

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 10 for 2017



June 16, 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 June 30, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Work Session	Monday, June 19, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	Monday, July 3, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Chief's Community Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Town Administration

- **Notification Received from WSSC:** The Town recently received a notification from WSSC that they will be holding public meetings to discuss the rate structures under consideration and the impact these options will have on water and sewer bills. The new rate structure is scheduled to be adopted in June 2018. The Prince George's County meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the WSSC Lobby Auditorium at 14501 Sweitzer Lane in Laurel. Information regarding the rate structure alternatives is available at www.wsscwater.com/ratestudy. If you are unable to attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted until June 30, 2017 to BudgetGroup@wsscwater.com or mailed to Budget Division Manager, WSSC, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707.
- **Community Engagement:** On June 29th at 5:00 p.m. the Chief's Community Advisory Committee will host a "Chat with the Chief" at the Riverdale Park Farmer's Market. Residents are encouraged to come out and chat with Chief Morris and members of the Riverdale Park Police Department.

- **Police Corporal and Police Chief Honored:** The Town Manager had the pleasure to attend the Police Chief's Association of Prince George's County Annual Awards Program. Corporal Green was recognized as Riverdale Park's Officer of the Year. At the end of the program, the association's president, Chief Mitchell, awarded Riverdale Park's Chief Morris with the 2016 President's Award. Congratulations to both as they represent the highest standards in the law enforcement profession. Well done!
- **FY2017 Year-end process:** Staff met with the external auditors to review year-end procedures and to develop a schedule for completing the annual audit. The State of Maryland requires that audits be submitted to the State by October 31st. Extensions may be granted in certain cases. While the Town has received extensions in the past, the projected schedule has the Town submitting the required audit prior to the deadline.

Office of the Town Clerk

- **Mayor Thompson and Council Sworn-in:** The Mayor and Council were sworn-in on Monday, June 5th by a representative of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County.



Human Resources

- **Employee Compensation Summaries:** Riverdale Park is a great place to work. Because compensation is much more than salary, HR, in partnership with Finance, is creating Employee Compensation Summaries detailing all the benefits staff receive in addition to salary, such as retirement, vacation, sick leave, holidays, health and life insurance, and more. These summaries will be provided to staff as part of the year-end processes. The total compensation information sheets illustrate the Town's commitment to attract and retain great team members dedicated to providing exceptional service the residents.

Development

- **Riverdale Park Station Construction Update:** Over the next two weeks the General Contractor, L.F. Jennings, will continue site construction in multiple areas. Washington Gas Light (WGL), Verizon, Comcast, WSSC and Pepco are completing the installation of utility services to each new building. The base paving for the new road construction throughout the site is substantially complete. The construction of the first section of the 119 townhomes is well underway. Construction of the new commercial Buildings #1 & 2 are nearly complete & the tenant fitout work in these buildings is scheduled to start in July. Construction of the new commercial Building #4 is well underway & scheduled for completion by the end of the year. The remaining tenant fitout work in Building #3 is on-going.

- **Bridge Update:** The closure of the former ERCO plant parking lot between the Rivertech Court cul-de-sac and Lafayette Avenue will continue until the new bridge is open – estimated to be in the Fourth quarter of 2017. The bridge builder, Shirley Contracting, recently completed the placement of steel girders on the bridge crossing. They will soon begin to build the concrete deck on top of the girders. It is anticipated the concrete decking will be completed late this summer. The retaining wall system on the east & west abutment has begun. The abutments should be completed in July. Earthwork & drainage operations have begun adjacent to the former ERCO plant. This work includes excavation and storm drainage installation and will continue through the Third quarter of 2017.

- **Hiker/Biker Trail:** The Hiker/Biker Trail has been deeded to M-NCPPC's Department of Parks and Recreation who will manage and maintain the trail. They expect to open the trail for use by the public once they determine that site conditions are suitably safe from dangers associated with the immediately adjacent construction activities. There is a possibility that with the completion of the townhouses and the commercial buildings on the western half of the boundary later this summer, a temporary hiker-biker route may be able to be created.

License and Permitting Report:

Permit Request: 10

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-49	4800 Chief Chris Kyle Court	6-foot wooden fence
2017-B-50	4802 Chief Chris Kyle Court	6-foot wooden fence
2017-B-51	4804 Chief Chris Kyle Court	6-foot wooden fence
2017-B-52	4806 Chief Chris Kyle Court	6-foot wooden fence
2017-B-53	4805 Chief Chris Kyle Court	6-foot wooden fence
2017-B-54	4803 Chief Chris Kyle Court	6-foot wooden fence
2017-B-55	4801 Chief Chris Kyle Court	6-foot wooden fence
2017-B-56	5309 Riverdale Road	Office Trailer
2017-B-57	4440 Van Buren Street	Commercial Tenant Layout
2017-B-58	4400 Woodbury Street	Interior Renovation

Approved Permit: 1

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-48	6315 51 st Avenue	20 Solar Panels

Department of Public Works

Data Focused:

- **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.

