



# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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### **Town Hall**

5008 Queensbury Road  
301-927-6381

### **Department of Public Works**

5012 Queensbury Road  
301-864-1803

### **Police Department**

5004 Queensbury Road  
301-927-4343

### **Bates Trucking and Trash Collection**

Bulk Trash Collection  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
301-773-2069

Residents must call Bates by 2 p.m. on Tuesday for a Wednesday pickup. For toter replacements/requests, call the Department of Public Works.

**Riverdale Town Center Market**  
presents

**UMD School of Music and RPAC**

## **Summer Patio Concert Series**

2017



7:00pm

7-19 - Potomac Winds & Hart GP Jazz Duo  
7-26 - Jones Cello & Trombone Duo  
8-02 - Marcellino Jazz Trio  
8-09 - Morales Flute & Clarinet Duo  
8-16 - Reddix Jazz Quartet  
8-23 - Dougherty Low Brass Quartet  
8-30 - Wambach Jazz Duo  
9-06 - Carol - Anne Bosco Band  
9-13 - Marcellino Jazz Trio  
9-20 - DiLutis Quartet & Michael Sevensen



**Amazing Music! Great Beer and incredible wine!**

4705 Queensbury Road, Riverdale MD 20737

For more information contact: [rdilutis@umd.edu](mailto:rdilutis@umd.edu)

**Join the Town of Riverdale Park Police  
Department, Elected Officials and Staff for  
National Night Out  
Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Riverdale Park Police Department  
(5004 Queensbury Road)**

**Council Actions**  
**June 5, 2017**  
**Legislative Meeting**

**Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve consent agenda items: - **Approved**

1. Fence Permit Request: 4802 Longfellow Street, 6-foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)
2. Fence Permit Request: 4903 Oglethorpe Street, 6-foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)
3. Fence Permit Request: 5908 Riverside Drive, 6-foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)
4. Fence Permit Request: 5802 Taylor Road, 6-foot backyard fence (Ward 3)
5. Minutes from April 24, 2017 Work Session
6. Minutes from April 24, 2017 Special Legislative Meeting
7. Minutes from May 1, 2017 Legislative Meeting

**Legislative Action Items:**

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-OR-02 regarding the FY2018 Budget - **Adopted**
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-OR-03 regarding application fees for business licenses - **Adopted**
3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-OR-04 regarding annual license fee for multifamily rental dwellings - **Adopted**
4. Motion to approve Municipal Participation Agreement with Prince George's County for Storm Drainage Improvement Project on Longfellow Street (Ward 3) - **Approved**
5. Motion to adopt Mayor's nominations for committee assignments and Council vice-chairman - **Adopted**

**New Business:**

1. Motion to approve a street closure on Sunday, June 18 from 1 p.m. to 6:30 pm for the 4800 block to the 4900 block of Queensbury Road for a block party – **Approved**
2. Motion to nominate CM Lingua to serve on the ATHA Governing Board – **Approved**
3. Motion to grant permission to Mayor Thompson to express the position of the Town in the matter of the subdivision of properties in the Discovery District, if needed – **Approved**

**June 19, 2017**  
**Special Legislative Meeting**

**Legislative Action Items:**

1. Motion to approve a street closure request for the 4900 block of Sheridan Street on June 25, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a block party (Ward 2) – **Approved**
2. Motion to approve Cooperation Agreement with Prince George's County allowing the Town to apply for CDBG funds through the County– **Approved**
3. Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Prince George's County regarding Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program– **Approved**
4. Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with End Time Harvest Ministries, Inc. regarding Jobs-For-Youth Environmental Health Summer Camp Internship Program– **Approved**

**New Business:**

1. Motion to direct the Town Manager to issue a check for \$5,000 to National Center of Smart Growth as participant in collective group of municipalities– **Approved**

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# Mayor's Report

By Mayor Alan K. Thompson

I would like to start this report, my first Mayor's report, with an enormous thank you to outgoing Mayor Vernon Archer. Vernon and I have worked together for much longer than the dozen years he was in office, and I owe him an enormous debt for both his service to the Town and his encouragement to join him in elected office. Our town is in great shape in large part because of his tireless devotion to making Riverdale Park safe, clean, and beautiful. I wish him well as he embarks on the next phase of his life, and anticipate dropping by his house for advice in the years ahead.

## Election

As I said in my final Ward 2 report, I was pleased by the turnout at the election in May. It was rewarding to walk door-to-door in town and talk to people. I was glad to learn that most people are happy with the core services the Town provides – police, street maintenance, and trash pickup. I did find, however, that there are opportunities for improvement, among them doing something about the vacant businesses in our historic town center, and improving code compliance throughout Riverdale Park. There are a lot of other issues, mostly local to a given area, and I will be working with council members and town staff to address those issues.

## Riverdale Park Station

There are a lot of things going on with the "Riverdale Park Station" development. I discuss bridge construction later in this report, but other concerns include the parking garage (which I discussed in my last Ward 2 report – the number of spaces is, for the moment, reduced, but construction should start shortly) and the trolley trail.

The trolley trail through the development was originally scheduled to be open by now, but the active construction zone has prevented that, in consideration for the safety of the trail's users. The latest reports are that a *temporary* trail will open in late summer, with the permanent trail installed when interfering construction is complete. I am working with our partners in both the M-NCPPC and the county to open it as quickly as possible, and am really looking forward to using it.

One final note is that the list of stores in the Riverdale Park Station is getting longer. Confirmed stores include a lot of restaurants – Burton's Grill, Mod Pizza, District Taco, Habit Burger, Jersey Mike's – as well as Gold's Gym, and Old Line Bank. I've also heard that there will be a physical therapist in one of the office buildings. I'll keep you informed as I learn more.

## Bridge Construction

Construction of the bridge connecting the Cafritz development to Rivertech Court is now well underway, although the completion date has slipped into the fourth quarter of 2017. The girders for the main span are in place already, and the predicted construction completion is early in November. The opening date (probably a few weeks later) will be determined by the county. Readers of the TownAnnounce mailing list receive weekly updates on the status of the entire Cafritz project – you can subscribe at [riverdale-park.org/mailman/listinfo/townannounce](http://riverdale-park.org/mailman/listinfo/townannounce) if you haven't already!

## Purple Line

While construction of the Purple Line is currently being held up by a lawsuit, I've been hearing that chances are good that everything will be settled in time for funding to be finalized by the end of September. Assuming that the project moves ahead, there are two issues that affect the town – the names of the stations, and the art work to be installed as part of them.

The draft names for our two stations (one at the corner of Haig Drive/University Research Court and River Road, the other at the intersection of East-West Highway and Kenilworth Avenue) are, respectively, "M Square" and "Riverdale Park." While there are no proposals to change the name of the Riverdale Park station, there is a suggestion to change the name of the other station to "River Road", as the University has changed the name of the development formerly known as M Square. We on the council are discussing these changes, so please reach

out to your council representative if you have an opinion. The other issue – the art work – is also something that we on the Council will consider. Look at the article on this topic in this issue of the Crier, and elsewhere (e-mail lists and the town's web site) for information about the proposed art works and again let us know if you have an opinion.

### **Economic Development Committee**

To address another issue that came up frequently during my campaign, I am working with CM Dixon to establish an advisory committee to address economic development. While the town council had an economic development committee previously, this new committee will also have representatives from the business community and residents. Keep your ears and eyes open as we work to build this committee.

I hope you all enjoy the warm and relaxed days of July and August (I'm looking forward to spending some time at the pool!). I'll write again as the weather is starting to cool off in September.

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## **Ward Two Report**

By Council Member Aaron Faulx

### **Introduction**

This being the first time that I am communicating in the Town Crier, I feel that a proper introduction is due. Hello! My name is Aaron Faulx (pronounced Foe) and I have just been elected as Ward 2 Councilman. I have served as a Social Studies teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools for the past 15 years. My wife Mara and I moved to Riverdale Park 3 years ago and consider it one of the best decisions we have ever made. I am incredibly honored to serve in this post and thank the residents of Ward 2 for allowing me to do so. I believe that the best kind of government is open, honest, collaborative, and communicative. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time with questions, concerns, or ideas. You have bestowed upon me this honor and I am incredibly grateful to represent you on the council. Thank you!

