

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 16 for 2017



September 8, 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 September 22, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Work Session	September 25, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	October 2, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Public Works

- **September Bulk Trash Drop-off:** Bulk Trash Drop-off days are on the third Saturday of each month. Items are only accepted between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Saturday Drop-off for this month will be held on September 16, 2017.

Environment

- **Unscheduled Mosquito Spraying:** The Maryland Department of Agriculture conducted an unscheduled mosquito control spraying yesterday evening. The Department of Agriculture issued a news release which the Town distributed via TownTalk and Town Announce. According to the news release, the unscheduled mosquito control spraying was in response to a West Nile virus-positive mosquito pool in Prince George's County. The Town will post on its website any additional information received from the Department. Questions about the unscheduled spraying should be directed to Julie Oberg, [410-841-5888](tel:410-841-5888) or Jason Schellhardt, [410-841-5889](tel:410-841-5889).

This year the Mosquito Control Program started on May 31st and runs through October. Scheduled spraying takes place on Tuesday evenings (weather permitting). For more information regarding the Mosquito Control Program please contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) at 301-422-5080, www.mda.maryland.gov, or on Twitter: @MdAgMosquito and @MdAgDep.

- **Fall Tree Planting:** We are entering our fall tree planting season. Residents who wish to have a tree planted in of front or near their property are asked to contact the Department of Public Works at 301.864.1803. Requests must be received by October 16, 2017.
- **Hurricane Irma:** The Town is monitoring the progress of Hurricane Irma to assess its potential impact in our area. We do not expect any impact before next week. Residents are encouraged to check Maryland Emergency Management’s website for important information on how to prepare for a hurricane. <http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/resources-hurricane.aspx>

Community Engagement

- **Request for Resident Input:** The Town is requesting community input on the Town’s vision for housing and neighborhoods. The resolution that is being considered for adoption is attached. Please forward any comments or suggestions to the Town Clerk at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov.
- **Riverdale Park Day 2017! Planning Committee:** Planning for Riverdale Park Day 2017! Continues to progress. The Town and the Committee would like to thank Geppetto Catering Company and Ernie's Lock Co., Inc. for their sponsorship of this event. Sponsorship packages are still available! For more information, visit the Town’s website at www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/info or call Jessica Barnes at 301-927-6381.
- **Call for Volunteers:** Individual, non-profit and corporate volunteers and sponsors are needed to make this year’s event fantastic! Please contact Waverly Pollitt at wpollitt@riverdaleparkmd.gov for more information.

Development

- **Upcoming Meetings:** A new feature in the Status and Information reports is a listing of upcoming meetings that may have information or agenda items related to development in or near the Town. Below please find links to the agendas for the Board of License Commissioners, the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. Please visit the links for additional information.

Board of License Commissioners: September 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)

- <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/09132017-941>

Planning Board: September 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

- http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1390

Historic Preservation Commission: September 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)

- <http://www.mncppc.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/09192017-140>

Police

Activity for August 24 – September 6, 2017:

Calls for Service	540	DUI Arrests	5
Arrests/Warrants	10	Reports Filed	65
Accidents	40		

Reports:

8-24-17: Officers responded to the 5700 block of Silk Tree Drive for a theft from auto. A laptop computer was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. The computer was entered into NCIC.

8-25-17: Officers responded to 5600 54th Avenue for a trespassing complaint. The property manager reported several juveniles refusing to leave the property. A 17-year-old male was arrested after he refused orders to leave the property.

8-25-17: Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a theft. A rear license plate was stolen from a vehicle.

8-25-17: Officers responded to a restaurant located on the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. A suspect walked behind the counter and removed a tray of food. The suspect fled south on Baltimore Avenue

8-26-17: Officers responded to the 5600 block of Nicholson Street for a theft in progress. Two juveniles were discovered breaking into a vehicle. The incident occurred in Prince George's County's jurisdiction. As a result, the County police arrested the two juveniles.

8-27-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a group of males loitering and drinking alcohol. Upon contacting the individuals warrant checks were conducted. One individual was arrested for having three open warrants through the Prince George's Sheriff's Office.

8-28-17: Officers responded to 5300 block of Riverdale Road to assist the Fire Department. A forced entry was made into an apartment due to smoke on the 2nd floor.

8-28-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a fight. The investigation revealed the victim was struck in the face with a 24-ounce beer can. The suspect was located and arrested without incident.

8-29-17: Officers responded to the 5000 block of Nicholson Street for a found missing person. A 16-year-old male who was reported missing from Montgomery County was located at the address. The juvenile was returned home unharmed.

8-30-17: Officers observed an individual drinking alcohol in a parking lot in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A criminal citation was issued for open container.

8-30-17: Officers responded to a restaurant in the 5600 block of Riverdale Road for a theft. The victim reported he left his iPhone 7 unattended while using the bathroom.

8-30-17: Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5600 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The driver was found to have a suspended license. During an impound inventory, 1 gram of Marijuana was recovered from the vehicle. The driver was issued citations and released from the scene.

8-31-17: Officers observed an individual drinking alcohol in a parking lot in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A criminal citation was issued for open container.

9-1-17: Officers observed a group of males loitering in the rear of a business located in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. Warrant checks revealed one individual to have an open warrant for 2nd Degree Assault. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections.

9-2-17: Officers were flagged down in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue by a victim of an assault. The victim was stabbed and robbed of his cell while walking in a nearby vacant lot. The victim was transported to the hospital with non- life-threatening injuries. The victim was extremely intoxicated so limited suspect information was obtained. The investigation is ongoing.

9-3-17: Officers responded to the 4500 block of East-West Highway for a disorderly female in the roadway. The female refused commands to calm down and move from the street. A criminal citation was issued for disorderly conduct.

9-3-17: Officer Harbitz conducted a traffic stop for speeding in the 6100 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The driver had no identification and gave the officer a fictitious name. Through investigative means the drivers true name was found. The driver had two open arrest warrants through Prince George's County Sheriff's Office. A search of the vehicle revealed 1.8 grams of marijuana, 6 alprazolam pills, and 25 rounds of ammunition.

9-4-17: Officers located a missing juvenile in the 5300 block of Riverdale Road. The juvenile was safely returned home to College Park.

9-5-17: Officers observed an individual in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue whom they knew to have an open arrest warrant. The warrant was confirmed and the individual was arrested without incident.

9-5-17: Officers responded to Kenilworth Avenue and Jefferson Street for a hit and run accident. The driver struck a vehicle and a telephone pole before fleeing the scene on foot. The driver was located a few blocks away and arrested for DUI and leaving the scene of an accident. No serious injuries were reported.

Update

The Maryland Highway Safety Office has invited Chief Morris to participate in the Governors Highway Safety Association's Annual Meeting. This year the meeting will be held in Louisville, Kentucky from September 17-20.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian
Town Manager

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COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND
Resolution 2017-R-XXXX

Introduced by:

Date Introduced:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

FOR THE PURPOSE OF establishing the Town of Riverdale Park's vision and commitment for housing and neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Town Council to establish a vision and commitment to support Riverdale Park's housing and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to be welcoming, safe, and inclusive; where people feel safe and comfortable, where diversity is a shared and celebrated value, and residents are engaged with the community and their government; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to foster a sense of place, pride and community identity; where assets are recognized and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to be clean, well-built, and maintained, free from crime, and where the private and public sector invest; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to be healthy and sustainable; where residents enjoy attractive, walkable and accessible neighborhoods, have access to amenities such as parks and playgrounds, and benefit from positive social interaction; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods are recognized as the foundation upon which healthy communities are built, and in support thereof the Mayor and Town Council are committed to operations, programs, initiatives, legislation and resources that further establish and nurture housing and neighborhoods throughout the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Riverdale Park do hereby establish this vision and commitment to housing and neighborhoods throughout the Town.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERDALE PARK

Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor