

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

Report No. 20 for 2021

October 1, 2021

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 October 15, 2021.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legislative Meeting	Monday, October 4, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82355050689?pwd=UkhkejBxTzZSRHhLOXJyLzBvZEFiQT09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 823 5505 0689 Passcode: 579554
Work Session	Monday, October 25, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82686851384?pwd=ZE1iRTA1NWl4U0o1bmNTWkF4WUVFdz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 826 8685 1384 Passcode: 579554
Ethics Commission Meeting	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86271860573?pwd=MlhIRk1vTzhVOEN3d05LK3Q5WUM1dz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 862 7186 0573 Passcode: 579554

Administration

- County Rental Assistance Program: The County has spent more than \$24 million to provide emergency rental assistance to more than 3,400 households, and they still have millions of dollars remaining to assist those in need. We encourage landlords and tenants to work together and take advantage of this opportunity. Visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3703/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program> for more information and to apply. #PGCCOVID19
- Meetings with Staff: Staff are available for virtual meetings while the Town buildings are closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Municipal Center Project. Virtual meetings can be scheduled by phone or by e-mail. If you need assistance with scheduling a virtual meeting, please call 301-927-6381.
- Remote Notary Services available: Staff are available to perform Remote Notary Services for Town residents. Remote Notary Services will be performed through a virtual platform approved by the Maryland Secretary of State. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Keith Robinson at krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov, Denisa Caballero at dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or call 301-927-6381.

Community Engagement

- Notice of Invitation to Bid: The following legal advertisement was run in the *Washington Times* on September 28th and the *Enquirer-Gazette* on September 30th:

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK Notice of Invitation to Bid

This is to give notice that the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland is accepting bids for Roadway Repair Projects, Bid No. DPW 2021 – 004, until Friday, October 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. A public bid opening will occur later that day at 3:00 pm via Zoom. To join, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84250200030?pwd=WkZoTHFSRWVQTTVQMUZNMFBITmdmUT09> or call: 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID: 842-5020-0030 Passcode: 579554)

A pre-proposal Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. To join, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83794235644?pwd=Rm54cEh3NkdoZDIyL2pkN00xZTI2QT09> or call: 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID: 837-9423-5644 Passcode: 579554)

A copy of the Invitation to Bid, Bid No. DPW 2021 – 004, may be found at www.RiverdaleParkMD.gov and eMaryland Marketplace. Questions concerning the Invitation to Bid must be directed to RFP-BIDQuestions@RiverdaleParkMD.Gov.

- Report Fire Hydrant Leaks: WSSC Water is seeking the community’s help with reporting suspected fire hydrant leaks. Fire hydrant leaks can be reported by calling 301-206-4002. For more information, go to wsscwater.com/hydrant.

- Community Input: Input from the community is welcomed and encouraged as we navigate a new medium for holding public meetings. The public is invited to join the meetings virtually or e-mail comments to community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov. The internet or a smart phone are not the only ways to join in. You may also call from a landline telephone to listen to the meeting and provide comments or call Town staff prior to the meeting and we will assist you with submitting your comments. We look forward to hearing from you!

- Trash Concerns App Streamlines Process: The Trash Concerns app can be used to order a new trash can, report missed recycling, and any other trash related concerns.

http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/how_do_i/trash_concerns/index.php



- Social Media Outreach: Thank you to those who follow the Town on our social media platforms. The Town’s social media continues to expand our reach in sharing information. The Town’s website remains the primary source for electronic information. Facebook and secondary Twitter accounts expand efforts to amplify our messaging. At this time of great change, it is important that residents and businesses assist the Town in growing our social media outreach. As of today, you have increased followers to 2,092. The new goal is to increase followers to 2,250 by the end of the calendar year. If you have not visited, liked, and followed our Facebook page please do so. If you already have, encourage your neighbors, friends, and business associates to do the same. Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>



- The Town of Riverdale Park (TRP) is also active on the following social media platforms and ask that you join us:

- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber

Environment

- Leaf Collection: Residents are encouraged to bag their leaves and/or mulch them during lawn mowing instead of pushing them into the streets. It is extremely important to keep storm drains clear of leaves to allow the system optimal performance during a rain event.

To support leaf bagging, Public Works staff will distribute ten (10) leaf bags to each single-family residence in Town, on or before the week of October 18th. FREE leaf bags will also be available for pick up on the third Saturday of the month (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at the bulk trash drop off at the Public Works building until mid-January. Identification confirming residency is required.

Bagged leaves should be set out curbside by 6 a.m. on Mondays for collection by the Town’s hauler. If residents choose to mulch their leaves or will otherwise not use the leaf bags, they are encouraged to give them to a neighbor.

- Prince George's County annual Green Summit to be held virtually October 4th – 8th: The Department of the Environment will convene its annual Green Summit event to engage, promote, and empower action for environmental initiatives and sustainability practices in Prince George's County. The virtual Green Summit will focus on topics that affect our environmental impacts such as litter, composting, clean air & energy, water, urban farming, recycling, and green businesses. For more information, visit mypgc.us/greensummit.
- WSSC Notification System: If there is a water or sewer emergency in or near your neighborhood, get alerts via text or email. Visit <http://wsscwater.com/cns> to register.
- JEDA Trucking Bulk Trash Pick-up Services: As a reminder, Bulk Trash Collection is provided by appointment only on Thursdays. Schedule collection by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays by calling 240-604-6077 or online at www.jedatruckinginc.com/book-online.
- Yard Waste Mondays: Yard waste collection is every Monday. Yard waste needs to be at the **curbside by 6:00 a.m.** Residents are responsible for the following items:
 - Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or reusable bins that are clearly marked "Yard Waste"
 - Branches and limbs need to be bundled with rope or string (do not use wire), additionally all branches, limbs, and bundles must be:
 - less than 4 feet long,
 - individual branches less than 3 inches in diameter
 - weigh less than 60 pounds.
- Recycling Collection – important note: The Recycling Collection Program is provided by Prince George's County. Items will not be collected if the items to be recycled are placed in any type of plastic bag. Town staff continue to receive reports that recycling items placed for pick-up are in plastic bags. Prince George's County requires that recycling be placed in a blue tote or in a reusable collection container that is clearly marked "RECYCLING" or with an "X." **NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER** (i.e., plastic grocery bags, plastic wrappers on soda or water containers). For additional information, please call 311 or 301-883-5810.

Development

- Purple Line Construction Notices: Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit www.purplelinemd.com, find "Construction" and click on "Subscribe for Updates." The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.
- TRP-RPS – Riverdale Park Station News: For more information on store openings, events, and development news, check out the Riverdale Park Station transit and general websites and social media pages:
 - General Website: <https://thestationrp.com/>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station: <https://www.facebook.com/TheStationRP/>
 - Twitter: @thestationrp: <https://twitter.com/thestationrp>
 - Instagram: thestationrp: <https://www.instagram.com/thestationrp/>

- Upcoming Meetings: This feature in the Status and Information reports is provided to ensure awareness of upcoming meetings that may have information or agenda items related to development in or near the Town. Below please find links to the agendas for the Board of License Commissioners, the Planning Board, and the Historic Preservation Commission. Please visit the links for additional information:

Board of License Commissioners: October 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting.
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_10062021-1973

Planning Board: October 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1605&Inline=True>

Historic Preservation Commission: No information available at time of report.

- Development Activities from September 16, 2021, to September 29, 2021

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	2	17
Building Permits Issued	3	17
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	1

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2022-B-15	4717 Queensbury Road	Demolition	\$3,500
2022-B-16	4901 Sheridan Street	Single Family Home	\$400,000
2022-B-17	1 Physics Ellipse Drive	Interior Renovation	\$1,045,000
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$1,488,500
Est. Investment FYTD 2022 Total:			\$1,545,128

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	3	18

Multifamily Licenses Issued	4	7
Single-family Rental Inspection	0	21
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	12
Business License Inspections Conducted	8	47
Business Licenses Issued	0	48

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from September 16, 2021, to September 29, 2021

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	6	43
Exterior Conditions	7	31
Interior Conditions	62	82
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	1	26
Safety	6	20
Sanitation	0	2
Total Violations Found:	82	204

Services Provided by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	9	64
Fines Issued	0	3
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	2	33
Violation Notices Issued	9	32
Warnings Issued	5	62
Total Services Provided:	25	194

Note:

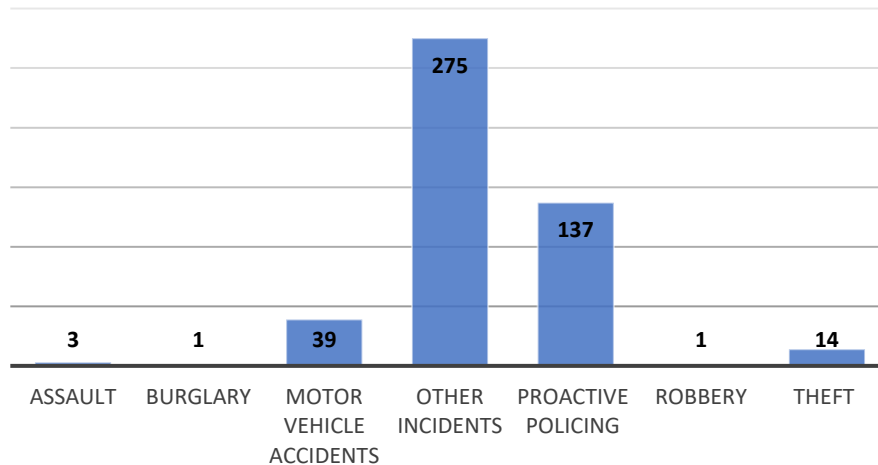
1. "FYTD" means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.
2. "Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish" includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.
3. "Exterior Conditions" include, but not limited to chipping, flaking, and peeling paint, graffiti, storage of inoperable vehicles, damaged accessory structures, driveways, doors, overhangs, roofs, stairways, walls, windows, and other exterior components.
4. "Interior Conditions" include, but not limited to; cracks and holes in ceilings, floors, and walls, missing stair railings, water-damaged surfaces, and lack of proper ventilation.
5. "Overgrown Weeds" include grass or weeds more than 10 inches in height.

6. *“Safety” includes, but not limited to; damaged/missing electrical outlets, covers, light fixtures, carbon monoxide and /or smoke detectors, lack of escape windows in bedrooms, missing address numbers, major structural damage, and unsafe buildings.*
7. *“Sanitation” includes, but not limited to; insect/rodent infestation, mildew/mold on surfaces, uncleanliness, and storage of hazardous waste.*

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Public Safety

470 Calls for Service 09/16/2021 to 09/29/2021



Calls for Service defined: A call for service is any activity performed by a sworn police officer in the performance of their assigned duties. Calls for service covers both proactive activities such as area checks and traffic enforcement, as well as a portion of field investigative reports, traffic accidents, and response to various incidents. Calls received for dispatch are also included in the calls for service total.

Staff are working to enhance reporting capabilities to more accurately differentiate between proactive police actions and responding to dispatched incidents. The above chart illustrates that at a minimum, 137 or 29 percent of calls for service were proactive actions on the part of the Town's police officers.

Proactive Policing includes traffic safety, business and residential checks, field interviews, and quality of life issues.

Other Incidents includes disorderly complaints, fights, suspicious subjects/vehicles, parking complaints, traffic complaints, and assisting individuals.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to the 4700 block of Woodberry Street for a package theft. Through investigative means the suspect has been identified and charged with theft.
- Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a commercial burglary. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) entered the building by breaking the front door glass with a brick. The suspect(s) were possibly scared off by the alarm because nothing was reported stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to the 5300 block of 50th Avenue for an assault involving roommates. Both parties involved in the altercation were placed under arrest for assault.
- Officers responded to the 6300 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a check on the welfare. Officers observed an individual in the travel portion of the roadway who appeared to be under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance. Due to the individual making suicidal threats they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The operator of the vehicle failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated. A search incident to arrest revealed the individual was in possession of 4 grams of suspected cocaine.
- Officers responded to the intersection of Baltimore Avenue and Queensbury Road for an assault. The victims reported being involved in a road rage incident. During the altercation the suspect pointed a handgun at the victims and threatened to shoot them. Through investigative means a suspect has been identified and charges are pending.
- Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a robbery of a person. The investigation revealed the suspect approached the victim and demanded his money. The victim refused and was physically assaulted by the suspect. During the assault the suspect forcibly removed the victim's money from his pockets. The victim refused medical treatment and the investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 5400 block of Jefferson Street. The operator of the striking vehicle failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for driving under the influence.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6100 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the operator to have an active arrest warrant through Princes George's County for 1st degree assault. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 4500 block of Woodberry Street for a theft. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect cut the lock off the victim's locker and removed their personal property. The investigation is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager