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Legislative Meeting

Town Hall
Monday, Apr. 4, 8:00 p.m.

Work Session

Town Hall
Monday, Apr. 25, 8:00 p.m.

Town of Riverdale Park

ELECTION NOTICE

In compliance with the terms of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland an election will be held

Monday, May 2, 2005

To elect

Town Officials

for

Mayor & Council Seats

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Riverdale Park Municipal Center, 5008 Queensbury Road.

All citizens, eighteen years of age or older, who have resided in the Town of Riverdale Park for 45 days or more preceding Monday, May 2, 2005 and who are registered to vote in the Town of Riverdale Park will be entitled to vote.

All residents who wish to qualify to vote in a town election must register on a Prince George's County form. To qualify to vote your registration form must be received at the Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro by Friday, April 1, 2005, 4:30 p.m.

Candidates for office must file Petition and Financial Disclosure Affidavits with the Election Judges at the Town Hall no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2005, in order to have their name on the official ballot. (Financial Disclosure Affidavits and Petition forms are available at the Riverdale Park Town Office.)

*Joyce K. Marcos, Chief Judge
Louis King, Deputy Chief Judge*

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Council Actions

Mayor & Council

Legislative Session

Monday, March. 7, 2005

1. Approval of Minutes Jan. 31, 2005 Special Legislative Meeting. 6-0
2. Approval of Minutes Feb. 7, 2005 Legislative Meeting. 6-0
3. Approval of Minutes Feb. 28, 2005 Special Legislative Meeting. 6-0
4. Introduction of Ordinance 2005-OR-1 Re: Campaign Finance Reporting. Tabled 6-0
5. Adoption of Licensing Procedure for use of Riverdale Community Building. Tabled 6-0
6. Appointment of Election Judges, Alternates and Appeals Board. Approved 6-0
7. Adoption of Sister City. Tabled 6-0
8. Introduction of Charter Change 2005 – OR-1 Re: Tax Cap Limitation. SEC 611 Budget Authorizes Levy.
9. Introduction of OR-05-02 Election Law Changes.
10. Selection of Option for Mosquito Control Program for 2005. Approved 6-0 Larviciding and Spraying.
11. Waiver of Bid Requirements per 623 of the Town Charter- sole source procurement of street lights. 6-0
12. Motion to approve \$11,466 HADCO purchase of street lamps. 6-0
13. Variance as amended V-16-05. Mr. Gavin. 6-0

Code Corner

By Colleen Ferguson

In the next few issues the Code Corner will address the following frequently asked questions:

What is Code Enforcement

Who is the Code Enforcement Officer

How does Code Enforcement Work

Why does it seem to take so long for the violation to be corrected

What is Code Enforcement

Town Codes passed and adopted by the Mayor and Council have been in effect for many years. Once adopted, referred to as: Town Codes, Code and/or Code of the Town of Riverdale Park. The enforcement of the Town code is important to ensure a safe, healthy, enjoyable and livable community in the Town of Riverdale Park.

Town Codes are enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer and/or Police Officers.

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Home: 301-864-3545

Councilmembers

Ward 1 Tracey Toscano 301-927-9022
Ward 2 David Hiles 301-779-8620
Ward 3 Ray Badders 301-864-5722
Ward 4 Lawrence Taylor 301-474-6868
Ward 5 Gerard Kiemann 301-277-4554
Ward 6 Kenneth Webb 301-927-6381

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Patrick J. Prangle, Town Administrator

Police Department 301-927-4343
E. Thomas Parker, Police Chief

Public Works Department 301-864-1803
James Houser, Public Works Director

Code Enforcement 301-209-1505
Colleen M. Ferguson

Fire Department 301-927-0356
Vincent Harrison, Fire Chief

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It is the policy of the Town of Riverdale Park, pursuant to the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, to prohibit discrimination against qualified persons with disabilities in any aspect of employment within the government.

It is also the policy of the Town of Riverdale Park to disallow discrimination in fair housing based on race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disabilities and/or age.

Riverdale Park Web Site:
<http://www.ci.riverdale-park.md.us>

Mayor's Report

By Guy Tiberio

Every two years our Town Center Elects a mayor and six members to the Riverdale Park Town Council. With a filing deadline of April 7, 2005 we are aware of at least two candidates for the office of Mayor and at least nine petitions being obtained by candidates for Town Council.

In past elections Riverdale Park has been a hot bed of local political activity with one of the highest percentage turnouts of any municipality in the county. As the elections approach, please familiarize yourself with the candidate's forum which we are beginning to establish at the present time. And most important, take the time to vote in the May 2, 2005 Elections at the Town Hall. We often hear about the precious thing called democracy. Let's do our part to show it is alive and well and thriving here in

Riverdale Park.

Fair Summary of Resolution 2005-OR-02

This charter change would amend the amount of indebtedness outstanding at anytime from 0.4 percent to 4.0 percent of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property as it appears on the County Assessment Records.

Fair Summary of 2005-OR-1

This charter change would amend the tax levy to not exceed \$.75 per \$100 of the assessed valuation of the property.

Fair Summary of 2005-OR-2

The ordinance allows voters, when paper ballots are used in any election, to use a cross (x), a check (✓), a dash (-), or a plus (+) or any mark other than initials in the square opposite the name of a candidate or write-in line when voting.

Kenilfair Shopping Center Planning Study Presentation

Tuesday, March 29, 2005

7:30pm

The Neighborhood Design Center has mobilized two volunteer Landscape Architects from Rodgers Consulting to complete a planning study for the Kenilfair Shopping Center on Kenilworth Avenue. This team will look at the possibility for façade improvements to the existing businesses and the potential for adding new businesses to the center, since currently the parking lot is underutilized. Ideally these businesses should be at the street edge and should attract potential customers from the burgeoning University of Maryland Research Park on River Road, known as "M Square", destined to be the largest research

park in the State of Maryland.

The presentation will be conducted during the Economic Development Committee Meeting at 7:30 pm on March 29, 2005 in the Council Chamber Riverdale Park Municipal Center.

We welcome your participation at this meeting.

Patrick Prangley
Town Administrator

Police Activity Report

February Crime Report							February Officer Activity	
Crime	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Stln. Veh.	Activity	Total
Ward 1	0	0	2	0	0	1	Calls for Service	927
Ward 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Routine Patrols	285
Ward 3	0	0	0	0	0	1	Traffic Stops	86*
Ward 4	0	0	3	1	0	3	Reported Traffic Accidents	47**
Ward 5	0	0	2	0	1	4	Parking Citations	39
Ward 6	0	0	1	3	5	1	Subjects Arrested	17
Total	0	0	8**	3	1*	14		
** 4 citizen, 3 commercial, 1 carjacking * 1 residential							* 45 Traffic Citations ** 32 Written Citations	

Public Works Report

Spring Clean-Up Day: Riverdale Park's Spring Clean-up day will be Tuesday, May 31, 2005 for the whole town. Do not put out metals, tires, or items with freon that day. Yard waste and metals will be collected for the A and B sides on Wednesday, June 1, 2005. See tire reminder below.

Tires Reminder: Tires **will not** be picked up free this spring. There is a \$2.50 each (\$2.00 for seniors 60+) charge for tire pickup. Tires are a notorious breeding ground for all types of mosquitoes particularly the Asian Tiger Mosquito. In our efforts to remove and reduce these breeding grounds, your tires need to be removed as soon as possible.

Yard Waste: Yard waste is leaves, weeds, grass cuttings, tree limbs, and anything biodegradable

from your yard. Please **do not mix trash and yard waste** together, as it will not be picked up. Bamboo cannot be collected with yard waste. Please put bamboo out on bulky trash days for pick up. Tree limbs that are up to 6 inches diameter and up to 5 feet long will be picked up. Yard waste is collected on the first collection day of each week for each side.

Keep our Town Beautiful:

Please sweep and remove grass clippings and weeds from the sidewalk and curb/gutter when mowing lawns or trimming weeds near the sidewalk or streets. It is against the Town Code to cause any material of any kind to be scattered, dropped, etc. upon any street, alley, sidewalk, gutter, roadway or public place within the town. Clean gutters allows the easy flow of water and keeps our town beautiful.

Spring Volunteer Cleanup - April 2nd

by Alice Ewen Walker

On April 2nd residents will once again celebrate spring's return by volunteering to clean up the walking/biking trail along the Anacostia River. Last year neighbors collected more than 20 bags of trash and removed several large items (shopping cart, car batteries, etc.) abandoned in the river. This year, we need YOUR help! The cleanup is a great way to get to know neighbors

and to spend a little time outdoors to make the community cleaner and more attractive.

Please join us on April 2nd from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm to volunteer. We will meet at 9:30 am by the playground in the parking lot of the Riverdale Community Recreation Center park.

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Community Circles

Events

Scholarship Funds for Local Students

Delegate Anne Healey, State Delegate from District 22A, Prince Georges Co. will award Maryland House of Delegates scholarships to students from her District. Interested students should call Mary T. Lerch for more information call: (301)858-3961

Organizations

Riverdale Park Chess Club

Now forming

For further information, please call 301-699-1427

Riverdale Boys & Girls Club

Tuesday, April 12th

6:30 p.m., Riverdale Community Center, 6401 51st Avenue. Call Cindy or Tom Carpenter, 301-927-7763.

Riverdale Business Association

For information, call Audrey Bragg 301-277- 7393.

Riverdale Elementary School PTA

For more information, call Ray Badders, 301-864-5722.

Riverdale Lions Club

Wednesday, April 27th

7:00 p.m., Town Hall. For information, call Dave Sutton, 301-674-6586.

Civic Committees

Economic Development Committee

For information, call Chris Davis, Committee Chairperson, at 301-277-6615 or email chrisdavis@earthlink.net.

History Center Committee

For information, call Susan McElrath at 301-277-2085.

Madison Hill Homeowners Association

Tuesday, April 12th

7:30 p.m., Town Hall. For information, 301-513-9188 or e-mail MadisonHillHOA@aol.com.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Connects residents who need assistance with neighbors who can lend a hand. For more information, call Audrey Bragg, 301-277-

7393.

Preservation Association of Riverdale Park

For information, call Chris Davis, 301-277-6615 or e-mail cdavis@apa.org.

Recreation Board

Monday, April 11th

7:30 p.m., Town Hall. Volunteers are needed. For information, call Doris Pullman, 301-927-6992.

Residents Association for Progress in the Town of Riverdale (RAPTOR)

For information, call Sarah Wayland 301-927-7407.

Riverdale Park Farmers' Market Task Force

For information, call Pat Gladding at 301-927-1362.

Riverdale Park Tree Committee

E-mail Laura Hilden at laurachilden@yahoo.com to be put on contact list or call Rebecca Feldberg at 301-864-2779.

Riversdale Historical Society

Riversdale Mansion. For information, call 301-864-0420.

Town Center Redevelopment Committee

For more information, call Chris Davis, 301-277-6615 or e-mail chrisdavis@earthlink.net

Traffic Study Committee

Tuesday, April 5th

7:00 p.m., Town Hall. For information, call Guy Tiberio, 301-927-6381.

Web Site Committee

For information, call Alan Thompson at 301-927-7407 or e-mail at webmaster@ci.riverdale-park.md.us.

Deadline for submitting articles for the May issue is April 15, 2005.

APRIL 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Daylight Savings Time – Move clocks ahead one hour. April 3, 2005					1 Riversdale Tours Noon - 4 pm Girl Scouts Town Hall, 2:45 pm Regular, Heavy & Metal Pick up – Area B	2 Heavy trash, used oil, mixed paper and recycling drop off. Public Works Bldg. 9 am - 5 pm
3 Riversdale Tours Noon - 4 pm 4811 Riverdale Rd. Daylight Savings	4 Legislative Session Town Hall 8 p.m. Regular Trash & Yard Waste pick up – Area A	5 Traffic Study Town Hall 7 pm Regular Trash & Yard Waste pick up – Area B	6 MUTC Meeting 7:30 pm (tentative) County Recycling	7 Conflict Resolution Ctr. Town Hall, 6:30 pm Regular, Heavy & Metal pick up – Area A	8 Riversdale Tours Noon - 4 pm Girl Scouts Town Hall, 2:45 pm Regular, Heavy & Metal pick up – Area B	9 Heavy trash, used oil, mixed paper and recycling drop off. Public Works Bldg. 9 am - 5 pm
10 Riversdale Tours Noon - 4 pm 4811 Riverdale Rd.	11 Boy Scouts Town Hall, 7 pm Rec. Board Mtg. Town Hall, 7:30 pm Regular Trash & Yard Waste pick up – Area A	12 Madison Hill Town Hall, 7:30 pm Regular Trash & Yard Waste pick up - Area B	13 County Recycling	14 Conflict Resolution Ctr. Town Hall, 6:30 pm Regular, Heavy & Metal pick up – Area A	15 Riversdale Tours Noon - 4 pm Girl Scouts Town Hall, 2:45 pm Regular, Heavy & Metal pick up – Area B	16 Heavy trash, used oil, mixed paper and recycling drop off. Public Works Bldg. 9 am - 5 pm
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For a map, see <http://www.pgparcs.com/places/maps/anacostia-2002.pdf>. Vehicle access to the park is from River road near Kenilworth Ave. Work clothes and gardening gloves are advised. This activity is eligible for community service hour credits.

The cleanup is sponsored by the Riverdale Park Tree Committee, the Riverdale Park Beautification Committee, and the Riverdale Park Business Association in cooperation with the Anacostia Watershed Society. For information about the event, call Rebecca Feldberg at 301-864-2779 or e-mail alice.ewen.walker@gmail.com.

Alice Ewen Walker is a member of the Riverdale Park Tree Committee.

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