportunity to acquire the highly-coveted Eagle Scout rank is starting to slam shut as they rapidly approach the 18-year-old deadline. Bob receives 17+year-old Scouts who "have every requirement but one" need Merit Badges to earn Eagle Scout rank. Dad reminds Bob that all the requirements except one have been signed off at Summer Camp 2 or 3 years ago. Bob

reminds dad that "We'll review all the requirements - I'm not testing him." When Dad speaks up, Bob suggests that he look for another Merit Badge Counselor. Dad relaxes. Only after all the requirements are met to Bob's satisfaction, Bob signs off on the Blue Card. Not every Scout got signed off, and will be returning soon. Bob works nights, is home during the day, and usually answers the phone on the first ring. Busy!

As usual, the commercial follows -

Sandra and Bob have been active in Troop 602, Baltimore Area Council, for the past 6 or so years - his grandsons have been members, Billy an Eagle Scout and senior at Penn. State, and Andy still in high school. Sandra's son, André, has recently joined us at Troop 602 as Assistant Scoutmaster (now Committee Member) and Merit Badge Counselor.

We're still trying to re-charter troop 252 for 2019, and we need boys for the new Charter. We meet at 7 p.m. Friday evenings in the Riverdale Park Town Hall when we're not camping.

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

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.





October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 M-UTC Meeting 7:30 p.m. Recycling Collection	3 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	4	5
6 Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	7 Legislative Meeting 8 p.m. Trash and Yard Waste Collection	8	9 Recycling Collection	10 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	11 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	12
13 Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	14 Trash and Yard Waste Collection	15 Centennial Planning Committee Meeting 6 p.m.	16 Recycling Collection	17 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	18 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	19 Community Walk 9 a.m. Bulk Trash Drop-Off 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
20 Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	21 Trash and Yard Waste Collection	22	23 Board of Code Appeals 6 p.m. Recycling Collection	24 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	25 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	26
27 Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	28 Council Work Session 8:00 p.m. Trash and Yard Waste Collection	29	30 Recycling Collection	31 Happy Halloween! Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	All Meetings and events are held at Town Hall unless another location is indicated. Also, all meetings are open to the public so please plan to join us!	

