

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 15 for 2017



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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 8, 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

Sustainability

- **Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee (RPSC) Update:** Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the RPSC, the Town's application for Sustainable Maryland re-certification is in its final review phase. If the Town's application is approved for re-certification there will be a ceremony on Oct 13, 2017 in Rockville during the Maryland Municipal League's Fall Legislative Conference.
- **Stormwater Project at Riverdale Elementary School:** The Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) is working on innovative projects at University Park Elementary and Riverdale Elementary School as part of an integrated set of efforts along Wells Run, a tributary of the Anacostia River. By installing stormwater best management practices at schools, churches, and other gathering places, AWS provides community connection, engagement, and education opportunities.
- **Capital Bike Share:** Prince George's County is leading an effort to bring the Capital Bike Share service to the Town of Riverdale Park. Town staff met with the Prince George's County team to discuss potential placement of the bike share stations. This is an exciting project that is tentatively scheduled for early summer 2018.

Community Engagement

- **Family Movie Night:** Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a Family Movie Night on the lawn of Riversdale House Museum. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 8:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and plan to spend the evening with your neighbors!
- **Riverdale Park Day 2017! Planning Committee:** The theme for Riverdale Park Day 2017! is “Come Grow with Us!”. The Committee has developed a fantastic sponsorship package and invites businesses to be a part of the event. For more information, visit the Town’s website at www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/info or call Jessica Barnes at 301-927-6381. The next meeting of the Riverdale Park Day 2017! Planning Committee will be Tuesday, August 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of Town Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!



Come Grow with Us!

Riverdale Park Day

Saturday, October 7, 2017

12 noon to 5:00 PM

**Riverside Neighborhood Park
5801 Riverside Drive, Riverdale Park**

- **Call for Volunteers:** Individual, non-profit and corporate volunteers and sponsors are needed to make this year’s event fantastic! Please contact Nova Johns at novajohns@yahoo.com or Waverly Pollitt at wpollitt@riverdaleparkmd.gov for more information.

Development

- **Notice Received Regarding DDS-641 Park Tanglewood (5309 Riverdale Road):** The Town recently received notice that Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept the above mentioned application. The application has been made to request approval of a departure from the Parking Facility Design Standards to allow for more than one-third (1/3) compact parking spaces on the property. Specifically, the application is requesting to restripe the existing parking lot with approximately 80% compact parking spaces and 20% non-standard parking spaces (including standard and accessible

spaces), in order to accommodate additional handicap accessible spaces within the existing on-site parking lot.

- **Riverdale Park Station Townhomes Update:** 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. For Stanley Martin townhome information, please contact Brea DePina at 703/939-7039 or email at DePinaBJ@StanleyMartin.com.
- **CSX Crossing Bridge:** Shirley Contracting continues to build the concrete deck on top of the girders. It is anticipated that the concrete decking will be completed late this summer. Concrete bridge deck placements have begun 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. The first was completed on July 19th. 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. For any construction related concerns, please contact Mark Regulinski of Calvin Cafritz Enterprises at 202/248-5806 or email at mark@cafritzenterprises.com.
- **Purple Line Update:** Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III confirmed on August 22, 2017 that full federal funding had been secured for the Purple Line which will allow the project to move forward.

License and Permitting Report:

Permit Request: 2

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-68	5005 Somerset Road	Installation of solar panels
2017-B-69	4705 Tuckerman Street	6-foot wooden fence

Approved Permit: 4

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-63	5601 Good Luck Road	Driveway
2017-B-64	5601 Good Luck Road	Retaining Wall
2017-B-65	6315 Baltimore Avenue	Revised: Change Plan Foundation
2017-B-67	6110 44 th Avenue	9'x8' stoop in rear of house

Public Works

- An Ounce of Prevention: For the past two (2) weeks, Department of Public Works staff has been pumping out stormwater inlets to prevent flooding of the streets and private property. DPW will continue to monitor the area during severe weather.
- Vehicle Health Inspections: Department of Public Works vehicles are currently going through the annual Prince George's County health inspections. It is expected that all will be completed within the next two (2) weeks.
- Trash Collection- Doing Your Part: We all play an important part in keeping Riverdale Park beautiful so please see below for important reminders regarding trash collection:
 - Be sure to place all trash in bags before placing it in the can for collection
 - Do not place any liquids in trash bags or cans
 - Place your trash can near the curb the evening prior to your collection day (no earlier than 5 p.m.)
 - Collection times may vary, please contact the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803 the next day if your trash was not collected on collection day
 - Town of Riverdale Park trash collection days are Monday and Thursday

Police

Activity for August 9 - August 23, 2017:

Calls for Service	572	DUI Arrests	8
Arrests/Warrants	6	Reports Filed	88
Accidents	41		

Reports:

8-09-17: Officers responded to the intersection of Baltimore Avenue and East-West Highway for a child in the roadway. The child was returned home safely with the assistance of the University Park Police.