### **Our New Mayor**

The only reason that I hold this seat is because of our awesome Councilman for that past 8 years has matriculated to the position of Riverdale Park Mayor. Alan Thompson has served Ward 2 with honesty and integrity for a long time. Numerous times while knocking on doors canvassing support I was bluntly told by constituents that they would be voting for Alan Thompson. He is admired in our shared community for his commitment to our town and it is in this vein that I look to emulate him. He has been incredibly gracious and supportive to me

throughout this process. We are lucky to have him as Mayor and I am honored to call him a friend. I am truly excited about the prospect of working with him and the rest of council on building a better community.

### **Bridge Construction**

Just about every constituent I have talked to in Ward 2 questions when the bridge construction connecting Riverdale Park Station to Rivertech Court will be complete. The question usually revolves around concern for the reopening of the famous cut though. We have been informed by the developers to expect completion sometime in the late fall of this year. I will keep you updated as information comes in.

### **Mosquitoes**

A topic that is near and dear to our newly elected Mayor's heart is mosquito control. Please be aware and take care of any standing water on your property. Mosquitoes have been able to reproduce in standing water as small as a soda cap. Another beneficial action that you can perform is to have your gutters cleaned ensuring that water passes through efficiently.

### **Conclusion**

Thank you Riverdale Park for the opportunity to you have given to me. I am truly humbled by this opportunity and look forward to working with you to build the best community that we possibly can. Gandhi said, "Be the change that you want to see in the world." We want to live that adage and let it drive our actions moving forward. Thank you for this opportunity.



# Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

**Saturday Drop Off** – The 2017 schedule for drop-off of bulk trash on the third Saturday of each month is from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The schedule is: **July 15, August 19**, September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 16.

**School is Out** – Please watch out for children and other motorists and be more cautious in your travels. Please take a little extra time to care by driving in a manner that does not put your life and others at risk.

**Office Closing** – In observance of the Independence Day holiday, Town offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Holiday Trash Collection** – Regular trash will be collected on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Trash Toter Repair/Replacement** – Residents should call the Department of Public Works for the repair or replacement of damaged trash toters, i.e., broken lids, missing wheels, cracked toters, etc. When repairs or replacements are needed, a list will be provided to Bates Trucking each Friday, with the expectation for deliveries to occur during the following week.

**RECYCLING** – All recycling issues are handled by Prince George's County. All questions, reports of missed collections, or requests for recycling toters should be reported directly to them by dialing 311 or 301-952-7630.



# Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department

The Riverdale Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1923. The station on Queensbury Road was originally built in 1937, and is the oldest fire station in Prince George's County. The department has changed continuously since 1923. The firefighters and EMTs serving the community are 100% volunteer. You may not be aware, while some of the stations surrounding the community have Prince George's County career staff during the day, all of the stations surrounding the community are 100% volunteer nights, weekends, and County-designated holidays. The station has two engines (hose, water, and water pumps), an aerial tower, and an ambulance. This equipment is owned by the volunteers. Prince George's County maintains the apparatus and the facility.

Many of the members are from the community. The current Volunteer Fire Chief, Brian Carpio, and the current Volunteer Deputy Fire Chief and Vice President, grew up in the community. Many other members live and work in other communities, but for whatever reason, decided to join your volunteer fire department. We encourage community members to apply for membership. If you do not want to be a firefighter, maybe just be an EMT, or maybe as an Associate Member to assist with tasks such as writing for the Town Crier you may send an e-mail to [newmembers@riverdalevfd.org](mailto:newmembers@riverdalevfd.org) for more information.

A notable change in the department is its involvement in the community. Twelve years ago, the Department (with the exception of Riverdale Park Day and Santa Claus on Christmas Eve) had minimal involvement in the community. The department tries to be much more visible in the community by participating in other events. This has been in partnership with Mayor Tiberio, Mayor Archer, and now Mayor Thompson, as well as the Town Council and staff.

How can the department help you? The department is not only here to assist citizens with fire/rescue/medical emergencies, but also to assist with non-emergencies. Do you need a home safety

inspection? Do you need a smoke detector installed? If so, send a message to [info@riverdalevfd.org](mailto:info@riverdalevfd.org) and we'll be in touch.

It's summer time. Good time for home safety maintenance. Do the windows open for an emergency escape? Do you have clutter to dispose of? Is your house number clearly visible for us? Keep your BBQ grille away from combustible materials. And remember that fireworks, of all types, are illegal for individuals in Prince George's County. Please attend one of the many local fireworks displays on Independence Day!

Have you seen us on Facebook? See us at The Riverdale Fire Department.

## Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Robert Killen

### Troop 252's June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting notes per our Scribe, Michael Jarquin:

Troop 252's June 9 meeting attendees included Mr. Killen, Ms. Brown, Ms. Tolson, Ms. Cañete, Mr. Cañete, Gullian Cañete, AJ Jarquin and I Michael Jarquin). Guests included Dr. Gene Eplee and Mr. Joe Williams.

Our guests were the Patuxent District representatives on Guillian's Eagle Scout Board of Review. Representatives from my review included my Star Scout Scoutmasters Conference with Mr. Killen, and Board of Review with Ms. Brown, Ms. Cañete, and Ms. Tolson. The meeting was adjourned promptly at 9 PM.

### Troop 252's Report from Scoutmaster Killen:

Michael is now busy working on his Life Scout rank. We know that there is Life after Life - It is Eagle! We're planning to attend the Pony Penning at Chincoteague the last Wednesday in July, Eagle's Nest in September/October, and the annual Orienteering Competition in November at Broad Creek, plus bicycling, swimming, camping and hiking, as time allows this summer.

Contact Sandra Tolson [saanee@yahoo.com](mailto:saanee@yahoo.com), 301-927-2275; Eneida Martínez-Brown, [e.martinezbrown@gmail.com](mailto:e.martinezbrown@gmail.com), 301-864- 0059; Bob

Killen, [rfkille@yahoo.com](mailto:rfkille@yahoo.com), 301-483- 8455, if you would like to comment. We meet at 7 PM Friday evenings in the Riverdale Park Town Hall when we're not camping. Our *Town Crier* will help keep you up-to-date.

## Waggertail Dog Park Tips



Happy First Anniversary, Waggertail Dog Park! The opening ceremony was July 25, 2016 for our dog park located in the northwest corner of the Riverdale Community Recreation Center. Since that time, we've developed a friendly community of dogs and owners who use the park. We've now experienced the four seasons there, and Summer has arrived once again. The daylight lasts well into evening, and our dogs can enjoy extra play time.

Remember to register your dog, to use the dog park. You can do so at the Riverdale Park Municipal Office during business hours (Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm). You can also register by mail: download and complete the application found on the town website at [www.riverdaleparkmd.info/DogPark.cfm](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/DogPark.cfm) and follow the instructions. The Town asks that you submit an application and re-register every year in July.

We love spending time with our dogs; watching them play and giving them hugs...and yes, kisses. But their waste? Um, not so much. Taking care of our companions also means taking care of their waste. Please don't forget to clean up after your dog, both at the park and on the way to the park. Properly disposing of their waste is very important to their health, our health and the health of our environment. Please dispose of your pet waste properly where ever you take your dog.

Waggertail Summer Tip: When it's just too darn hot and muggy to go to the dog park, consider going to a nearby air-conditioned dog training facility where you can learn new skills and further bond with your

canine pal. The non-profit, rescue organization, Humane Rescue Alliance (HRA), is just a 20-minute drive from Riverdale Park at 71 Oglethorpe Street, NW. Look at the many classes and seminars HRA offers at

[www.humanerescuealliance.org/training](http://www.humanerescuealliance.org/training).

The instructors practice positive training methods and focus on safety. They also offer one-on-one consultations.

HRA offers manners classes, from Puppy Kindergarten to intermediate level. They offer several beginning dog sports classes, including agility, nose work, and fly ball. There are also excellent classes for dogs that are leash reactive. Perfect for families, HRA offers seminars about dogs and children and they even have a Junior Handler Agility class.



Waggertail's Janey takes the agility tunnel at HRA.

Photo: Sam Matlick

Join the Friends of Waggertail Dog Park (FoWDP) who act on behalf of all dog park users, as a voice to the town government. We need your input to keep the dog park a fun and positive place. Check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/waggertail/](https://www.facebook.com/waggertail/) or join us by sending an email to [waggertaildogpark@gmail.com](mailto:waggertaildogpark@gmail.com).

## PEPCO Summer Storm Preparation

The beginning of hurricane season is just a few days away. As residents of the Mid-Atlantic region, we're susceptible to hurricanes and severe weather that can be potentially devastating to our communities. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 5 to 8 named storms are predicted to make landfall in the United States during the 2017 hurricane season.

We know all too well that hurricanes and storms

have the potential to disrupt lives by causing power outages and damage to buildings and homes from downed trees or flooding. We want you to know that we are ready for these major storms.

Our storm preparation efforts include implementing a planned, strategic response to restoring service as quickly and safely as possible.

Our employees prepare for the possibility of storm-related power outages by regularly participating in emergency drills. We maintain a supply of essential equipment, such as poles, wires, and transformers. And we communicate and coordinate with other utilities so that we have the ability to quickly request their assistance if needed.

Help us spread the word about emergency preparedness to your constituents, our customers, by sharing a few helpful links so we can all be weather-ready:

Pepco Storm Prep Handbook: [pepco.com/stormprep](http://pepco.com/stormprep)

Report an outage online: [pepco.com/reportoutage](http://pepco.com/reportoutage)

Track the restoration process with our outage map: [pepco.com/outagemap](http://pepco.com/outagemap)

Download the Pepco Mobile App:

[pepco.com/mobileapp](http://pepco.com/mobileapp)

Also for informational purposes I am including a media release from NOAA:

<http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/noaa-predicts-near-or-above-normal-2017-central-pacific-hurricane-season>

## Join Doll Study Club for Fun & Profit

Learn how to make your very own doll by joining the Riverdale Park Doll Study Club. The club is free and meets at Town Hall. Join now to attend the club's free week-long Summer Camp in June.

Club Founder Emily Fanning shows girls how to make their own dolls, clothing, dollhouses, and furnishings. Volunteer Jennifer Fairfax teaches knitting and other fabrics arts. Local artists show the girls how to make miniature paintings for their

dollhouse, write a story for their doll, and use a sewing machine to make doll outfits.

One of the Club's primary goals is to teach girls entrepreneurial skills by running a real-life business. Club members sell & keep their monies from their own handmade knitted scarves, bracelets, chokers, and ornaments vended at local art festivals.

This year, Club members are excited about launching a new line of 10" *Children's Fine Art Dolls* as a business venture. They will also make and sell a 4.5" Hitty Doll and a 2.5" Baby Hitty Doll. All proceeds from these dolls will be reinvested back into the business.

The club needs adult volunteers for all sorts of roles, so please pitch in! For further information about joining, volunteering, or donating, contact Emily Fanning at [OurDollMom@aol.com](mailto:OurDollMom@aol.com) or 301-864-5561.

## Summer Crime Prevention

As summertime reaches its peak so does household property crime. The National Crime Prevention Council offers important safety tips to make your summer safe and enjoyable.

You can avoid becoming a victim to lurking property predators by staying alert and following a few basic prevention measures.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, – "Household property crimes exhibited a pattern of seasonal fluctuations from 1993 to 2010. The most common pattern for household property crimes was that victimization occurred at higher rates during the summer than during other seasons."

### Home Safety Tips

- Be aware of what's happening in the neighborhood.
- Lock your doors, including the garage door. Unlocked doors are open invitations to intruders.
- Ask a trusted family member, friend, or neighbor to keep a watchful eye on your home or have your mail held at the local post office until your

return.

- Put lights on timers to give the impression that someone is home.
- Don't post on social media that you are leaving town, and wait post photos after you return from your trip.

### Vacation Tips

- Lock your room and remember not to give out your room number or invite strangers into your hotel room.
- Be friendly but be vigilant. Watch for and report any suspicious behavior.
- Plan your route – stay within well-traveled routes and walk in groups. There's safety in numbers.
- Keep your belongings secure - Purses should be securely closed, backpacks are zipped, and wallets are kept in your front pocket. When dining in restaurants do not hang your purse or backpack on the back of your chair.

### Tips for Parents

- Be proactive – make a backup plan in case the group gets separated during a family outing and have a scheduled meeting place and time.
- If your child or teen will be alone a significant amount of time, have him/her check in with you if they plan to leave the house and when they arrive back home.
- Monitor Internet and social media activity to establish children and teens are visiting appropriate sites and following guidelines.

### Car Safety Tips

- Always lock your doors and roll up your windows when you leave your car.
- Do not leave valuables in the car. If you must leave prized possessions in your vehicle keep them out of sight or hidden in the trunk.
- Before you get into your car, check the backseat and around the car. Lock your doors once inside the car.

**Going away on vacation? Request a "Police Watch Vacation Check" on your home.** It's easy to do and the form can be completed on line at [www.riverdaleparkmd.info/police/RequestPoliceWatchHouseVacation%202.pdf](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/police/RequestPoliceWatchHouseVacation%202.pdf).

Remember, in an emergency always dial 911.



## Riverdale Park Police Department Awards



Corporal Green was recognized as Riverdale Park's Officer of the Year.



University of Maryland's Police Chief Mitchell awarded Riverdale Park's Police Chief Morris with the 2016 President's Award.

### Shop Maryland Tax-free Week

Shop Maryland Tax-free Week is scheduled for Sunday, August 13 – Saturday, August 19 this year. For more information, visit [www.comptroller.marylandtaxes.com](http://www.comptroller.marylandtaxes.com)

## Community Circles

**Free Event: Storytime at Robert Harper Books**  
6216 Rhode Island Ave, Riverdale, MD 20737

Thursdays, 4:00 pm  
Join us for stories, fingerplays, and songs in English and Spanish.

Jueves, 4:00 pm  
Lectura de Cuentos en Robert Harper Books!  
Acompañenos para lectura de cuentos, juegos, y canciones en ingles y en espanol.

## Local Organizations

**Lion's Club:** Contact Pat Pranglely at (240) 882-4993.

**Northern County Soccer Alliance:** Contact [NCSA@soccer.net](mailto:NCSA@soccer.net) or (301) 577-3559.

**Riverdale Park Boy Scout Troop 252:** Contact Scoutmaster Bob Killen at (301) 483-8455.

**Madison Hill Homeowners Association:** For information, call (301) 583-8857.

**Riversdale Historical Society:** Contact Riversdale Mansion at (301) 864-0420.

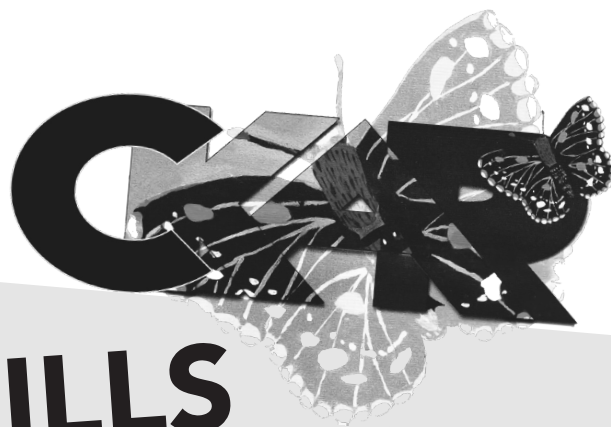
**Riverdale Park Farmer's Market:** Contact Jim Coleman at (301) 586-5973.

**Riverdale Park Business Association:** For more information, visit [www.shoplocalriverdalepark.com](http://www.shoplocalriverdalepark.com).

**Riverdale Park Arts Council:** Contact Samuel Williams, Jr. at (909) 380-4231.

**Riversdale Chamber Music Society:** Contact Robert DiLutis at [rdilutis@umd.edu](mailto:rdilutis@umd.edu) or visit [www.riversdalechambermusic.com](http://www.riversdalechambermusic.com).

# ESL & JOB READINESS SKILLS & TRAINING



**WHEN:** July 17th – August 11th, 2017

**WHERE:** *Greater Riverdale Career  
Empowerment Center*  
6801 Kenilworth Avenue  
Suite 203

Riverdale Park, MD 20737

**TIME:** 9:30 am. – 1:30 pm.



- ESL Training provided by Prince George's Community College.
- Job Readiness Training provided by Family Restoration & Healing Center, Inc.
- Van Transportation provided by The Well Community Church.
- Van pick-up 9:00 am at: Parkview Apartments  
6400 Riverdale Road, MD 20737

## REQUIREMENTS:

- You must have been granted refugee, aslyee or SIV status within the last five (5) years.
- You must provide your passport and I-94 at the time of registration.

## REGISTER NOW!

**Register:** University Town Center, 6505 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, MD 20782 on July 5th and July 19th between 11:00am. & 1:00pm.

[www.pgcc.edu/go/refugee](http://www.pgcc.edu/go/refugee)

The Greater Riverdale Career Empowerment Center was developed and is managed by Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization CDC (CKAR CDC) to improve the economy of Greater Riverdale.

Website: [www.ckarcdc.com](http://www.ckarcdc.com) ✉ Email: [info@ckarcdc.com](mailto:info@ckarcdc.com)

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# Town of Riverdale Park | August 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 National Night Out, 6p-8p, RPPD, 5004 Queensbury Rd.	2 MUTC, 7:30p, TH Yard Waste Collection	3 Trash Collection	4 Riversdale Mansion Tours, 12p-3p Boy Scouts, 7p-9p, TH	5
6 Riversdale Mansion Tours, 12p-3p Doll Club, TH, 3p-6p	7 Trash Collection	8	9 Yard Waste Collection	10 Trash Collection	11 Riversdale Mansion Tours, 12p-3p Boy Scouts, 7p-9p, TH	12 Madison Hill HOA, 10:30a, TH
13 Riversdale Mansion Tours, 12p-3p Doll Club, TH, 3p-6p	14 Trash Collection	15	16 Yard Waste Collection	17 Trash Collection	18 Riversdale Mansion Tours, 12p-3p Boy Scouts, 7p-9p, TH	19
20 Riversdale Mansion Tours, 12p-3p Doll Club, TH, 3p-6p	21 Trash Collection	22	23 Yard Waste Collection	24 Trash Collection	25 Riversdale Mansion Tours, 12p-3p Boy Scouts, 7p-9p, TH	26
27 Riversdale Mansion Tours, 12p-3p Doll Club, TH, 3p-6p	28 Work Session, 8p, TH Trash Collection	29	30 Yard Waste Collection	31		



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- It's transferable, so if you move out of state, your arrangements will move with you.
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*For an appointment,  
Call LaVerne Ross at 301/318-0421  
lross@stonemor.com*

**Chambers Funeral Home & Crematorium, P.A.**  
5801 Cleveland Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD 20737  
301/699-5500

**WHEN TRUST MATTERS MOST**

**CODE FOR CALENDAR**  
Abbreviations

M-UTC — Mixed Use Town Center  
PW — Public Works, 5012 Queensbury  
RPBA — Riverdale Park Business  
Association

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**RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND**  
**20737**

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<sup>1</sup> Regular trash, heavy trash, and metal  
recycling

<sup>2</sup> Please no paints, metals, tires, or  
items with Freon; applies to Town-Wide  
Trash Pick Up also!

Most activities at Town Hall unless  
otherwise noted.

To be listed in the Crier and/or its  
Calendar, send a message to:

[towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

# Town of Riverdale Park | July 2017

5008 Queensbury Road  
Riverdale Park, Maryland  
20737

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Riversdale Mansion Tours, 12p-3p Doll Club, TH, 3p-6p	3 Regular Legislative Meeting, 8p, TH Trash Collection	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY PW/TH CLOSED	5 MUTC, 7:30p, TH Yard Waste Collection	6 Trash Collection	7 Riversdale Mansion Tours, 12p-3p Boy Scouts, 7p-9p, TH	8 Madison Hill HOA, 10:30a, TH
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