

# Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

## Status and Information Report

### Report No. 12 for 2017



July 14, 2017

To Mayor Thompson and Town Council,

The goal of the Status and Information reports is to share relevant information in a timely fashion. The Status and Information Reports are distributed to the Town's elected officials, residents, and employees. Status and Information Reports are also available to businesses and visitors through the Town website. The reports are published in English and Spanish. The next Status and Information report will be published on July 28, 2017.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Council Work Session	Monday, August 28, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

#### **Community Engagement**

- **National Night Out:** National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 6-8 p.m. This annual event is part of an ongoing effort to grow the relationship between Town residents and members of the Town's Police Department. Working together to promote crime prevention and neighborhood unity is vital to the Town's overall public safety efforts. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. The Riverdale Park Police Department greatly appreciates your involvement in the community and looks forward to growing these efforts.
- **Community Walk:** A Ward 5 Community Walk will be held on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Council Member Richardson will be joined by Town Manager John Lestitian, Chief of Police Morris, and Mr. Andy Fellows from the National Center for Smart Growth and College of Information Studies. Residents are encouraged to join in the walk and discussion about Ward 5. The walk will begin at Park Tanglewood apartments located at 5309 Riverdale Road.

## Development

- **Riverdale Park Station Townhomes:** The construction of the 119 townhomes is well underway. The first section of townhomes contains the model units and has one unit that is currently for sale. The second section of townhomes contains 11 units and they have all been sold and are occupied. The third section of townhomes has 13 units and will be completed this month for August move-in. Construction recently began for the fourth section of townhomes. Currently, 31 townhomes have been sold.
- **Gateway Park at Riverdale Park Station:** Artwork installation south of Van Buren Street is expected to commence this summer pending the final sign-off by the County of that section of Gateway Park.
- **Riverdale Park Station's Free Daily Shuttle:** Riverdale Park Station features a FREE daily shuttle from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It runs every 15 minutes between Riverdale Park Station, College Park Metro Station and Prince George's Plaza Metro Station. The shuttle stop is located near the main entrance to the Whole Foods Market. Visit [www.rpstransit.com/shutte](http://www.rpstransit.com/shutte) for more details.
- **Update on CSX Crossing Bridge:** Shirley Contracting has begun to build the concrete deck on top of the girders. It is anticipated the concrete decking will be completed late this summer. Concrete bridge deck placements will begin mid-July and are required by the County to take place during the early morning hours (typically starting around 4:00 a.m.). There are approximately three (3) independent placements that will occur during these early hours and they will be spread out over the course of about a one-month period (mid-July through mid-August). All other construction activities will continue to take place during normal working hours. Construction is continuing on the retaining wall system on the east & west abutment. Earthwork & drainage operations continue adjacent to the former ERCO plant. This work includes excavation and storm drainage installation and will continue through the Third quarter of 2017. The construction will be monitored to assure compliance with County work hours and noise regulations.

### **License and Permitting Report:**

Permit Request: 2

<b>Permit Number</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Permit For</b>
2017-B-61	4504 Tuckerman Street	Fence
2017-B-62	6315 Baltimore Avenue	Permit Revisions (foundation)

Approved Permit: 3

<b>Permit Number</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Permit For</b>
2017-P-20	5005 Sheridan Street	POD
2017-P-21	5408 Riverdale Road	POD
2017-B-59	6710 45 <sup>th</sup> Street	Tenant Layout

**Department of Public Works**

- **Recycling data:** To benchmark the Town’s residential recycling efforts the tonnage of trash and recycling is now reported by month. The goal is to increase recycling and lower the tonnage of trash. The efforts of every resident are greatly appreciated in adding to our shared sustainability.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Residential Trash Tonnage</b>	<b>Residential Recycling Tonnage</b>
January	70.28 tons	21.28 tons
February	60.17 tons	21.03 tons
March	78.29 tons	20.17 tons
April	95.54 tons	27.44 tons
May	119.08 tons	39.18 tons
June	52.32 tons	12.64 tons

- **Trash Collection for New Residents at Riverdale Park Station** – DPW has notified Bates of the fourteen (14) new addresses on Woodberry Street that need totes for trash collection and the totes have been delivered.
- **Bulk Trash Pick-up Available Online:** Residents can request a bulk trash pick-up from Bates on-line. Go to [www.batestrucking.com](http://www.batestrucking.com) and complete the Service Request form in the Customer Center.
- **Mosquito Control Program:** The Maryland Department of Agriculture’s Mosquito Control Program started on May 31, 2017. Spraying will take place on Tuesday evenings (weather permitting). For more information regarding the Mosquito Control Program please contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 301-422-5080, [www.mda.maryland.gov](http://www.mda.maryland.gov), or on Twitter: @MdAgMosquito and @MdAgDep.

**Police Department**

**Activity for June 29- July 12, 2017:**

Calls for Service	495	DUI Arrests	4
Arrests/Warrants	11	Reports Filed	66
Accidents	39		

Included in the various reports below are several incidents in which items were removed from vehicles. The most recent edition of the *Town Crier* includes proactive crime prevention tips.

For additional information on please visit the following link:  
<http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/Crier/July%20August%202017%20Crier.pdf>

**Reports:**

6-29-17: Officers responded to the Rite Aid for a disorderly male assaulting the store employees. The individual assaulted numerous employees. He was arrested and transported to the hospital for an emergency evaluation. An arrest warrant was obtained for five counts of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault and Disorderly Conduct.

6-29-17: Officers responded to Riverdale Plaza for a report of an indecent exposure. The victim reported that the suspect drove up and asked her for directions. The suspect exposed himself and fled from the scene when the victim called the police. The investigation is ongoing.

6-30-17: Officers responded to the 5000 block of Riverdale Road for individuals drinking alcohol in the parking lot. One individual was found to have an open warrant through Prince George's County Sheriff's Office. He was placed under arrest without incident.

7-01-17: Officers responded to Riggs Grocery for a group of males drinking and gambling in front of the store. Officers advised the group to disperse and one individual refused. The individual had already received a criminal citation for trespassing at the same location on 6-28-17. He was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and trespassing.

7-01-17: Officers responded to the 4500 block of Sheridan Street for a vandalism to auto. The victim reported their vehicle was scratched sometime between 06-27 and 07-01.

7-02-17: Officers responded to the parking lot of St. Bernard's church for theft from auto. The suspect reached through the open window of a vehicle and removed a cellular phone.

7-03 -17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Quintana Street for a theft from auto. Two unloaded firearms were stolen from the trunk of a vehicle along with security equipment. The firearms were entered into NCIC. The investigation is ongoing.

7-04-17: Officers responded to the 6000 block of 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a residential burglary. The suspects entered through an unlocked window and stole a laptop computer. No one was home at the time of the burglary. The investigation is ongoing and investigators are following up on leads.

7-05-17: Officers observed a group of males loitering in the parking lot of 5500 Kenilworth Avenue. One individual was found to have an open arrest warrant through the PG Sheriff's Office. He was placed under arrest without incident.

7-06-17: Officers responded to the 4800 block of Riverdale Road for a stolen vehicle. The victim reported her 1991 Chrysler was stolen sometime during the night. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

7-06-17: Officers observed a suspicious vehicle in the 5500 block of Nicholson Street. Upon contacting the occupants, they were found to be drinking alcoholic beverages. Both occupants were issued citations for drinking inside a vehicle.

7-08-17: Officers located a developmentally disabled child in the intersection of East-West Highway and Baltimore Avenue. The child was unable to provide his address so he was transported to the police station. Ultimately, his parents were located and he was transported home safely.

7-09-17: Officers responded to the parking lot of St. Bernard's church for a theft from auto. The suspect removed a handbag from an open window of the vehicle.

7-10-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace for a domestic dispute. The victim reported her ex-boyfriend broke the window to her apartment when she refused to let him in. The suspect fled the scene but was located a short distance away. The suspect was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property and trespassing.

7-11-17: Officers responded to the Wells Fargo Bank for theft complaint. A female was attempting to cash a stolen check. The suspect was arrested on scene and charged with uttering a false document and theft over \$500.

7-11-17: Officer responded to the 5300 block of Taylor Road for a theft from auto. The victim reported currency was stolen from her vehicle. There was no forced entry into the vehicle and the suspect is a possible acquaintance of the victim.


7-12-17: Officers responded to the parking lot of 5309 Riverdale Road for a report of theft from auto. The investigation revealed two vehicles were broken into. The suspects stole tools and radio from one vehicle. Nothing was reported stolen from the 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle.

7-12-17: Officers responded to the 5800 block of Baltimore Avenue for a man with a gun. Officers contacted an individual who matched the description given to dispatch. The individual was found to be in possession of a BB Gun.

### **Update**

On June 20, 2017, a citizen reported he was robbed in the 5600 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The investigation revealed the incident was an assault and not a robbery. A suspect has been developed and criminal charges are pending.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian  
Town Manager