



# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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

### **Town Hall**

5008 Queensbury Road

301-927-6381

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

### **Department of Public Works**

5008 Queensbury Road

301-927-6381

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

### **Police Department**

5004 Queensbury Road

301-927-4343

24-hours

## **WARD 1**

### **SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS**

**September 11, 2021**

#### **Council, Ward 1**

**IFIOK INYANG**

**78 Votes**

**RICHARD SMITH**

**110 Votes**

**2 Write-in Votes**

**(Jack Jones and Franklin Parish)**

**Sarah Zolad, Chief Election Judge  
Anne Kelly, Deputy Chief Election Judge**

## **DISTRITO 1**

### **RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL**

**11 de septiembre de 2021**

#### **Consejo, Distrito 1**

**IFIOK INYANG**

**78 Votos**

**RICHARD SMITH**

**110 Votos**

**2 Votos por escrito**

**(Jack Jones y Franklin Parish)**

**Sarah Zolad, Juez Principal de Elecciones  
Anne Kelly, Juez Principal Adjunto de Elecciones**

# Council Actions

Legislative Meeting  
September 13, 2021

## Consent Agenda

1. Fence Permit Application: 5012 Nicholson Street; 6-foot vinyl fence (Ward 3)
2. Minutes: July 28, 2021, Special Legislative Meeting; July 12, 2021, Legislative Meeting; June 5, 2021, Council Orientation; October 5, 2020, Legislative Meeting

## Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to certify Ward 1 Special Election results for September 11, 2021 - **Approved**
2. Motion regarding Street Closure Request for 6200 block of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street on September 18, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for annual Block Party (Ward 1) - **Approved**
3. Introduction of Ordinance 2021-OR-08 regarding Amendment to FY2022 Budget related to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds - **Introduced**
4. Motion to approve the description of the Economic Recovery Strategy (ERS) Fund - **Approved**
5. Motion to authorize creation of ARPA Project Manager, a full-time term position - **Approved**
6. Motion to approve position description for ARPA Project Manager - **Approved**

## New Business

1. Motion to send a letter regarding the Town's priorities for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) FY2023 Budget - **Approved**
2. Motion to send a letter of support for Living Canopies- **Approved**



## Purple Line Construction Notices

Purple Line construction is still underway. Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit [purplelinemd.com](http://purplelinemd.com), find "Construction" and click on "Subscribe for Updates". The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.

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## Town of Riverdale Park

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

### Mayor

Alan K. Thompson, 202-527-0309  
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### Council Members

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

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

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

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

### Fire Department - Emergency 911

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[Eng7twr@yahoo.com](mailto:Eng7twr@yahoo.com);  
[info@riverdalevfd.com](mailto:info@riverdalevfd.com);  
[www.riverdalevfd.com](http://www.riverdalevfd.com)

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

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

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

# Fair Summary of Legislation

## ORDINANCE 2021-OR-08

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2021-OR-08.

Ordinance 2021-OR-08 would amend the adopted operating and capital budgets for the Town of Riverdale Park for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, to recognize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant revenues and to appropriate such grant funds to the Town's Economic Recovery Strategy Fund (ERSF); and generally, relate to amendment of the Town's FY2022 operating and capital budgets.

Ordinance 2021-OR-08 is available for inspection by the public on the Town's website [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), by e-mail request to [community\\_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov), or by calling 301-927-6381 (extension 505).

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson

### Ward 1 Special Election

Congratulations to Richard Smith for his win in the special election, and thanks to Ifio Inyang for running an excellent campaign as well. Turnout was great – 190 voters cast ballots in the election. I'd like to give a special shout out to the judges of election for working the long day, everyone who voted, and the town staff that made the election run so smoothly – particularly Director of Administrative Services Jessica Barnes! I look forward to working with Councilmember-elect Smith soon!

### COVID-19 – Pandemic

For me and my family, the course of the pandemic took a sudden and devastating turn since I wrote my last report. In late August my mother-in-law Susan, who was living in a memory care facility in New Mexico, caught COVID as part of an outbreak in the facility. Because she had no symptoms (and was vaccinated early in the year) we had hope that she would weather the disease, but severe symptoms came in a week after her positive test, and she died a few days later (my wife had fortunately been able to fly to New Mexico to be with her in her last days). Susan loved the mountains, ice

cream, crisp apples, and her cats. She loved her husband, her daughters, her grandchildren, and even her sons-in-law. We all miss her terribly, and will cherish our memories of her.

I know that she would have wanted for something good to come from her death, so I'd like to go over a few lessons that you, the reader, can learn from her story.

First of all, the vaccines cannot protect everyone. They are very good – almost all of the hospitalizations, and almost all of the deaths are among those who are not vaccinated (one story I read recently said 97% of those hospitalized had not been vaccinated). But, they are not perfect, and additional layers of protection (masks and distancing) are needed to lower the chance of infection. Even though my wife (and my wife's sister and father) spent long hours those last few days with Susan, none of them caught COVID from her – the combination of vaccination and PPE (masks, face shields, and gowns) kept them all safe.

The second lesson is that, as I've been saying for months, the pandemic is not over. Though the memory care facility had multiple barriers to transmission that had worked well for many months, the much-more-infectious Delta variant found a way in. We must continue to do the hard work necessary to keep each other safe; now is the time to stay focused, weather the storm, and get the virus under control.

Many people in town have expressed condolences and provided support to my family and me. What would bring us solace in this difficult time is to know that you read this story and, if you are not yet vaccinated, decided to get vaccinated (the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are the most effective, and the Pfizer vaccine has now been fully approved by the FDA, with approval for Moderna expected soon.) If you are already vaccinated, I hope that you continue wearing a mask whenever you are in public, and avoid risky situations (crowds, indoor bars, and restaurants that are not well ventilated.) If you do either of these please send me a text, an email, or call me to let me know, and I will let the rest of Susan's family know. These tools, used together and by a large fraction of the population, are the best way to keep us all safe, including our most vulnerable family members.

### COVID-19 – Recovery

The Town of Riverdale Park has received the first half of our funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") to assist in recovery from the pandemic, and

town staff and the council are enhancing current programs to meet ARPA requirements, and working on new ones. We have a few years to spend it, and (as discussed above) the pandemic is not yet over, so the council and town staff are proceeding carefully in deciding how to spend the new money. Some of the emergency measures that were in effect – suspending evictions and utility shutoffs – have ended, so we must address those issues in other ways.

As I said last month, while the details are still a little uncertain, I believe we will move quickly on spending money to help out residents and businesses hurt by the pandemic, including helping with rent, mortgages, and utility bills. After that, I hope that we will focus on improving our ability to weather future challenges, whether viral, climate-related, or economic. I hope you will join us in considering how best to do this by contacting me, your town council representative, or attending meetings.

### **Flooding**

The September 9 event chaired by County Council Representative Glaros was well-attended, and informative. The Nine Pond project that should provide significant protection from flooding to many people who live near Wells Run was explained, and construction is expected to start in the first few months of 2022. While it hasn't happened yet as I write this, we will have had a report about other flood control projects at the late-September work session by the time you read this – I'll share what happened next month.

### **Contact Me**

If you have any questions or comments about any aspect of Town government, please contact me by e-mail ([akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov)) or phone (202-527-0309 – my new town mobile number!). 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 November. Take care and stay safe until then!

## **Town Office Extensions**

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

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

- ✓ Visit the Town's website for updates:  
[www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov)
- ✓ Check out what the Council is working on:  
[http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/government/meeting\\_agendas\\_and\\_minutes.php](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/government/meeting_agendas_and_minutes.php)
- ✓ Read the Town Manager's Status and Information Report:  
[http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/government/town\\_administration/status\\_and\\_information\\_reports.php](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/government/town_administration/status_and_information_reports.php)
- ✓ Follow the Town's Social Media accounts:
  - Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>
  - Instagram:  
[https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd\\_gov/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en)
  - Twitter: [https://twitter.com/Riverdale\\_Park](https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park)
  - Youtube:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber)

# Upcoming Virtual Meetings

## Legislative Meeting: October 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

To join Zoom Meeting visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82355050689?pwd=UkhkejBxTzZSRHhLOXJyLzBvZEFiQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 823 5505 0689

Passcode: 579554

## Work Session: October 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

To join Zoom Meeting visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82686851384?pwd=ZE1iRTA1NWl4U0o1bmNTWkF4WUVFdz09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 826 8685 1384

Passcode: 579554

## 2021 Dates to Remember

- October 4, 2021: Legislative Meeting
- October 6, 2021: Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review Committee Meeting (virtual)
- October 13, 2021: RPSC (Green Team) Meeting via Zoom
- October 25, 2021: Council Work Session
- Legislative Meeting: November 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
- Work Session: November 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
- Legislative Meeting: December 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
- Work Session: December 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

## Neighborhood Services

If you have concerns regarding a property in your neighborhood, please contact Neighborhood Services. One of the primary duties of the Neighborhood Services team is to educate residents about the Town's community standards. In most cases residents simply do not know that they are not meeting the Town's community standards as defined in the Town Code. In some cases, another community partner such as Prince George's County, may be

needed to address your concerns. Information about the Town's community standards can be found on the Town's website, [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), under Town Code and TRP's Vision and Commitment Statements.

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

**Brad Goshen- [bgoshen@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:bgoshen@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or 301-927-6381 ext. 514**

**Tulip Nichol- [tnichol@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:tnichol@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or 301-927-6381 ext. 508**

## Collection Reminders



### Residential Trash

Place residential trash in durable, leak-proof bags before placing it in containers. Close lid tightly to keep rainwater out to reduce spillage. Clean trash can regularly. Place trash can curbside by 6:00 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays or the night before collection.



### Yard Waste

Do NOT mix yard waste with household trash. Place yard waste in paper bags or in reusable bins marked as yard waste. Bundle branches and limbs with rope or string (do not use wire). Bundles must be less than 4 feet long and less than 3 inches in diameter, and

weigh less than 60 pounds. Place yard waste curbside by 6:00 a.m. on Mondays or the night before collection.



### Recycling

As a reminder, NO PLASTIC BAGS ARE PERMITTED. Curbside recycling is provided by Prince George's County Department of the Environment. Please call 311 or 301-883-4748, if you have any questions or concerns about this service. Place recycling bins curbside by 6:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.



### Bulk Trash

Collection is by appointment only on Thursdays. Schedule collection by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays by calling 240-604-6077 or online at [www.jedatruckinginc.com/book-online](http://www.jedatruckinginc.com/book-online). Please note that bulk trash collection is limited to three (3) items per week. Set out bulk trash scheduled for pickup by 6 a.m. on Thursday.



### Report a Concern

To report a concern, call 301-927-6381 or submit a request online. The Trash Concerns app can be used to order a new trash container,

report missed collections and report any other trash-related concerns. Visit [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov) and click on the Trash Concerns icon.



### Disposing of Bamboo

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

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

## Emergency Repairs Grant Available

The Town is soliciting grant applications from homeowners and businessowners. This grant program is designed to assist with emergency repairs in homes and businesses that would otherwise not be addressed.

Successful applicants 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 or is needed for the safe and continual operation of a business. For more information, please visit [http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/emergency\\_repair\\_grant.php](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/residents/emergency_repair_grant.php) or contact Development Services Director Ryan Chelton at [rchelton@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:rchelton@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or 301-927-6381 ext. 509.





## Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccination Information

COVID-19 vaccines are free for all residents who live and work in Prince George's County regardless of insurance coverage or immigration status.

Information provided during pre-registration will NOT be used by the federal, state or local government for any civil or criminal prosecution or enforcement, including, but not limited to, immigration enforcement. Your information will be private and protected. Providers and vaccination sites collect certain information from individuals receiving the vaccine to monitor how many people are receiving the vaccine and to ensure dose matching and appropriate timing for the second dose.

Complete the COVID-19 Pre-Registration Form to get on the vaccination wait-list. As appointments become available, individuals who complete and submit a pre-registration form and are eligible will receive an email from the Health Department with a link and instructions on how to make a vaccine appointment. COVID-19 vaccines are offered by appointment only. You only need to pre-register once.

<https://covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>

The County is currently vaccinating individuals 16 and older who live or work in the County. You will receive an email with your appointment details from the Health Department or one of our vaccination partners as appointments become available. When you go to your appointment, please make sure that you bring your ID and/or proof of employment documentation. If you need to reschedule your appointment or you have already received your vaccination and want to cancel, you can email the Health Department at [COVIDVax@co.pg.md.us](mailto:COVIDVax@co.pg.md.us)

The Health Department is also collaborating with hospitals, pharmacies, and other partners throughout the county to provide vaccinations to eligible residents from our pre-registration list. You may hear from one of them with appointment opportunities as well. We encourage you to explore all available resources.

In addition, the State of Maryland's vaccination sites are open to individuals 16 and older statewide. To access these sites, you must pre-register with the State (separate from the County Health Department's pre-registration system) by visiting [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov), or calling 1-855-634-6829. You can also text "MDREADY" to 898-211, and you will receive text notifications on your smartphone regarding updates about Six Flags and the State's other mass vaccination sites.

## Riversdale House Museum

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE THROUGH October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. PROGRAM INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Riversdale House Museum  
[Riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:Riversdale@pgparks.com) // 301-864-0420 // TTY 301-864-0420. [History.pgparks.com](http://History.pgparks.com)

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Riversdale Park, MD— Get ready for some family fun and prepare to celebrate fall's finest with the **Riversdale House Museum**! Riversdale is thrilled to host a **Harvest Festival** on **October 9<sup>th</sup>** that give you the opportunity to step inside, peer into the past, and learn about the people who lived at Riversdale long ago. Choose from two sessions and come between **11-1 pm** or **2-4 pm** to decorate a pumpkin and enjoy autumn crafts with seasonal snacks. Learn how to make play doh, pottery, and instruments from natural ingredients. Throw an atlAtl, play a game, and don't forget to snap a festive family photo! Capacity limited; advance registration requested by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Walk-ins will be accommodated only as space allows. Tickets are \$4 per person. Refreshments and activities available while supplies last, so book your ticket today!

Registration may be completed at [www.pgparksdirect.com](http://www.pgparksdirect.com) or via this direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/RiversdaleHarvest>. For more information, email [riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:riversdale@pgparks.com); TTY 301-699-2544; or visit our website at [history.pgparks.com](http://history.pgparks.com).

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale Park, Maryland. This facility is owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.



## AUDUBON WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

### **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? Don't know much about wildlife gardening? Don't know how to get started? **Help is available**—Keep reading!

**Introducing a new Prince George's County initiative:** The **Audubon Wildlife Habitat Program** offers County residents the opportunity for a no-cost, on-site, in-person visit with trained Habitat Advisors working to bring positive change to private landscapes. The Advisors volunteer their time and knowledge because they believe that, working yard by yard, we can really make a difference. They might not have all the answers, but they will work together with you to find them.

**Visits go like this.** Volunteer Habitat Advisors typically spend an hour visiting your property or neighborhood site. They will walk the property together with you, discussing your particular questions and circumstances. They will talk with you about native plants and landscape elements that provide food, water, and shelter for birds, pollinators and other wildlife. They will discuss

important topics like garden structure, lawn reduction, invasive plant removal, water conservation, and bird protection. Together with the advisors, you will set priorities and make a plan for moving forward. The Habitat Advisors will provide you with a folder of printed materials, write a follow-up report, and make themselves available for further assistance if needed. When ready, you can certify online and order an attractive Audubon Bird-Friendly Habitat yard sign at

<https://patterson.audubon.org/conservation/maryland-bird-friendly-habitat-sign>.

Contact Kathy Shollenberger, [kathyk9@gmail.com](mailto:kathyk9@gmail.com) to request a no-cost visit to your property.



October in Maryland becomes **WALKTOBER**, a month where the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and other partnering agencies promote and host events and webinars spotlighting Maryland pedestrians' safety, health, and commuting options in current walk programs and Initiatives.

The Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Department of Health, MDOT State Highway Administration, Maryland Highway Safety Office, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, America Walks, and AARP are sharing a series of informational resources and free webinars for pedestrians throughout the month of October. The four webinars are tailored to interest pedestrian enthusiasts, advocates, planners, and residents. Throughout **Walktober**, learn how walking is an easy and accessible exercise, how to safely use pedestrian infrastructure, and how to incorporate walking in your daily routines within the provisions of social distancing and other restrictions.

These webinars provide American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) with 1.5 Certification Maintenance (CM) credits to maintain their certification. Please note, to receive AICP credit you must attend the live broadcast.





## 7th Annual Walk Maryland Day

Walk Maryland Day is a celebration of our state's official exercise and a call to action to promote walking for physical activity and improved health. Walk Leaders are the change agents from different sectors of the community who see the health benefits of walking and encourage fellow Marylanders to take time out of their day to enjoy a walk within their community. "Sole Mates" are participants who sign up to join registered walks throughout the State.

The COVID-19 pandemic has helped highlight the importance of walking as a critical aspect of human well-being, not only for transportation and access, but active recreation and exercise. So, we'll be pleased to see everyone out there (even if joining virtually and at a distance) wearing masks, keeping proper physical distance, and following all the health protocols that we know are so important to Maryland's recovery. To register as a walk leader visit <https://forms.aweber.com/form/99/2121501799.htm>

## Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative Announces Five New Sculptures in

Riverdale Park, Maryland – On behalf of the Town of Riverdale Park, the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (CDC) is pleased to announce the arrival of five new sculptures across Riverdale Park. The Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative executes the Town's plan to create an engaging, publicly accessible outdoor

sculpture art gallery within its many flourishing neighborhoods.

Riverdale Park is a community rich with history and support for the visual and performing arts. As an historic inner-beltway suburb of Washington, DC in Prince George's County, Riverdale Park, MD is gaining recognition as an emergent development market. Riverdale Park is a member of the Maryland Milestones Anacostia Trail Heritage Area and also serves as an important connector for over 50,000 vehicles daily that travel to the University of Maryland, College Park, Hyattsville, and the Port-Towns via connectors US Route 1, Kenilworth Avenue, and E-West Highway.

2021 marks the sixth program year for the Town's Public Art Initiative. This year we are introducing 4 new artists to the program:

### Kirk Sesse – "Luminous Beings Are We" at Riverdale Recreation Park



### Erwin Timmers – "Glimpse of Possibilities" at the 6100 block of Rhode Island Ave at the Trolley Trail



Elliot Hamilton – “Insect House” at Mabel Munch Park



promotional opportunities for local artists to extend their audience and their boundaries.

The Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative is a collaborative program sponsored and enabled by the Town of Riverdale Park. The Initiative is facilitated and implemented by the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (CDC). The Initiative's partners extend their thanks to the private property owners donating their land for this effort and for their ongoing support. For more information, please visit [www.hycdc.org/rppai](http://www.hycdc.org/rppai)

## Emergency Rental Assistance

Steven Buduo – “Vasanzio IV” at Chambers Funeral Home



Returning artist work includes:  
David Prete – “Solar Flare” at Beale Circle



The initiative continues to program a rotating, year-round outdoor, town-wide sculpture gallery. In addition, the initiative emphasizes the creation of



### CAN'T PAY RENT BECAUSE OF COVID-19?

The Prince George's County 2021 Emergency Rental and Utilities Assistance Program (ERAP) helps eligible households who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program provides **payment assistance for renters who need help with rent and utilities.**

Applications will be accepted until funds are no longer available.

#### Learn More and Apply:

[hcd.mypgc.us](http://hcd.mypgc.us) and click Emergency Rental Assistance Program



#### Who can apply?

- Tenants unable to pay their rent due to a loss of income because of COVID-19.
- Landlords with occupied rental units on behalf of their tenants.



#### What is required of the tenants?

- Income information to verify that the household's income does not exceed 80% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, and adjusted for household size.
- Written description of the direct or indirect hardship experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Tenants will NOT need to provide Social Security Number, birth certificate or immigration status information in order to apply.**



#### What can ERAP cover?

- Delinquent rental and utility payments beginning on or after April 1, 2020.
- Rent assistance will be paid directly to the landlord/management company on behalf of the tenant through ACH direct deposit. Utility payments will be paid directly to the utility companies.

#### Need Help Completing an Application?

If you need assistance completing and submitting your ERAP application, visit the DHCD website: [hcd.mypgc.us](http://hcd.mypgc.us) and click Emergency Rental Assistance for a list of non-profit partners that will assist you, free of charge.





**HISPANIC  
HERITAGE  
MONTH**

**Dolores Huerta**  
in Conversation  
with County Executive  
Angela D. Alsobrooks

Wednesday, October 6  
7 pm ET/4 pm PT  
Virtual Event: [pgcmls.info/events](https://pgcmls.info/events)



## ACCESSORY STRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

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

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

**Applications available at**  
**[www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov)**

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

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## PROGRAMA DE AYUDA ECONÓMICA PARA ESTRUCTURAS DE ACCESORIA

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

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

**Aplicaciones disponibles en**  
**[www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov)**

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

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# CLINICS

than the  
Flu.”



Protect yourself and your family from the flu. The Health Department's community clinics are open to ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS. No appointments required. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Injectable flu vaccine will be available to anyone age 6 months and older.

## Walk in or Schedule an Appointment



Contact Us: 301-583-3371  
Website: [health.mypgc.us/flu](http://health.mypgc.us/flu)  
Search: Flu Shot

   @PGCHealth

**Saturday, September 25th**  
8:00am - 4:00pm  
13601 Missouri Avenue  
Brandywine, MD 20613  
James E. Proctor  
Southern Area Aquatic  
Recreation Complex

**Thursday, October 7th**  
1:00pm - 7:00pm  
6101 Cherrywood Lane  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Springhill Lake  
Community Center

**Saturday, October 9th**  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
2261 Oxon Run Drive  
Oxon Hill, MD 20748  
Spirit of Faith Church

**Tuesday, October 12th**  
11:00am - 6:00pm  
15 Crescent Rd #200  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Greenbelt Community Center



# Otoño de 2021 clinicas de la gripe

“Soy más  
fuerte que  
la gripe.”




Protégase y proteja a su familia de la gripe. Las clínicas comunitarias del Departamento de Salud están abiertas para TODOS LOS RESIDENTES DEL CONDADO. No se requieren citas. Los menores de 18 años deben estar acompañados por un padre o guardián. La vacuna inyectable contra la gripe estará disponible para personas de 6 meses en adelante.

## Sin cita previa o programe una cita



Contáctenos: 301-583-3371  
Sitio web: [health.mypgc.us/flu](http://health.mypgc.us/flu)  
Búsqueda: Vacuna contra la gripe

   @PGCHealth

**Sábado 25 de septiembre**  
8:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.  
13601 Missouri Avenue  
Brandywine, MD 20613  
James E Proctor  
Complejo recreativo  
acuático del área sur

**Jueves 7 de octubre**  
1:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.  
6101 Cherrywood Lane  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Centro Comunitario de  
Springhill Lake

**Sábado 9 de octubre**  
10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.  
2261 Oxon Run Drive  
Oxon Hill, MD 20748  
Iglesia Espíritu de Fe

**Martes 12 de octubre**  
11:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.  
15 Crescent Rd # 200  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Centro Comunitario  
Greenbelt



# October 2021

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>					1	2
3	<b>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</b>  <b>Legislative Meeting</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	5	<b>Recycling Collection</b>  <b>MUTC Meeting (Virtual)</b>	<b>Trash Collection Community Meeting</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	8	9
10	<b>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</b>	12	<b>Recycling Collection</b>  <b>RPSC Green Team Meeting (Virtual)</b>	<b>Trash Collection</b>  Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	15	<b>Bulk Trash Drop Off</b> <b>9 a.m. – 2 p.m.</b>
17	<b>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</b>	19	<b>Recycling Collection</b>	<b>Trash Collection</b>  Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	22	23
24	<b>Work Session</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>  <b>Trash and Yard Waste Collection</b>	26	<b>Recycling Collection</b>	<b>Trash Collection</b>  Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	29	30/31  