

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 13 for 2017



July 28, 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 August 11, 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 held next 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 join us next Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. The Riverdale Park Police Department greatly appreciates your involvement in the community and looks forward to growing these efforts.
- **Riverdale Park Day Kick-off Meeting:** On Thursday, August 10th at 5:30 p.m. the Riverdale Park Day Planning Committee will be holding their kick-off meeting. We need lots of volunteers to make this year's event fantastic! Mark your calendar and plan to join us!
- **Summer Interns Making a Difference in Riverdale Park:** This summer the Town hosted 6 interns through the Youth@Work Summer Youth Enrichment Program and the Jobs-for-Youth Environmental Health Summer Camp Internship Program. Each student contributed 40 hours of work per week for 6 weeks with the Department of Public Works. The internship programs end on August 4th so please join us in thanking the students for their hard-work and contributions to the Town of Riverdale Park! The interns were paid and insured by their respective programs. This new approach is a win-win!
- The Ward 5 Community Walk was held on July 18, 2017. Many thanks to all who attended.

Development

- **Hiker/Biker Trail:** The Hiker/Biker Trail has been deeded to MNCPPC'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. Those construction activities include the townhouse construction along the newly constructed extensions of Woodberry Street and Rhode Island Avenue and a new grade separated crossing of the CSX tracks (which will include designated bike lanes). Additionally, a new multi-family residential building is slated to start construction this year immediately adjacent to the hiker-biker trail between Woodberry Avenue and Van Buren Street which is expected to take between 18-24 months to complete. With the anticipated completion of the townhouses and the commercial buildings on the western half of the boundary later this summer, it may be possible to create a temporary hiker-biker route through Riverdale Park Station which circumvents the other ongoing construction work initially connecting the hike-biker trail north of Riverdale Park Station in the City of College Park to the Whole Foods Store and subsequently to the recently paved section south of Riverdale Park Station.

- **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 for more details.

License and Permitting Report:

Permit Request: 2

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-63	5601 Good Luck Road	Driveway
2017-B-64	5601 Good Luck Road	Retaining Wall

Approved Permit: 1

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-62	6315 Baltimore Avenue	Permit Revisions (foundation)

Public Works

- **Reminder regarding materials that are not accepted for garbage collection:** Please note that the following materials are not accepted for trash collection:
 - Liquids (empty all containers of liquids prior to disposal)
 - Roof shingles, dirt, rocks, concrete or bricks
 - Tree trunks (over 3" diameter), stumps or bamboo
 - Pressurized containers or explosives
 - Paint (unless paint is dry in cans)

- Poisons or caustics
 - Construction and demolition debris
 - Asbestos
 - Sewage or sludge
 - Hazardous Waste/Materials - The Town is not permitted to collect any hazardous material. Prince George's County accepts hazardous materials every Sunday from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Brown Station Landfill located in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.
- **Spillage from Garbage Trucks:** Recently, there was spillage from trash trucks on Town streets. Bates Trucking is in the process of cleaning up the affected areas.
 - **Bulk Trash Pick-up Available Online:** Residents can request a bulk trash pick-up from Bates on-line. Go to www.batestrucking.com and complete the Service Request form in the Customer Center.
 - **New Pet Waste Disposal Stations:** Four (4) new stations have been added. Each disposal station has a supply of disposal bags. Two (2) of the new stations were installed at Waggertail Dog Park and two (2) along the hiker biker trail.
 - **Update regarding recent Storm Event:** On Saturday, July 22nd, a strong storm caused a town street to be partially blocked by a fallen tree. Personnel were dispatched to reopen the street. DPW staff and summer youth interns continued the clean up on following Monday.
 - **Town Continues to Protect Pollinators:** The Town has recently received an inquiry regarding its use of pesticides. The Department of Public Works (DPW) continues to be committed to protecting pollinators by limiting the use of pesticides in its landscaping operation throughout the community.

Police

Activity for July 13- July 26, 2017:

Calls for Service	447	DUI Arrests	9
Arrests/Warrants	6	Reports Filed	58
Accidents	31		

Reports:

7-13-17: Officers responded to the 4700 block of Queensbury Road for a disorderly male. Officers contacted an intoxicated male who was causing a disturbance. The individual refused to calm down and was arrested for disorderly conduct.

7-14-17: Officers responded to a residence for a report of a returned missing juvenile. The juvenile was reported missing on June 26 and returned home unharmed.

7-15-17: Officers responded to the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for theft from auto. The victim reported his stereo was stolen from his vehicle. The vehicle was left parked over night at the Riverdale Plaza.

7-16-17: Officers responded to the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a fraud report. The victim gave money to the suspect who posed as an agent from the Motor Vehicle Administration. The investigation is ongoing.

7-17-17: RPPD officers responded to the 5600 block of Kenilworth Avenue to assist PGPD with a foot pursuit. The individual was apprehended in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The suspect was found to be in possession of a replica handgun and a small amount of Marijuana. The investigation was handled by PGPD.

7-17-17: Officers responded to 5900 block of 48th Avenue for a citizen robbery. The victim reported being robbed of her handbag while walking on 48th Avenue. The suspects displayed a knife and pepper sprayed the victim. The victim was treated for the pepper spray exposure by the Fire Department. The investigation is ongoing.

7-17-17: Officers responded to a residence for a missing person report. A mother reported her 14-year-old son had ran away after an argument. RPPD officers located the child several hours later. The child was returned home unharmed.

7-21-17: Officers responded to 5614 Kenilworth Avenue for a suspicious person complaint. The manager reported a suspect came into the business posing as a new employee and attempted to gain access to the rear of the store. The employees became suspicious and the suspect fled the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

7-22 -17: Officers responded to 5515 Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. An altercation inside the business resulted in the suspect pulling a knife on the victim. The victim escaped unharmed. There is surveillance video of the incident and the investigation is ongoing.

7-22-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace for a vandalism. A resident reported a rock was thrown through their patio door. The incident likely stemmed from an earlier dispute.

7-23-17: Officers responded to the intersection of Riverdale Road and Kenilworth Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with injury. The investigation revealed the at fault driver crossed into oncoming traffic and struck multiple vehicles. The driver was arrested and charged with DUI. The injuries are non-life threatening.

7-24-17: Officers conducted a suspicious person stop in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The individual was found to be in possession of two credit cards that didn't belong to him. The investigation is ongoing.

7-24-17: Officers responded to the area of Lafayette Avenue and Queensbury Road for a report of a man drinking alcohol on the CSX tracks. The individual was located on the tracks with an open container. A criminal citation was issued for drinking in a public place and the individual was escorted off the tracks.

7-25-17: Officers responded to police station for a fraud report. The victim reported her wallet was lost or stolen while shopping. The suspect made fraudulent purchases with her credit cards. The investigation is ongoing.

Update

Officer Amaya and Officer Harbitz were recently recognized by the Prince George's County Police Department and the Concerns of Police Survivors for their assistance in transporting families of fallen law enforcement officers during Police Week.

Officer Estrada was recently recognized by a citizen for his assistance and professionalism while handling a traffic accident in June.

RPPD officers were recently trained to use a new electronic parking enforcement system. The hand-held system is an easy to use GPS-based solution that captures parking violations in real-time. Photos of the violations may be viewed online at www.OnlineCitationPayment.com. The system is more efficient and cost effective.

Respectfully submitted,



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