Month	Residential Trash Tonnage	Residential Recycling Tonnage
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

Neighborhood Improvement:

- **Recent Meeting with Bates Trucking** – On June 13th Town Manager Lestitian and Director Addison met with Bates Trucking owner, Bruce Bates, to discuss concerns regarding their services this year. Staff was informed that the company has assigned a dedicated supervisor to trail the trash crews to assure that trash, yard waste, and bulk trash are picked up. The dedicated supervisor will also be responsible for quickly responding to the Town’s concerns such as spills and missed services. Mr. Bates will attend the June 19th Work Session to discuss the matter with council.
- **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, or on Twitter: @MdAgMosquito and @MdAgDep.

- **Bulk Trash Drop-off This Saturday:** Bulk Trash Drop-off days are on the third Saturday of each month. Items are only accepted between 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The schedule follows:

2017 Bulk Trash Drop-off Schedule

June	17 th	Saturday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
July	15 th	Saturday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
August	19 th	Saturday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
September	16 th	Saturday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
October	21 st	Saturday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
November	18 th	Saturday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
December	16 th	Saturday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Police Department

Activity for June 1- June 14, 2017:

Calls for Service	612	DUI Arrests	2
Arrests/Warrants	7	Reports Filed	66
Accidents	46		

Reports:

6-01-17: Officers responded to the 5800 block of Riverside Drive for suspicious persons complaint. Officers contacted an incoherent male who appeared dazed and confused. Fireboard responded and transported the male to the hospital for treatment.

6-01-17: Officers responded to 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a domestic dispute. The male half was found to have an open arrest warrant for 2nd Degree Assault. He was placed under arrest without incident.

6-02-17: Officers responded to the 4400 block of East-West Highway for a theft. Suspect broke the window to a vehicle and stole a handbag.

6-02-17: Officers responded to the 6300 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. Suspects removed the rear license plate from a vehicle.

6-02-17: Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a dispute. Officers served a temporary protective order. Each party was explained the guidelines of the protective order.

6-03-17: A Riverdale Park Police cruiser was vandalized in front of 5837 Riverdale Road. A suspect kicked the fender of the vehicle causing damage.

6-03-17: Officers responded to the 5300 block of Patterson Road for a theft. License plates were stolen from a vehicle.

6-04-17: Officers responded to the 4500 block of Madison Street for a vandalism. The door lock and steering column were damage on a vehicle.

6-04-17: Officers responded to the Dollar Tree located at 6250 Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. A citizen reported her cell phone was stolen from a shopping cart.

6-04-17: Officers responded to the 4500 block of Madison Street for a theft. A citizen reported their bicycle stolen from their garage. The bicycle was unsecured and the garage was left open.

6-05-17: RPPD officers assisted the University of Maryland Police Department with locating a robbery suspect at 5309 Riverdale Road. Sgt. Emerick observed an individual matching the description in the parking, the suspect was stopped and positively identified. The suspect was arrested without incident.

6-06-17: Officers responded to the Alamo restaurant for an intoxicated patron refusing to leave. Upon officers' arrival, the patron became disorderly and refused officers' commands. He was removed from the property and issued a criminal citation for disorderly conduct.

6-06-17: Officers responded to the 6400 block of 54th Place for a theft. A bicycle was reported stolen from the front porch of the residence.

6-06-17: Officers responded to 5751 Rivertech Court for a vandalism. Construction equipment was vandalized with spray paint.

6-08-17: Officers assisted the Prince George's County Police Department execute a court ordered search warrant in the 5000 block of Riverdale Road. The search warrant was reference a threat reported to a school resource officer. No weapons were found.

6-10-17: Officers responded to 4700 block of Oglethorpe Street for a stolen vehicle. The victim reported his 2013 Toyota was stolen from Lesly's Grill located at 6211 Baltimore Avenue.

6-11-17: A vehicle reported stolen in Riverdale Park on 5-06-17, was recovered by the Prince George's County Police in Oxon Hill. The vehicle was occupied and one arrest was made.

6-12-17: Officers responded to Luis Custom Auto Body located at 5413 Lafayette Place for a stolen vehicle. A 2009 Acura was stolen from the parking lot. The keys were left inside the vehicle.

6-12-17: Officers conducted a traffic stop on an unregistered vehicle in the 5000 block of East-West Highway. A search of the vehicle discovered counterfeit U.S. Currency. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the United States Secret Service.

6-13-17: Officers responded to the 4800 block of Sheridan Street for a stolen vehicle. The victim reported his 2004 Dodge truck was stolen from in front of the residence.

6-14-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Jefferson Street for a family dispute. The victim reported she had obtained an arrest warrant for her husband for a prior assault. The suspect was located a short distance away and placed under arrest without incident.

6-14-17: Officers observed an individual consuming an alcohol beverage in front of the Asian Carryout located at 5401 Kenilworth Avenue. The individual was issued a Uniform Criminal Citation and released from the scene.

Update

On June 4, A suspect was identified in the vandalism of the RPPD cruiser. He was arrested and charged with Malicious Destruction of Property.

In February 2017, RPPD's Criminal Investigation Division conducted a joint investigation with the Prince George's County Police Department into several gang-related robberies along the Kenilworth Avenue corridor. The cases have been referred for Federal Prosecution and the defendants are currently awaiting trial.

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager