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301-927-6381
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Department of Public Works

5012 Queensbury Road
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8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Police Department

5004 Queensbury Road
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24-hours

Bates Trucking and Trash Collection

Bulk Trash Collection
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
301-773-2069

*Residents must contact Bates by 2 p.m. on Tuesday for a Wednesday pickup. Residents may request a bulk trash pickup online at www.batestrucking.com. Click on Customer Center and complete the Request Service form.

Riverdale Park Arts Council Seeks Applicants for 2018 Gerald King Fine Arts Award (GKFAA) Study Grant

The Riverdale Park Arts Council (RPAC) is seeking applicants to compete for the 2018 Gerald King Fine Arts Award (GKFAA) study grant. The applications will be judged on the basis of overall artistic talent and originality of the work. Applications must be submitted by March 30, 2018. Applications and more information can be found on the RPAC website: www.rpartscouncil.org.

The winning finalist earns an art grant of \$500 to pay for purchase of oils, canvasses, and essential art equipment to complete the training. The winning finalist will study with master artist, Bruce I. Campbell, for one year and will be required to complete one work of art for display at the Riverdale Park ArtsFest 2018 to be held on Saturday, May 5. The Review Panel will be comprised of three Riverdale Park Art Council members. It was King's dream that young artists be trained in art from his private studio in Riverdale Park, MD.

King was a unique and brilliant artist: "I'm not sure when I became a conceptualist, but it could have been while I was contemplating a figure on a billboard and made the realization that it was not a real person. I was very small, and I remember repeating to myself over and over, 'I am real. That is a picture.' I was so taken with this perceptual reasoning that a picture was an illusion of reality that my art became an excuse for experiments to create convincing illusions of reality. From that time on, the course was clear, that my art would be a quest for believability." (written by Gerald King)

For more information, call or email GKFAA Coordinator Samuel Williams at (909) 380-4231 or scribenoir@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed to Serve on Town Committees

The Mayor and Council are seeking volunteers to serve on the Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review (M-UTC) Committee, Ethics Commission, and Housing Review Board. M-UTC meets on the first Wednesday of most months to review development applications. The Ethics Commission meets several times throughout the year and meeting days/times are flexible. The Housing Review Board meets as needed to review requests for appeals relating to application of the Town Code. Please contact Town Clerk Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov if you are interested in serving on one of these important committees.

Council Actions

Legislative Meeting on February 5, 2018

Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes from December 18, 2017 Work Session
2. Minutes from December 18, 2017 Special Legislative Meeting
3. Minutes from January 9, 2018 Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to introduce Ordinance 2018-OR-01 regarding Ethics Ordinance Revisions – **Introduced**
2. Motion to approve parking restrictions on west side of Taylor Road from Ravenswood Road to East West Highway (Ward 2) and on curve from Madison Street to Harrison Avenue (Ward 1) – **Approved**
3. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter of support to Prince George’s County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement for Food Truck Hub at Town Center Market for calendar year 2018 – **Approved**

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK FAIR SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2018-OR-01 ETHICS ORDINANCE REVISIONS

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2018-OR-01.

Ordinance 2018-OR-01 would revise conflict of interest and financial disclosure provisions of the Town’s ethics ordinance to comply with requirements of Maryland law.

Ordinance 2018-OR-01 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RIVERDALE PARK TOWN COUNCIL

BY: JESSICA BARNES, TOWN CLERK

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The Town Crier is also available on the Town’s
Website: www.riverdaleparkmd.gov

Submission deadline: 15th of each month

Send submissions to:
towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson

March is the month when winter loses its grip, and memories of the warm breezes of April float into my mind.

Dedication of Great Blue Herons sculpture

I was honored to be asked to speak at the dedication of the Great Blue Herons sculpture on February 7. The sculpture was installed last October on the northeast corner of East-West Highway and Baltimore Avenue, and was one of the last sculptures produced by the artist, Joanna Campbell Blake. (Ms. Blake died in a tragic accident shortly after completing the sculpture). The sculpture was created with support from the Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative (a project initiated by the Town and implemented by the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation) and Prince George's County Environmental Public Art Project, with additional financial support from the Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council, the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, former council member Jonathan Ebbeler, the office of Prince George's County District 3 Representative (and now County Council Chair!) Dannielle Glaros, and the Riverdale Park Arts Council. Space for exhibition of the sculpture was donated by local business owner and community activist J.D. Williams, who sadly also passed away before the sculpture could be installed. This sculpture is permanently installed, so swing by and check it out, as I do almost every day on my way to work. It is a beautiful sculpture, and I hope you all enjoy seeing it.

Purple Line Construction

The last time I wrote about the Purple Line, I had just attended a meeting regarding the construction schedule for the section between the University of Maryland and the future "Riverdale Park North" station at the corner of River Road and Haig Drive (west of Kenilworth Avenue, just west of the Anacostia River). At

that time, it sounded like there would be some activity over the next several months, but nothing disruptive. In late January I attended the meeting discussing the section from the Riverdale Park North station and ending on the other side of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Over there, things are moving much faster! Over the next few months, a lot of utilities will be moved (with lane closures), the building that used to house the tax preparation business at the corner of East-West Highway and Kenilworth will be demolished, shafts will be drilled for supports for the bridge at that corner, and (if you haven't noticed already) the removal of the Shell Station at that corner will be completed. All along Kenilworth Avenue and Riverdale Road/East-West there will be curb, gutter, and drainage work going on in addition to the utility relocation. Further east, as you get close to the B-W parkway (outside of the Town), there will be a massive shift in traffic patterns as the bridge is reconfigured to allow the Purple Line to pass underneath. If you have questions or concerns about construction, you can call the project help line 24 hours a day seven days a week at 240-424-5325 or send e-mail to outreach@pltcllc.com.

Mayor's Conference

I attended the meeting of the Maryland Mayor's Association this month in Annapolis, and it was great to talk with the nearby mayors I know, meet new ones, and learn a lot about how other mayors work to improve their communities. There was a workshop at the meeting on grant opportunities (and grant pitfalls) that may be good opportunities for paying for activities in town in the future.

New Businesses in Town

As I predicted last month, Burton's Grill opened up, and I've eaten there twice. The food and atmosphere are both great! I'm looking forward to eating outside when weather is warmer. Opening soon (this spring) are two more restaurants -- Habit Burger and Jersey Mike's. If you are eating too much of all of this delicious food, you can join Gold's Gym, which

is expected to open at the end of March. Pish Posh!, a second-hand clothing and accessories store, also opened in Town Center.

CSX Bridge Construction

The opening date for the bridge is still being described as “in spring 2018.” As was true last month, the details are hazy but there are two separate things that have to happen before the bridge can open. The first, as discussed for the last few months, is the transfer of the “air easement” above the railroad tracks from CSX to the County. The latest news is that by the time you are reading this, the professional assessment of the value of that easement will be complete, and if CSX accepts the appraisal the transfer should happen fairly quickly. The second is the transfer of the bridge and road to the County from the developer. Everyone who has ever bought a house might remember the multiple steps that have to happen between the time you make an offer and closing – inspections, appraisals, affidavits, etc. Not all of these are happening in this case, but the process is similarly involved. My last communication from the developer was that almost all of the information had been transferred to the County. But even with that good news the opening schedule is still uncertain. I highly suggest you read the TownAnnounce mailing list to receive weekly updates on the status of the entire Cafritz project (including the bridge) – you can subscribe at <http://riverdale-park.org/mailman/listinfo/townannounce> if you haven’t already!

If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail (akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or phone (301-237-0632). I will get back to you as quickly as I can, but please remember that while I love being mayor, I have a day job and a commute (as do the other members of the Town Council), and it may take me a little while to get back to you. If you leave me a voice mail (and please do if I don’t answer!) I’d be grateful if you could let me know what times are good for me to call you back. Thanks! Look for me

here again in April, when trees will be blooming!

Ward 1 Report

Council Member Marsha Dixon

Black History Month

February is Black History Month and I hope that in the future we can expand the Town’s recognition of the historical month. If you haven’t had a chance to already, I encourage you to visit the Riversdale House Museum where they have a month of various black history programs related to the Plummer Family and other enslaved and hired workers of Riversdale House.

Don’t Get Ticketed!

The new “No Parking” signs are being placed on Madison and Harrison Streets. Be on the lookout for the signs because parking will be enforced if cars are illegally parked. Although the parking signs will eliminate a few parking spots from both streets, the signs will increase a major safety concern for the area. If you have any traffic concerns on your street, please bring it to my attention.

Legislative Committee Meeting

In last month’s Crier, I mentioned proposing legislation to expand voting rights within our Town. Thank you to all of the residents who took the time to contact me and share their opinion. Although we may not always share the same position on issues, I’ll remain open to hearing your thoughts and ensuring that I consider the opinions of all Town residents.

The legislative committee will meet on Wednesday, February 21st to discuss the expansion of voting rights in our Town. Since the Crier will be sent to publication prior to the legislative committee meeting, I will provide an update of the meeting in next month’s Crier.

New Businesses in Ward 1

A few new businesses have opened at Riverdale Park Station. If you haven't visited the as yet, I encourage you to visit and patronize them. Burton's Bar and Grill, Mod Pizza, and District Taco are great places to eat. In addition to eateries, Gold's Gym and the UPS Store will soon join Old Line Bank and the Xfinity store.

Ward 2 Report

Council Member Aaron Faulx

Summer Movie Program

Town Clerk Jessica Barnes and I have recently discussed how we would like to see the Summer Movie Program grow this year. She suggested that we attempt to move the program all over Riverdale Park and I agreed that this was a fantastic idea. We are a town of over 6,500 people with a variety of spaces that could be used. If you have a suggestion for a location to host Movie Night, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Why not bring the movies to the people? I have already received recommendations from Councilwoman Dixon and Councilman Lingua for suggestions within their wards. We are currently in discussions with Riversdale House Museum about the possibility of hosting an event there. Another idea that we have had is hosting a movie at the end of school near Riverdale Elementary in order to highlight the beginning of summer break for all of our students in Riverdale Park. Look for more updates about our movie nights in the coming months.

Ward 2 Traffic Changes

It was made apparent to us by multiple constituents and their pictures that traffic on Taylor Road in the morning has been awful. The council has voted to extend a No Parking Zone on the west side of Taylor Road from Ravenswood Road to East West Highway. You should be looking for signage and enforcement within the next month. If this does not alleviate the issue, the mayor has insinuated that we will

look into creating permit parking on the east side of Taylor Road.

Composting Program

A team from Riverdale Park consisting of myself, Lora Katz, and Mara Faulx met with David Brosch of University Park's Green Team to discuss the viability of creating a composting program composed of participants from the College Park area. University Park already has a composting program implemented for their residents. Although the program that Mr. Brosch is suggesting for all of us would probably take years to implement, the dialogue that we had is significant in moving us forward as a community. Mara and I have attempted backyard composting for our four years in Riverdale Park with limited success. We plan to revisit and revise our composting system this spring. The hope is that it will eventually lead to nutrient rich soil that we can utilize in our vegetable and flower gardens. Mr. Brosch's plan for Riverdale Park was that 200 families would be willing to participate in a local composting program. If you or your family would be interested in participating in a composting program, please let me know.

Riverdale Elementary PTO

I am excited to be meeting with the Riverdale Elementary School PTO on February 20th to discuss ways that our local government can interact with the goals and missions of the elementary school. My immediate ideas center around the possible creation and implementation of an after school or summer program focusing on literacy retention for our struggling learners. There have been budget cuts recently that have dramatically impacted the availability of these types of programs.

After this last month, it is apparent that we need as much support as we can offer our schools. With the recent violence at Parkdale High School in Riverdale Park and the shooting in Parkland, Florida, it is evident that we need to start a national dialogue about violence that keeps happening in our schools. As a public

educator with a brother and sister that both teach as well, it is our greatest fear that young students may be endangered as they attempt to further their education. What is it that we are doing with our students in Riverdale Park to ensure that this violence does not return to our schools? This is an important dialogue that we need to be having as a community. The safety and education of our children in Riverdale Park is a paramount issue that all of us should be discussing.

Community Walks Begin on March 24

Please plan to join us for the first Community Walk of 2018 which will be held on Saturday, March 24 at 9:00 a.m. The walk will begin at Town Hall and the route will be included in an upcoming Status and Information Report. Community Walks are scheduled throughout the spring, summer and fall on Wednesdays and Saturdays. A complete schedule can be found on the Town's website at www.riverdaleparkmd.gov.

Development Services

***Come Grow With Us!* Economic Development Programs and Initiatives**

The Office of Development Services (ODS) is pleased to share information on the Town's economic development programs and initiatives entitled, ***Come Grow With Us!*** Details of the programs and initiatives are available on the Town's website.

The Spring-forward Technology Grant Program will launch March 15th, and applications for this grant must be submitted by April 30th. The Business Improvement and Business Growth Grant Programs are expected to be launched in early April.

The three (3) initiatives, Redevelopment Zone, Go Green, and Celebrating Business will be fully implemented in the coming months, upon approval from Mayor and Council.

Please continue to stay tuned for more information on these programs and initiatives.

Public Works

Saturday Drop Off: Bulk trash drop-off is held on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The spring bulk trash drop-offs will be held on March 17 and May 19. Please note that there will be no drop-off in April due to the Community Spring Clean-up on April 21.

Community Spring Clean-Up: Riverdale Park's annual community spring clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Residents are offered the opportunity to put their yard waste/bulk trash items on the curb on Friday, April 20th for pick-up on April 21st. Please note that the Public Works facility will NOT be open for drop-off of bulk trash items on Saturday, April 21 and all items must be curbside no later than 8:00 a.m.

The following items are **NOT** eligible for pick-up:

- Remodeling lumber, flooring material, plaster, plasterboard, and interior tile
- Fencing material or poles
- Air conditioners, refrigerators, and freezers
- Lawnmowers or other gas powered tools
- Automobile major components
- Tires
- Dirt, stone, gravel, and sod
- Concrete blocks and bricks, cement
- Antifreeze and/or oil
- Glass, windows, door panels, fish tanks
- Paint
- Hazardous materials and/or chemicals

Earth Day - We Need YOU for Riverdale Park's 2018 Earth Day Clean-Up!

Every Spring, the Town of Riverdale Park joins the Anacostia Watershed Society in hosting an Earth Day Clean Up event. We want everyone to join us on April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12noon to make a difference in the health and safety of our community. We will be announcing the location of our site as the date approaches. Be sure to save the date on your calendar!

Last year, we had more than fifty volunteers. We would love to exceed that number this year. Residents, youth groups, students and all interested parties are asked to join us as we do our share to clean a portion of the river. Volunteers wishing to participate in the Earth Day event are asked to call the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803. Student volunteers earn community service hours for this activity.



Tree Planting: The Department of Public Works (DPW) will begin planting new trees in the community in the spring. Residents who would like to have a tree planted near their home should contact DPW at 301-864-1803, to be placed on the tree request list.

Arbor Day 2018: The Town will sponsor a tree planting in celebration of Arbor Day 2018, which is an event in which individuals and groups can participate to care for and plant trees. The celebration will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the rear of Riverdale Elementary School on Riverdale Road.

Students from the school are expected to participate.

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.

Fire Department News

Steve Lamphier, President

Greetings from your local volunteer fire department, located on Queensbury Road.

Most importantly, there is a new State of Maryland smoke detector law effective January 1, 2018. The law supersedes any county and municipal laws and codes that are in place today. The law is a bit nebulous with regards to rental and commercial properties, so I want to concentrate on the requirements for single family homes and townhouses, occupied by the owner.

- Why the change in the law? The sensitivity of the smoke detectors decreases with time, batteries are not replaced despite best intentions, and batteries are removed (and forgotten) during the course of routine cooking.
- The new smoke detectors have a 10-year life with a sealed battery that does not require periodic replacement.
- If you have a smoke detector older than 10 years, replace it.
- How do you know if it is older than 10 years? Remove the cover. There should be a date of manufacturer. If there is not a date of manufacturer, it is older than 10 years.
- This includes 'hardwired' smoke detectors. If your home has hardwired detectors, replace these detectors with

the 10-year hardwired detector with battery backup.

- Correct replacement smoke detectors and combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors may be purchased at any hardware-type store, or by contacting the County's 311 service.
- At a minimum, every level (top of stairs) of your home should have a detector, including outside of sleeping areas. Ideally, there should be a detector in every sleeping area.
- Every newly constructed and newly purchased homes are required to have the new smoke detectors in every sleeping area, as well as common living areas. The County intends to strictly enforce this portion of the law.
- Just a reminder that either a standalone or combination smoke/carbon monoxide detector should be placed within 5-20 feet of carbon monoxide sources, i.e. gas and oil furnaces, gas hot water heaters, gas dryers, gas stoves/ovens, etc. Carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless and kills.

The bottom line is that you need to protect you and your loved ones with working smoke detectors.

If you need new smoke detectors (or do not have smoke detectors) and cannot afford the smoke detectors, contact the County using the 311 service.

In other news, our aerial tower truck, known as Tower 7, will return from extensive repairs by the end of February. It was damaged at a house fire on 48th Avenue last March. The department is always looking for volunteers. If you do not want to be a firefighter, emergency medical technicians are also needed. The training is free and you'll remember the experience for a life time.

If you have any questions of the department, I can be contacted at s.lamphier@outlook.com, 202-531-6291 or contact the Volunteer Fire

Chief, Brian Carpio, at eng7twr@yahoo.com, 301-672-1664.

Boy Scout Troop 252

Scoutmaster Robert Killen

Troop 252 is a fun bunch of folks, and like everything else, it has its fragile side.

Remember the old tale - "*For want of a nail, the shoe was lost, for want of a shoe, the horse was lost, for want of a horse, the battle was lost, for want of a battle, the war was lost - all for the loss of a nail.*"

Last month I asked all of our Scouts to email me their daily Scouting advancement accomplishments, because "*time and tide wait for no man,*" and I was concerned that they would reach 18 years of age before they had earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

They started doing it in their own way, noting that "I did requirements 2A and 6B," without reference to which rank or merit badge requirement. Poor instructions on my part, so I emailed them back, trying to find out what they meant. I got no response.

The Scouts have not written any more emails about their daily progress in Scouting advancement, nor have they planned for the next Troop 252 Court of Honor, scheduled for 23 February. *All for the want of a Nail.*

By Friday, February 10, I had emailed to all our Scouts and Scouters that I intended to attend the meeting place, even if I were there by myself. I arrived at the Riverdale Park Town Hall at 6:45 PM, to find Kavanaugh (Kevin) Crawford waiting in the street. Michael and AJ arrived shortly after 7; we (Scouters) gave Michael our undivided attention, and he completed several requirements. I don't know about the Court of Honor.

Since the last issue of the Town Crier, CC/COR Eneida Martínez-Brown, CM Sandra Tolson and SM Bob Killen have been busy assisting Scouts from our troop and other troops in the National Capital Area and Baltimore Area Councils complete Merit Badges necessary for their advancement. Sandra has added to her list of Merit Badges she counsels. More next month!

All our Scouters and Senior Patrol Leader Michael Jarquin will attend the Baltimore Area Council University of Scouting on March 10th.

We will also attend the Adventure Skilloree - Patuxent District Spring Camporee April 13-15, 2018 at the American Legion Youth Camp 9201 Surratts Road in Cheltenham.

Contact Sandra Tolson saanee@yahoo.com, 301-927-2275; Eneida Martínez-Brown, e.martinezbrown@gmail.com, 301-864-0059; Bob Killen, rfkille@yahoo.com, 301-483-8455, if you would like information. We meet at 7 p.m. on Friday evenings in the Riverdale Park Town Hall when we're not camping. Our *Town Crier* will help keep you up-to-date.

New Parking Areas Created to Improve Safety

On February 5, 2018, the Mayor and Council approved parking restrictions on the west side of Taylor Road from Ravenswood Road to East West Highway in Ward 2 and on the curve from Madison Street to Harrison Avenue in Ward 1. Signage has been installed and enforcement will begin on March 5th.

Stay up-to-date with all of the happenings in Town:

- ✓ Like the Town's Facebook page
- ✓ Check out the Status and Information Report

District 3 Town Hall and Resource Fair

Please join Prince George's County Council Chair Dannielle Glaros at her annual District 3 Town Hall and Resource Fair

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
William Wirt Middle School
6200 Tuckerman Street, Riverdale

Resource Fair 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Speaking Program 7:00 p.m.

Talk with representatives from County and State agencies, utility companies and more. Hear from and ask questions of your Council Member. Please invite your neighbors.

Call for All Artists, Authors, and Vendors for ArtsFest 2018

The Riverdale Park Arts Council is looking for local artists, artisans, authors, poets, crafts dealers and general vendors to display/sell their original work or merchandise at its 11th annual arts and music fair. The outdoor event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2018 in the parking area beside the Riverdale Park MARC Station.

For further details, see the ArtsFest 2018 Artist/Author/Vendor Application tab at www.rpartscouncil.org, or email RPAC at: rpartscouncil@gmail.com.

Riversdale House Museum: Upcoming Events

INTERPRETING THE TIDEWATER DAIRY

Riversdale House Museum invites museum professionals, historians, researchers, independent scholars, and other interested guests to the site's first **Foodways Symposium: Interpreting the Tidewater Dairy on Thursday, April 19, 9:15AM-4PM**. Join speakers from Colonial Williamsburg, Genesee Country Village, Hampton Historic Site, and more as they address the duties of dairymaid, period correct cattle breeds, and the architecture of dairy buildings. Lunch, demonstrations, and cheese tasting are included. This program is sponsored in part by Wegmans.

Riversdale's connections to dairy began in the early 19th century and continued through two generations of owners. Rosalie Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, and her son Charles Benedict Calvert, founder of the Maryland Agricultural College (now University of Maryland College Park), both ran dairy businesses at Riversdale. In an 1805 letter to her father, Rosalie boasted, "I am willing to wager that you don't make anything like as good butter as mine. [...] It is quite renowned for its quality." Forty years later, Charles Benedict grew the site into a full-fledged dairy farm with commercial production. Calvert garnered praise for his "noble herd of Durham [cows], the pride of Maryland," which featured the prize-winning Cinderella.

Advance registration is required by March 29. **Fee:** \$75/person. Register via ParksDirect, www.pgparksdirect.com, search Ticket Code: RM-SPEC-GA-20180419 (Note: You must search tickets, not activities.)

For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; email Riversdale@pgparks.com;

or visit our website at history.pgparks.com. Follow us on Twitter @Riversdale1801 and find us on Facebook at [Facebook\RiversdaleMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/RiversdaleMuseum).

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale Park, Maryland. This facility is owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

Riverdale Park Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24, 2018

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Riverside Neighborhood Park
5801 Riverside Drive



Purple Line Construction Notices

Purple Line construction is underway. The next twelve (12) months of construction will focus on utility relocation work. Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit purplelinemd.com, find "Construction" and click on "Subscribe for Updates". The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.



March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All Meetings and events are held at Town Hall unless another location is indicated. Also, all meetings are open to the public so please plan to join us!</p> <p>Trash collection occurs on Mondays and Thursdays. Yard waste is collected on Wednesdays. Please contact the Department of Public Works (DPW) at 301-864-1803 for more information.</p>				<p>1 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)</p>	<p>2 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Regular Legislative Meeting 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 MUTC Meeting 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)</p>	<p>9 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Madison Hill HOA Meeting 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p>11 Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Chief's Community Advisory Committee 7 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Riverdale Park Business Association 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)</p>	<p>16 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.</p>	<p>17 Bulk Trash Drop-Off 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (DPW)</p>
<p>18 Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Farmer's Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Town Center)</p>	<p>23 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.</p>	<p>24 Community Walk 9 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Riverside Park)</p>
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Prince George's County: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov

Animal Control: 301-780-7200
Assessments: 301-952-2500
Parks and Recreation (maintenance): 301-918-4700
Permitting, Licenses and Enforcement: 301-636-2000
Public Works and Transportation: 301-883-5650

Prince George's County Public Schools: www.pgcps.org

Riverdale Elementary: 301-985-1850
William Wirt Middle School: 301-985-1720
Bladensburg High School: 301-887-6700
Parkdale High School: 301-513-5700

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www.washingtongas.com
To report a gas leak: 703-750-1400 or 800-752-7520
Customer Service: 703-750-1000

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC):

www.wsscwater.com
To report a water main break or sewage backup: 301-206-4002
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Local Organizations

Lion's Club

Pat Prangley at 240-882-4993

Northern County Soccer Alliance

NCSA@soccer.net or 301-577-3559

Riverdale Park Boy Scout Troop 252

Scoutmaster Bob Killen at 301-483-8455

Madison Hill Homeowners Association

301-583-8857

Riversdale Historical Society

301-864-0420

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market

Jim Coleman at 301-586-5973

Riverdale Park Business Association

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Riverdale Park Arts Council

Samuel Williams, Jr. at 909-380-4231

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Robert DiLutis at rdilutis@umd.edu or
www.riversdalechambermusic.com