

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Status and Information Report

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To Mayor Thompson and Town Council,

The goal of the Status and Information reports is to share relevant information in a timely fashion. The Status and Information Reports are distributed to the Town's elected officials, residents, and employees. Status and Information Reports are also available to businesses and visitors through the Town website. The reports are published in English and Spanish. The next Status and Information report will be published on November 12, 2021.

CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed	Thursday, November 11, 2021	In observance of Veterans Day
Town Hall and Public Works Operations Closed	Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26, 2021	In observance of Thanksgiving and day after Thanksgiving

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legislative Meeting	Monday, November 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82946240741?pwd=czZCUEx4U3RXbVZrL3lFK0JseDMwZz09 Or call: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 829 4624 0741 Passcode: 579554
Ethics Commission Meeting	Wednesday, November 10, 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

Community Engagement

- School Boundary Changes- Attend an Upcoming Community Conversation: Prince George's County Public Schools has been engaged in a Comprehensive School Boundary Initiative for the past year. Many PGcps school boundaries will be changing in the next 2-3 years as new schools are built, including the new William Wirt Middle School and new Glenridge Area Middle School

Earlier this year, PGcps released the Draft Boundary Scenarios Report which presents three draft scenarios that offer different approaches to adjusting school boundaries in PGcps. You can access the report at www.pgcps.org/boundary.

In order to get input on the final recommendations, five virtual Community Conversations have been scheduled, two of them will be conducted in Spanish:

Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30-8:00 PM (English)
Wednesday, November 3 at 6:30-8:30 PM (Spanish)
Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30-8:00 PM (English)
Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30-8:00 PM (Spanish)
Saturday, November 13 at 10:30 AM to Noon (English with Spanish interpretation)

These virtual meetings will share information on the various boundary change scenarios and provide an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback. Register online bit.ly/PGCPS_RSVP

- Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund: The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will be launching The Maryland Homeowners Assistance Fund in late 2021. The Fund will be open to homeowners statewide. Visit the Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund webpage to learn more about the program and the eligibility requirements.
<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund.aspx>

Complete an Expression of Interest Form and be added to the MD-DHCD's email list.
<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund/ExpressionofInterest.aspx>

- Water Bill Assistance: The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has resumed water service turnoffs. WSSC Water is encouraging customers that need assistance to establish convenient payment plans or apply for financial assistance to prevent a water service turnoff.

Contact WSSC Water at 301-206-4001 Monday to Friday, 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM. For more information, visit the WSSC Water website
https://www.wsscwater.com/assistance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

- 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 2,124. 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

- PEPCO Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: The Town worked with PEPCO to install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the Town Center parking lot, and on July 19th, the Stations became active. These stations have been utilized 69 times and have offset almost 1,500lbs of CO₂ emissions. They have provided 755 kWh of energy to electric vehicles, which has saved an estimated 75 gallons of gasoline. These Stations align with the Town's Sustainability and Transportation vision and commitment statements and help make the Town the location of choice for residents, businesses, and visitors.
- County DPW&T Annual Snow Summit: DPW&T will hold their Annual Snow Summit, virtually, on Thursday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. Attendees will receive pertinent information on snow operations, as well as tips and resources for staying safe this winter from County agencies. Registration is required at <https://bit.ly/PGCSnowSummit2021>.
- Weatherization programs: Programs are available to help income eligible households lower their energy bills. The [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development \(DHCD\)](#) offers programs that may provide help with things like insulation, hot water system

improvements, heating/cooling repair or replacement, renewable energy systems, and other health and safety enhancements free of charge. For questions or help with the application call 1-855-583-8976.

- **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.

- **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

- Trolley Trail Lighting Project Update: Staff recently received an update from PEPCO regarding the construction timeline for the Trolley Trail Lighting Project. It was reported that construction is scheduled to start on December 6th with a completion date of December 15, 2021.
- 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/>
- Notices received by Town:
 - Notice was received from Bohler Engineering informing that the Preliminary Plan for the Terrapin House project will be submitted for review to the Development Review Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The subject property is located at Hartwick Road and Baltimore Avenue, College Park. The nature of the application is to develop the property with commercial/retail and residential units. For more information contact Joseph DiMarco at 301-809-4500.
 - Notice was received from Soltesz informing that a Detailed Site Plan for the Hyattsville Crossing project will be submitted for review to the Development Review Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The subject property is located at the north side of East-West Highway between Toledo Terrace and Belcrest Road. The nature of the review is to develop multifamily residential dwellings and retail uses. For more information contact Tom Haller at 301-306-0033.
 - Informational mailings were received from Network Building + Consulting on behalf of AT&T Mobility regarding the acceptance of applications to install small wireless facilities (SWF) on utility poles to be replaced by the owning utility companies near the below listed addresses in the Prince George’s County Right-of-Way:

8501 Ardwick Ardmore Road, Hyattsville, MD 20785
8600 Martin Luther King Jr (AKA 8600 Ardwick Ardmore Road) Hyattsville, MD 2078
4831 Jefferson Street (Along Ebenezer Lane) Lanham, MD 20706
3506 Silver Park Drive, Suitland, MD 20746
3529 Terrace Drive, Suitland, MD 20746
1900 Amherst Road (along Van Buren Street) Hyattsville, MD 20783
3401 Toledo Terrace, Hyattsville, MD 20782
5505 Kennedy Street Riverdale, MD 20737

5854 Everhard Place, Fort Washington, MD 20744
 1805 Fox Street (Along 20th St), Hyattsville, MD 20783
 3201 Brinkley Road, MD 20744 (3241 Brinkley Road, Temple Hills MD)
 5421 56th Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737
 5207 Wiley Street, Riverdale, MD 20737
 3500 Pennsy Drive, Landover MD 20785
 4273 Branch Avenue (along 28th Ave), Temple Hills, MD 20748
 3745 Branch Avenue (Along Keating St), Temple Hills, MD 20748
 3701 Branch Avenue, Temple Hills MD 20748
 9004 Crandall Road, Lanham, MD 20706

For more information contact Elizabeth Dietrich at 410-712-7092 ext. 1017 or edietrich@nbcllc.com

- **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:

Planning Board: November 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.

<http://mncppc.igq2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1614&Inline=True>

Board of License Commissioners: *No information available at time of report.*

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

- Development Activities from October 14, 2021, to October 27, 2021

Permits: Building / Storage Containers

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	2	18
Building Permits Issued	0	18
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	1

Licenses:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	1	22
Multifamily Licenses Issued	3	10
Single-family Rental Inspection	0	21
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	12
Business License Inspections Conducted	22	86
Business Licenses Issued	21	84

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from October 14, 2021, to October 27, 2021

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	2	46
Exterior Conditions	3	51
Interior Conditions	24	115
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	0	29
Safety	7	31
Sanitation	1	3
Total Violations Found:	37	275

Services Provided by Type:

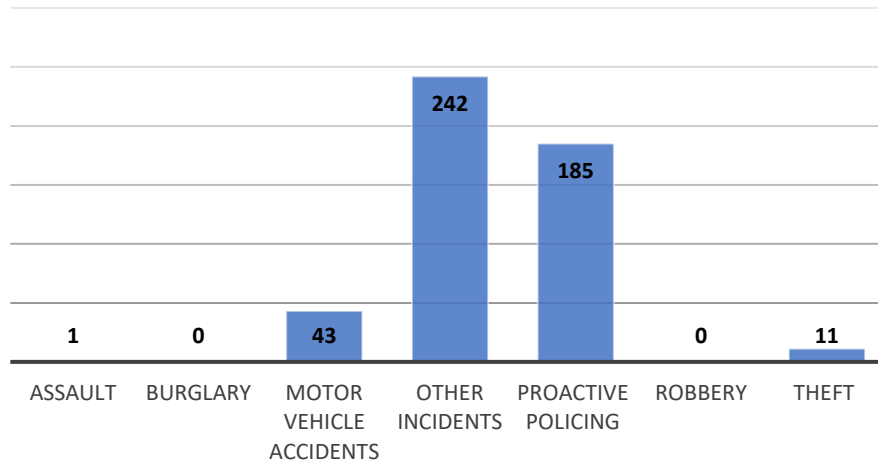
Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	10	77
Fines Issued	4	7
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	9	54
Violation Notices Issued	1	35
Warnings Issued	3	70
Total Services Provided:	27	243

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.

Public Safety

482 Calls for Police Service 10/14/2021 to 10/27/2021



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, 185 or 38 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 intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and East West Highway for a suspicious occupied vehicle. Responding officers located the driver asleep behind the wheel. The operator failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for DUI.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a trespassing complaint. The owner of the business reported an individual inside who was disorderly and refusing to leave. Officers contacted the individual. The individual continued their refusal to leave in the presence of the officers. The individual was placed under arrest for trespassing.

- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A record check revealed the operator to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers observed an individual in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue who was wanted for a theft from auto. The individual was contacted and placed under arrest. The investigation revealed the individual was responsible for several other thefts.
- Officers responded to a business in the 4500 block of Woodberry Street for a theft. The victim reported that unknown suspect(s) entered their secured locker and removed property.
- Officers observed an illegally parked vehicle in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue. A records check revealed the 2015 Kia was reported stolen through the Hyattsville City Police Department. The vehicle was impounded for safekeeping pending notification to the owner.
- Officers observed two vehicles involved in an apparent road rage incident in the 5600 block of Kenilworth Avenue. One of the operators exited their vehicle and threatened the other operator with a hammer. Officers intervened to stop the assault, deescalated the situation, and placed the aggressor under arrest.
- Officers contacted a person in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue. A record check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant through the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office. The individual was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted,



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