

# Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

## Status and Information Report

### Report No. 4 for 2017



March 24, 2017

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To Mayor Archer 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 April 7, 2017.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Council Work Session	March 27, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Chief's Community Advisory Committee Meeting	March 30, 2017, 7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	April 3, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

#### **Town Administration**

##### **Exploring our history and our future:**

- Town Staff looks to the future while touring the history of Riverdale Park: Town Staff visited Riversdale House Museum on Friday, March 17 for a tour led by Ms. Ann Wass. This was a great opportunity to learn how Riversdale helped to shape the history of the Town. Staff also had an initial discussion on the possibilities for future partnerships. The staff of Riversdale invited the Town to explore having events on the grounds of Riversdale.

##### **Environmental Stewardship:**

- Working towards a more sustainable Riverdale Park: Town staff met with the Chair of the Sustainability Committee to discuss the recertification as a Sustainable Maryland Community. The Committee reported that actions are planned to support Community Action, the Community-based Food System, Energy, Greenhouse Gas reduction, Health and Wellness, Local Economies, Natural Resources and Planning and Land Use. For more information on these efforts and to get involved, contact the Town Staff at

town@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301- 927-6381.

### **Neighborhood Improvement:**

- Working with our County partners: Town staff met with representatives of the Community Planning Division of the Prince George's County Planning Department to discuss issues specific to Riverdale Park. Town staff plans to meet with Community Planning Division staff on a monthly basis.

### **Messaging good character:**

- Ethics, a discussion about character: As noted in the February 24<sup>th</sup> report, March is Ethics Awareness Month in Riverdale Park. All Town staff are participating in ethics training this month. The conversations about ethics have included messaging on good character. Staff are reviewing options to incorporate the messaging of the nationally known Character Counts! program into their efforts more broadly. The program's six pillars of character are: Trustworthiness; Respect; Responsibility; Fairness; Caring; and Citizenship.

### **Building Safety:**

- Planning to improve safety: As a member of the International Code Council, the Town of Riverdale Park is planning its participation in Building Safety Month. The month of May is designated as a time to increase public awareness to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. The campaign also reinforces the need for adoption of model codes, a strong education outreach program, and an efficient system of code administration by a well-trained, professional workforce. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

### **Office of the Town Clerk**

- Important Dates for Upcoming Election:
  - Voter Registration Deadline: April 3, 2017
  - Candidate Filing Deadline: April 6, 2017
  - Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot: April 21, 2017
  - Election Day: May 1, 2017, Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- Volunteers Needed for Annual Easter Egg Hunt: The Town's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Riverside Neighborhood Park. Volunteers are needed to help with hiding the eggs, distributing prizes and games. Please contact the Town Clerk at [jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov) if you are able to volunteer. Student service hours are available.

### **Finance Department**

- **Controlling Costs:** Town staff met with Chesapeake Employers Insurance; the Town's provider of worker's compensation insurance. Staff reviewed the Town's performance and discussed ways to continue to control costs. Worker's Compensation Insurance costs can be significant. Ensuring a safe and healthy workforce continues to be an important focus and it produces results. The annual cost for this insurance is approximately half of what it cost in 2009.

### **Human Resource Department**

- **Supportive Programs:** Staff have created a health, wellness, and safety committee to promote a safe and healthy workforce / workplace. This team effort, involving staff from all aspects of the Town's operation, will meet regularly as they assist in developing related events and initiatives. As evidenced by the currently reduced worker's compensation insurance, every team member's efforts to improve health, wellness and safety produce results for the Town.

### **Department of Public Works**

#### **A job well done!**

- The Department of Public Works staff implemented their action plan in preparation for and in response to Snow Event Stella. This team worked a combined 350 hours and distributed over 19 tons of salt.

A huge thank you to this team for keeping the Town's roads open and travel safe for our residents, businesses and visitors. Well done!

### **Police Department**

#### **Activity for March 8- March 22, 2017:**

Calls for Service	538	DUI Arrests	2
Arrests/Warrants	8	Reports Filed	70
Accidents	31		

#### **Reports:**

3-12-17: Officers responded to 5415 Kenilworth Avenue for a fight in progress. One person was arrested for an open warrant and related criminal charges.

03-16-17: Officers encountered an intoxicated male in the parking lot of 5400 Kenilworth Avenue Subject was issued a criminal citation for drinking in public.

03-17-17: Officer Harbitz conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The driver was arrested for an open warrant and 5 grams of suspected marijuana was recovered.

03-19-17: Officers responded to the 5700 block of Silk Tree Drive for a theft from auto. The rear spoiler was taken from the vehicle.

03-20-17: Officers responded to 5610 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a theft from auto. Work tools were taken from the vehicle.

03-20-17: Officers responded to 5313 Riverdale Road for a vandalism to auto. The vehicle had been scratched in multiple places.

3-21-17: Officers responded to 5405 Kenilworth Avenue for a disorderly subject. One person was arrested for an open warrant and related criminal charges.

3-22-17: Officers responded to the Alamo Restaurant for a theft report. Manager reported an unknown suspect entered the restaurant and stole US Currency on 3-12-17.

3-22-17: Officer Harbitz conducted a traffic stop in the 5800 block of Riverdale Road. Officers conducted a probable cause search and recovered 1.2 grams of suspected marijuana.

Train the Trainers – Riverdale Park Leading:

- RPPD personnel are attending Fair and Impartial Policing “Train the Trainer” training on March 27-29, 2017 at the University of Maryland Police Department.

Chief represents the Town and the profession:

- Over the past several weeks, Chief Morris has testified in Annapolis on a number of bills that directly impact law enforcement to include:
  - HB 1396 - Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting a Handgun - Penalties - Subsequent Offenders
  - HB 1362 – Maryland Law Enforcement Trust Act
  - SB 946 -Weapon-Free Higher Education Zones

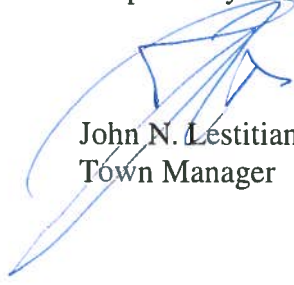
License and Permitting Report:

Permit Requests: 5

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-24	4401 Woodberry Street 2B.1	5840-2017-00 (Landlord Work)
2017-B-25	6740 45th Street 2B.2	5841-2017-00 (Landlord Work)
2017-B-26	6740 45th Street 2B.4	5843-2017-00 (Landlord Work)

<b>Permit Number</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Permit For</b>
2017-B-27	6720 45th Street 2B.3	5842-2017-00 (Landlord Work)
2017-B-28	4595 Van Buren Street	Commercial Interior

Respectfully submitted,



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