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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

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL

In compliance with the terms of the Charter of the
Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland, a Special Election will be held

*Conforme a los Estatutos de la Ciudad de Riverdale Park,
Maryland, se celebrará una elección el*

Saturday, September 11, 2021

To elect a Ward 1 Council Member

Sábado, 11 de septiembre de 2021

Para elegir al Consejo del Distrito 1

**Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at
Riverdale Fire Department, 4714 Queensbury Road**

***Las urnas abrirán de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. en el
Departamento de Bomberos de Riverdale,
4714 Queensbury Road***

CANDIDATES

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Council, Ward 1

Consejo, Distrito 1

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RICHARD SMITH

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

Council Actions

Legislative Meeting

July 12, 2021

Consent Agenda

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

1. Fence Permit Request: 5905 Harrison Avenue; 6-foot wooden fence (Ward 1)
2. Fence Permit Request: 4906 Somerset Road; 6-foot wooden fence (Ward 2)
3. Minutes: May 24, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting; May 4, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting; June 30, 2020 Work Session

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion regarding Curb Cut request for 5914 Cleveland Avenue - **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into agreement with Shelaidda Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for services related to the Municipal Center Renovations Project #18GG01 - **Approved**
3. Motion to authorize procurement of eight (8) Panasonic CF-31 Toughbook Laptop Computers through USC Canterbury and Front Line Mobile Tech (CIP #21PD05 Technology Improvements Project) - **Approved**
4. Motion to authorize Town Manager to sign Pepco Cost Letter for an amount not to exceed \$48,588 to install 33 LED lights on 21 existing utility poles along the Trolley Trail - **Approved**

Special Legislative Meeting

July 28, 2021

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion regarding fence permit request for a 6-foot wood fence at 5014 Sheridan Street - **Approved**
2. Motion to declare a vacancy in Ward 1 - **Approved**
3. Introduction of Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-06 designating polling place and hours of operation, type of ballots, candidate filing deadline, and candidate filing fee for Ward 1 Special Election on September 11, 2021 - **Introduced**
4. Motion to suspend provision that an ordinance may not be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced- Town Charter §210(b) - **Approved**
5. Motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-06 designating polling place and hours of operation, type of ballots, candidate filing deadline, and candidate filing fee for Ward 1 Special Election on September 11, 2021 - **Adopted**
6. Introduction of Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-07 regarding procedures for the Ward 1 Special Election - **Introduced**
7. Motion to suspend provision that an ordinance may not be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced- Town Charter §210(b) - **Approved**
8. Motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-07 regarding procedures for the Ward 1 Special Election - **Adopted**
9. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-R-12 regarding Election Judges - **Adopted**
10. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-R-13 regarding Board of Election Appeals - **Adopted**

Town of Riverdale Park

www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

Cable Channels: 10 and 71

Mayor

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

Council Members

Ward 1 – Vacant

Ward 2 – Aaron Faulx, 860-970-7776
afaulx@riverdaleparkmd.gov

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Administration

John N. Lestitian, **Town Manager**
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Jessica Barnes, **Administrative Services Director/Town Clerk**
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Ivy Lewis, **Public Projects and Services Director**
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Paul Smith, **Finance and Employee Services Director**
psmith@riverdaleparkmd.gov

David Morris, **Chief of Police**
dmorris@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Fire Department - Emergency 911

Information - 301-927-0356

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

The Town Crier is also available on the Town's

Website: www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

Submission deadline: 15th of each month

Send submissions to:
towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Fair Summary of Legislation

The following Fair Summaries were run in the *Enquirer-Gazette* on August 5, 2021:

Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-06

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has adopted Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-06.

Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-06 will designate the polling place and hours of operation for the Ward 1 Special Election to be held on September 11, 2021; designate the type of ballots to be used in that election; and establish the candidate filing deadline and candidate filing fee for the Ward 1 Special Election to be held on September 11, 2021.

Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-06 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.

Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-07

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has adopted Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-07.

Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-07 will authorize the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chief Election Judge, to establish and modify certain provisions and procedures applicable to the conduct of municipal elections in the Town of Riverdale Park for the Ward 1 Special Election to be held on September 11, 2021; provide for the determination of the type of ballots to be used in such Special Election; and generally relate to modifications to provisions and procedures for the conduct of municipal elections in the Town of Riverdale Park.

Emergency Ordinance 2021-OR-07 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.

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, find "Construction" and click on "Subscribe for Updates". The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.

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WARD 1



Ward 1 Special Election

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Town residents may register to vote in one of the following ways:

1. If you are a U.S. citizen, a Maryland resident, and at least 16 years old; you may register to vote by using the State of Maryland Voter Registration Application found on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov; **OR**
2. If you have, or will have, the Town of Riverdale Park as your primary residence, for at least forty-five (45) days immediately prior to September 11, 2021 (July 28, 2021 to September 10, 2021); are at least 16 years old; do not claim the right to vote elsewhere in the United States; and have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote; register to vote by using the Town of Riverdale Park Supplemental Voter Registry Voter Registration Form found on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov.

WHAT FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL VOTER REGISTRY?

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

legal name and current address in the Town of Riverdale Park.

CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE ON THE DAY OF ELECTION?

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

REMINDER TO NEW RESIDENTS:

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

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

Absentee (Mail-in) Ballots

Applications for Absentee (Mail-in) Ballots for the Ward 1 Special Election are due by **5:00 p.m. on September 1, 2021**. Applications are available on the Town's website, www.riverdaleparkmd.gov, in a document holder located outside of Town Hall, or by request to TownElection@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

Ballots will be mailed approximately ten (10) days prior to the Special Election. You can return your ballot by using the Ballot Drop-box located at Town Hall (5008 Queensbury Road). You may also mail your ballot, however, please note that it must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Please be sure to return your ballot as soon as you receive it. The best way to ensure that your ballot arrives on time is to utilize the Ballot Drop-box located at Town Hall.

Polling Place

The polling place for the Ward 1 Special Election is the Riverdale Fire Department, located at 4714 Queensbury Road. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 11th.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson

The weather is still hot, the tomatoes are fantastic, but my calendar shows that fall is coming, that school has started, and that the Council's summer break is over.

Ward 1 Special Election

Ward 1 will be having a special election on September 11 to fill the seat vacated when the previous representative moved out of town. Look for details elsewhere in this issue, and if you live in Ward 1, please come out to vote!

COVID-19 – Pandemic

I was hoping that the good news I reported in July would continue, but that is not the case. Instead, we are facing down the highly-contagious Delta variant of the virus, which has driven the current wave of the pandemic.

While there is a lot of bad news about the Delta variant, there is also some good news:

The vaccines still work. They don't work quite as well – two doses of the Pfizer vaccine were 94 % effective against symptomatic infection for Alpha, reduced to 88 % for Delta – but they still work, and vaccinated people are much, much less likely to get seriously ill,

Masks, distancing, good ventilation, and minimizing time spent in public places still work. The Delta variant is much, much more contagious, but all of these interventions will reduce your chances of catching or transmitting the virus.

The bad news is that:

Delta seems to lead to serious illness more often than other variants, though this is not fully verified at this time, and

Even fully-vaccinated people can both catch and transmit the virus.

This second piece of bad news led County Executive Alsobrooks to reinstate the indoor mask mandate as of August 8, *regardless of vaccination status*.

The best time to have gotten vaccinated was when the vaccine was first offered to you (as I did, and as all the members of my family did). The next best time is now –

please get vaccinated as soon as you can, to protect yourself, your family, those you come in contact with, and those who medically cannot take the vaccine.

Our zip code's vaccination rate has improved a lot since my last report – we are more than 50 % fully vaccinated as of August 11, and over 58 % have at least one shot. We should still aim to at least meet or beat the numbers for the entire state of Maryland, which is at 60 % fully vaccinated, and 66 % with at least one dose. Ideally we should get all the way to 80 % fully vaccinated, which (perhaps except for Delta) gives us herd immunity!

Please contact me if you are having difficulty finding or getting to a vaccination site.

A final note is that based on what happened elsewhere in the world with the Delta variant, this wave of the pandemic will be short – we may be past the peak by the time you read this. I hope and believe that our medical system will not be overwhelmed during this wave because of our relatively high vaccination rate, but events in other parts of the country still have me worried.

COVID-19 – Recovery

We had expected to have our funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) dollars to assist in recovery from the pandemic, but a last-minute policy change out of the US Treasury has delayed receipt. 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.

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 rent, mortgage, and utility relief to prevent evictions and foreclosures. After that, I hope to 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.

Town Hall Renovations

For many years we have been planning renovations to Town Hall, and we have finally started them! These renovations will improve the layout of staff offices in Town Hall and the Police Department, ensure access to the building and restrooms for people with disabilities,

and add windows and doors to the outside from the council chambers, both to improve lighting and make it obvious when we are meeting!

Trash Pickup

As I mentioned last month, on April 17 the Town Council voted to terminate the contract with the existing vendor and switch to a new vendor. We have now transitioned to the new vendor. Please report any issues but also be patient for a few weeks as the new vendor learns the routes and schedule.

Flooding

September 10 will mark the one-year anniversary of the severe flooding that occurred in 2020. Please join me at a virtual community meeting on September 9th where County Council Representative Dannielle Glaros and County Staff will update us on projects underway to reduce the impact of future storms. The schedule and instructions on how to join are available elsewhere in this issue of the *Town Crier*, and on the Town's website.

Contact Me

If you have any questions or comments about any aspect of Town government, please contact me by e-mail (akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or phone (202-527-0309 – my 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 October, when fall will have arrived with colorful trees and crisp apples. I hope *again* that we will be moving more and more back to normal, and I can spend more time talking about the Purple Line, new businesses opening up, and town events. 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
- ✓ 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

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

Community Meeting: September 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82096850865?pwd=WFBDD3YzbTNQb2loVnFjd3ZRS0FaQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 820 9685 0865

Passcode: 579554

Legislative Meeting: September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84470221970?pwd=dGRhblRkSOJVQVNGUzJoVXRGSkUrQT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 844-7022-1970

Passcode: 579554

Council Work Session: September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807193939?pwd=Z2d1MVdEMyhtTWtoVkJwaTJZdCtEUT09>

Or call: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 818-0719-3939

Passcode: 579554

2021 Dates to Remember

- September 1, 2021: Deadline to request Absentee (Mail-in) Ballot for Ward 1 Special Election
- September 1, 2021: Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review Committee Meeting (virtual)
- September 6, 2021: Town Hall and DPW Operations Closed
- September 8, 2021: RPSC (Green Team) Meeting via Zoom
- September 9, 2021: Community Meeting regarding Storm Water Management
- September 11, 2021: Ward 1 Special Election- Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Fire Department)
- September 13, 2021: Legislative Meeting via Zoom
- September 22, 2021: Ethics Commission Meeting via Zoom
- September 27, 2021: Council Work Session via Zoom
- 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

Mosquito Control Program



The Town will once again participate in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program. Spray season began at the end of May and is anticipated to end in mid-September.

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.

Help Control the Mosquito Population

By Sarah Batto, Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee

Mosquito Season is Here! Besides being annoying, some mosquitoes in our area have been found to carry dangerous diseases so it is important to do your part to help control the mosquito population. Asian Tiger Mosquitoes (a newer invasive species found in our area) will typically not travel much farther than your and your neighbors' yards, so your actions will directly affect your own health. The average amount of time it takes eggs in water to develop into mosquitos in warm weather is one week, so the sooner you take action, the better! Here are some environmentally-friendly ways to repel or lower the mosquito population in your area:

- **Remove Stagnant Water:** Do not allow standing water in your yard. Even a teaspoon-size of water can breed mosquitoes. (Check pots, trash cans and their lids, furniture, rain barrels, tarps, pet bowls, children's toys, kiddie pools, empty bottles or other trash, clogged gutters or drains, bird baths, etc. for pooling water)
- **Check Water Features:** If you do have a water feature that does not have moving or well-aerated water, such as a bird bath, uncovered rain barrel, or pond with unmoving water even on the edges, you may throw in a mosquito dunk (<https://www.summitchemical.com/mosquito/mosquito-dunks/>) or mosquito bits that contain *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), a naturally occurring soil bacteria that kills any mosquito larvae that end up in the water and is safe to use in rain barrels and around pets, wildlife, and swimming pools, although regular chlorine maintenance of pools is sufficient.
- **Check Rain Barrels and Gutter Spouts:** If you have a rain barrel, check that it has a screen with 1/16 inch holes or a double layer of window screen material to prevent mosquitoes from flying in/out, or cover the opening with pantyhose for a short-term fix. Also, if your downspout end or gutter tubing is not covered as well, mosquitoes can also fly into downspouts with standing water and require such coverings. Wrap corrugated gutter tubing with pantyhose if it has standing water in the rippled tubing. For short-term fixes, add mosquito dunks, mentioned

above, every 30 days, or pour enough cooking oil weekly to maintain a 1/8 inch of oil on the top of the water.

- **Keep Natural Predators and Yards Tidy:** Encourage natural predators, such as birds and bats with bat-houses and birdhouses. Mosquitoes also like high grasses and dense foliage.
- **Mosquito Traps:** If you are willing to pay a little money for mosquito traps, a scientist studying mosquitos, developed the Biogents GAT mosquito trap that targets trapping the local Asian Tiger Mosquitos. Additionally, studies about insect “zapper” or light traps show they are not found to significantly attract mosquitos nor prevent bites and are found to kill other beneficial insects as well as can attract insects closer. Ultrasonic or sound mosquito repellants also are not scientifically proven. Misting chemicals are not regulated or approved by the EPA and applying pesticides can be harmful to beneficial insects, have short-term effects, and in some cases have contributed to mosquito resistance to pesticides.
- **Be Unattractive:** A few tips to repel mosquitos are: Wear light-colored clothing and cover up bare skin, if possible. Avoid scented hygiene products and perfume. Citronella candles are moderately effective in the immediate area around the candle, not your entire yard. Stay cool and clean. If you have a fan, moving air can help because mosquitoes are attracted to the CO2 we breathe out, our body heat, and our natural odors, like sweat. Varying results have been found from planting mosquito-repelling plants. The only botanically derived insect-repellent ingredient the CDC recommends is Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus/PMD, which has been registered with the EPA and undergone efficacy testing. Natural insect repellents, like essential oils, need to be reapplied more frequently than more commercial repellents. See the Environmental Working Group and the EPA for more information on testing of how long bug repellents last and which is right for you (<https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you> and <https://www.ewg.org/consumer-guides/ewgs-2018-guide-bug-repellents>)

Visit the *American Mosquito Control Association* for more info:
<https://www.mosquito.org/page/faq>

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:

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

Tulip Nichol- tnichol@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381 ext. 508

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 or contact Development Services Director Ryan Chelton at 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

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, 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.



It's **BACK TO SCHOOL** time!

The speed limit in the
Town of Riverdale Park is

20 miles per hour

For your safety and the safety of others

**SLOW
DOWN**



RIVERDALE PARK

SPEED
LIMIT
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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

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

RIVERDALE PARK

COME GROW WITH US!



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

Para más información, llame al 301-927-6381
o envíe un correo electrónico a
development@riverdaleparkmd.gov

RIVERDALE PARK

COME GROW WITH US!

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 Recycling Collection	2 Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	3	4
5	6 Town Hall & DPW Services Closed  Yard Waste Suspended	7	8 Recycling Collection	9 Community Meeting 7:30 p.m. Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center) Trash Collection	10	11 Ward 1 Special Election 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Riverdale Fire Department
12	13 Legislative Meeting 7 p.m. Trash and Yard Waste Collection	14	15 Recycling Collection	16 Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	17	18 Bulk Trash Drop Off 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
19	20 Trash and Yard Waste Collection	21	22 Recycling Collection	23 Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)	24	25
26	27 Council Work Session 7 p.m. Trash and Yard Waste Collection	28	29 Recycling Collection	30 Trash Collection Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)		

COLLECTION REMINDERS

Curbside by 6 a.m. on collection day



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.

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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.

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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.

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Bulk Trash

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

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To report a concern, call 301-927-6381 or submit a request online

The Trash Concerns app can be used to order a new trash container, report missed collections, and report any other trash-related concerns.

Visit www.riverdaleparkmd.gov and click on the Trash Concerns icon.

RECORDATORIOS DE COLECCIÓN

En la acera a las 6 a.m. del día de recolección



Basura residencial

Coloque la basura residencial en bolsas duraderas a prueba de roturas antes de colocarla en contenedores. Cierre bien la tapa para evitar que entre el agua de lluvia y reducir los derrames. Limpie el bote de basura con regularidad. Coloque el bote de basura en la acera antes de las 6:00 a.m. los lunes y jueves o la noche anterior a la recolección.

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Desechos de jardín

NO mezcle los desechos del jardín con la basura residencial. Coloque los desechos del jardín en bolsas de papel o en contenedores reutilizables marcados como desechos del jardín. Ate las ramas con una cuerda o una soga (no use alambre). Los bultos deben tener menos de 4 pies de largo y menos de 3 pulgadas de diámetro y pesar menos de 60 libras. Coloque los desechos del jardín en la acera antes de las 6:00 a.m. los lunes o la noche anterior a la recolección.

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Reciclaje

Como recordatorio, NO SE PERMITEN BOLSAS DE PLÁSTICO. El reciclaje en la acera es proporcionado por el Departamento de Medio Ambiente del Condado de Prince George. Llame al 311 o al 301-883-4748 si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud sobre este servicio. Coloque los contenedores de reciclaje en la acera antes de las 6:00 a.m. los miércoles.

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Basura a granel

La recogida se realiza con cita previa solo los jueves. Programe la recolección antes de las 12:00 p.m. los miércoles llamando al 240-604-6077 o en línea en www.jedatruckinginc.com/book-online. Tenga en cuenta que la recolección de basura a granel está limitada a tres (3) artículos por semana. Disponga la basura a granel programada para su recogida antes de las 6 a.m. del jueves.

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Para reportar una inquietud, llame al 301-927-6381 o envíe una solicitud en línea

La aplicación Trash Concerns se puede utilizar para solicitar un nuevo contenedor de basura, informar sobre recolecciones perdidas e informar cualquier otra inquietud relacionada con la basura. Visite www.riverdaleparkmd.gov y haga clic en el icono Trash Concerns.