8-11-17: Officers responded to the 6200 block of Rhode Island Avenue for a stolen vehicle report. The victim reported his 2006 Acura was stolen from the parking lot. The vehicle was recovered later the same day abandoned in the 5400 block Tanglewood Drive.

8-11-17: Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 4700 block of Queensbury Road. Officers recovered 3.2 grams of suspected Marijuana from the vehicle.

8-11-17: Officers responded to 5000 block of Ravenswood Road for an overdose. A female reported feeling ill after ingesting a white powdery substance. PGFD transported the female to the hospital. The investigation is ongoing.

8-12-17: Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue after observing a possible suspect from an assault. The occupants of the vehicle were identified and

released pending further investigation.

8-12-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for a vandalism report. Unknown suspect(s) damaged 3 vehicles in the parking lot. The windows were broken but nothing was stolen.

8-12-17: Officers responded to RPPD Headquarters for a stolen vehicle report. The victim advised his 2004 Chevy Malibu was stolen from the 4700 block of Ravenswood Road. The theft occurred between August 8-12.

8-13-17: Officer Bennett conducted a traffic stop for expired license plates in the 6000 block of Baltimore Avenue. The operator of the vehicle was unlicensed and an odor of Marijuana was detected. The driver was removed from the vehicle and pat down was conducted. A holster was found clipped to the driver's waistband. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded Smith & Wesson .45 caliber handgun in the glove compartment. The driver was arrested for the firearm and the passenger was arrested for an outstanding warrant for possession Marijuana.

8-14-17: Officers observed 3 dirt bikes being illegally operated in the 5700 block of Rivertech Court. Officers were able to stop a juvenile riding a Honda motorbike. A check of the VIN revealed the motorcycle was reported stolen through the Prince Georges County Police. The juvenile was placed under arrest and released to the custody of his parents. The owner of the motorcycle was notified.

8-14-17: Officers responded to the 6300 block of 47th Avenue for a residential burglary. The victim reported unknown suspect(s) broke into his residence by prying open a rear window. The burglary occurred between August 11-14. The scene was processed and latent prints were obtained.

8-14-17: Officers responded to the 4700 block of Nicholson Street for property damage. A portion of tree broke off during a storm damaging a residence. The tree is property of the Town.

8-16-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a citizen's complaint of people drinking alcohol in the parking lot. One criminal citation was issued for drinking public.

8-17-17: Officers observed a suspicious vehicle in the 5300 block of Powhatan Street. The investigation revealed two individuals inside the vehicle had been smoking Marijuana.

8-18-17: Officers responded to a restaurant for theft report. An intoxicated patron reported his cellular phone and wallet was stolen while he was drinking in the bar. The investigation is ongoing.

8-18-17: Officers observed a vehicle displaying a stolen VA license plate in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue. The license plate was recovered and the vehicle was impounded for being unregistered.

8-18-17: Officers responded to the 4500 block of Riverdale Road for a vandalism report. Unknown suspect(s) slashed a tire and damaged the seats of a 2006 BMW. The investigation is ongoing.

8-18-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54th Avenue for a residential burglary. The resident reported his apartment was broken into and items were removed while he was at work. There is suspect information and investigation is ongoing.

8-19-17: Officers responded to a business on Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The suspect was located on East-West Hwy. and issued a criminal summons for theft under \$100.

8-20-17: Officers responded to the 5900 block of Harrison Avenue for a suicidal male. The individual was transported to the hospital for emergency evaluation.

8-21-17: Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a missing Autistic child. After an extensive search, the child was located safely in Silver Spring, MD.

8-22-17: Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a stolen vehicle. The victim reported his 1995 Chrysler Concord was stolen overnight. The vehicle was entered into NCIC.


8-23-17: Officers responded to the parking lot of a business for an attempted suicide. The victim took numerous prescription medications and was located semi-conscious inside a vehicle. The victim was transported to the hospital and committed for an emergency evaluation.

Update

Currently, all sworn personnel are undergoing training for administering NARCAN. The training is expected to be completed in early September 2017.

NARCAN works to block the effects of opioids, including heroin and prescription pain pills like morphine, codeine, oxycodone, methadone, and Vicodin. When a person is overdosing on an opioid, breathing can slow down or stop and it can be very hard to wake someone from this state. While NARCAN is a prescription medicine, it cannot be used to get a person high. If given to a person who has not taken opioids, it will not have any effect, as there is no opioid overdose to reverse.

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager