

# TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

## Status and Information Report

## Report No. 19 for 2021

September 17, 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 1, 2021.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

<p>Special Legislative Meeting (anticipated to be a Closed Meeting):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; #7</li><li>2. To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; #8</li></ol>	<p>Monday, September 20, 2021 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88301056579?pwd=aDNGK05XZGwvQUV0b1hreUfTZkEzZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88301056579?pwd=aDNGK05XZGwvQUV0b1hreUfTZkEzZz09</a></p> <p>Or call 301-715-8592</p> <p>Meeting ID: 883-0105-6579 Passcode: 579554</p>
<p>Ethics Commission Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 22, 2021 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87922069892?pwd=U0F6VUlpaEk1VFdSYVg4ZWVScTUxdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87922069892?pwd=U0F6VUlpaEk1VFdSYVg4ZWVScTUxdz09</a></p> <p>Or call: 301-715-8592</p> <p>Meeting ID: 879-2206-9892 Passcode: 579554</p>
<p>Work Session</p>	<p>Monday, September 27, 2021 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807193939?pwd=Z2d1MVdEMyt hTWtoVkJwaTJZdCtEUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807193939?pwd=Z2d1MVdEMyt hTWtoVkJwaTJZdCtEUT09</a></p> <p>Or call: 301-715-8592</p> <p>Meeting ID: 818-0719-3939 Passcode: 579554</p>

## Employee Recognition

- Employee Anniversaries: Please join me in extending a sincere thank you to the following team member for their years of dedicated service to the Town's residents:
  - David Morris 10 Years of Service

Best wishes on your work anniversary and thank you for your dedicated service!

## 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](mailto:krobinson@riverdaleparkmd.gov), Denisa Caballero at [dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:dcaballero@riverdaleparkmd.gov), or call 301-927-6381.

## Council Direction Summary

The Mayor and Council provided direction to staff through the following Legislative Actions:

1. Motion to certify Ward 1 Special Election results for September 11, 2021 - ***Approved***
2. Motion regarding Street Closure Request for 6200 block of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street on September 18, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for annual Block Party (Ward 1) - ***Approved***
3. Introduction of Ordinance 2021-OR-08 regarding Amendment to FY2022 Budget related to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds - ***Introduced***
4. Motion to approve the description of the Economic Recovery Strategy (ERS) Fund - ***Approved***
5. Motion to authorize creation of ARPA Project Manager, a full-time term position - ***Approved***
6. Motion to approve position description for ARPA Project Manager – ***Approved***
7. Motion to send a letter regarding the Town's priorities for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) FY2023 Budget – ***Approved***
8. Motion to send a letter of support for Living Canopies- ***Approved***

## Community Engagement

- Community Meeting regarding Riverdale Road Bridge Project: The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) will hold a virtual public meeting for the Riverdale Road over Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River bridge replacement project. Work is scheduled to begin spring 2023.

The virtual public meeting will be held using Microsoft Teams, on **September 21, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The meeting link will be posted on the Riverdale Road Bridge over Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River Project Portal Page, which can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/MDOTSHA-Riverdale-Rd-Anacostia-River>

- Fair Summary of Ordinance 2021-OR-08: The following legal advertisement will be run in the September 23, 2021, edition of the *Enquirer-Gazette*:

### FAIR SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2021-OR-08

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2021-OR-08.

Ordinance 2021-OR-08 would amend the adopted operating and capital budgets for the Town of Riverdale Park for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, to recognize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant revenues and to appropriate such grant funds to the Town's Economic Recovery Strategy Fund (ERSF); and generally, relate to amendment of the Town's FY2022 operating and capital budgets.

Ordinance 2021-OR-08 is available for inspection by the public on the Town's website [www.riverdaleparkmd.gov](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov), by e-mail request to [community\\_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov), or by calling 301-927-6381 (extension 505).

- 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](http://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](mailto: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](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 2,089. 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](https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en)
  - Twitter: [https://twitter.com/Riverdale\\_Park](https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park)
  - YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeaNS8-6xwTyPJculj7vuCQ/videos?view_as=subscriber)

### Environment

- Mosquito Control Program: The Town is participating in the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s Mosquito Control Program. Spray season began at the end of May and is anticipated to end in mid-September.

Spraying will take place after dark on **Tuesdays** and may continue until midnight or later. Spraying will commence as soon as it is dark. As a precaution, it is advised that residents stay inside their homes and close their windows while the spray truck is in the vicinity, bring in any pets, and remain in the home for 20-30 minutes after the spray truck has passed by. If there are people outside when the truck passes by, no spray will be released, and the truck will not make another pass down that street.

The spray schedule will rotate every 3 weeks meaning that Riverdale Park may not be sprayed each week. The frequency of spraying will be determined by surveillance data collected and complaints received. In order to determine if your community will be sprayed on its scheduled spray night, please contact 301-422-5080 between 2-4 p.m. that day. Any unscheduled sprayings will be announced on the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s webpage [www.mda.maryland.gov](http://www.mda.maryland.gov) or on Twitter @MdAgMosquito and @MdAgDept. For more information regarding the Department of Agriculture’s Mosquito Control Program, visit [http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito\\_control.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control.aspx).

- 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](http://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**

- **Metro Reopens Four Yellow and Green Line Stations:** Metro is excited to welcome back Green and Yellow Line riders to safer, cleaner, and more accessible stations! Greenbelt, College Park-U of Md, Prince George’s Plaza, and West Hyattsville stations will reopen as scheduled on September 7. Crews have worked around the clock since May to completely reconstruct the station platforms and complete additional improvements to give customers a higher level of safety, convenience, and communication.

In addition to safer and more accessible platforms, key renovations include new slip-resistant tiles, brighter energy-efficient LED lighting, and illuminated handrails. Additionally, new stainless-steel platform shelters now have charging ports and digital map/information displays. More Passenger Information Displays (PIDS) have been installed along the platforms, with larger digital screens to improve visibility. Station improvements also include new surveillance systems (CCTV), clearer speakers for important announcements, and safety call buttons with direct contact to station managers and the operations control center. Customers will also find new modern, stainless steel faregates, part of Metro’s system-wide initiative to replace and upgrade the aging faregates with new technology that includes advanced safety features, modernized displays, and quicker pass-throughs at the gate.

The reopening of these Green and Yellow Line stations closes out Phase III of Metro’s Platform Improvement Project and brings the program closer to the finish line. Only three more stations out of the original 20 remain to complete one of Metro’s largest capital investments in system safety, reliability, and the region's economy. To receive the latest project updates, visit [www.wmata.com/platforms](http://www.wmata.com/platforms).

- **Purple Line Updates:**
  - Temporary Lane Closures on River Road and Rivertech Court: Beginning on or about June 14, 2021, crews will resume underground utility relocation at the intersection of River Road (MD 431) and Rivertech Court through the end of September, weather permitting. Temporary lane closures along both River Road and Rivertech Court will occur. Work may take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays, and as needed, on weekends.
- **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](http://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:

**Historic Preservation Commission:** September 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Virtual meeting.  
[https://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_09212021-579](https://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_09212021-579)

**Planning Board:** September 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.  
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1602&Inline=True>

**Board of License Commissioners:** September 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting.  
[https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_09282021-1969](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_09282021-1969)

- **Development Activities from September 2, 2021, to September 15, 2021**

**Permits: Building / Storage Containers**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	2	14
Building Permits Issued	2	14
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	1

**Permits Issued:**

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2022-B-13	4511 Oliver Street	Install Solar Panels	\$14,325
2022-B-14	5012 Nicholson Street	Construct 6 Foot Fence	\$10,000
<b>Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:</b>			<b>\$24,325</b>
<b>Est. Investment FYTD 2022 Total:</b>			<b>\$100,128</b>

**Licenses:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Multifamily Rental Inspection Conducted	3	15
Multifamily Licenses Issued	0	3
Single-family Rental Inspection	3	21
Single-family Licenses Issued	0	12
Business License Inspections Conducted	3	39
Business Licenses Issued	0	48

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from September 2, 2021, to September 15, 2021

**Community Standards Violations by Type:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	15	37
Exterior Conditions	5	24
Interior Conditions	0	20
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	18	25
Safety	3	14
Sanitation	0	2
<b>Total Violations Found:</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>122</b>

**Services Provided by Type:**

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2022 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	11	55

Fines Issued	0	3
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	12	31
Violation Notices Issued	3	23
Warnings Issued	30	57
<b>Total Services Provided:</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>169</b>

Note:

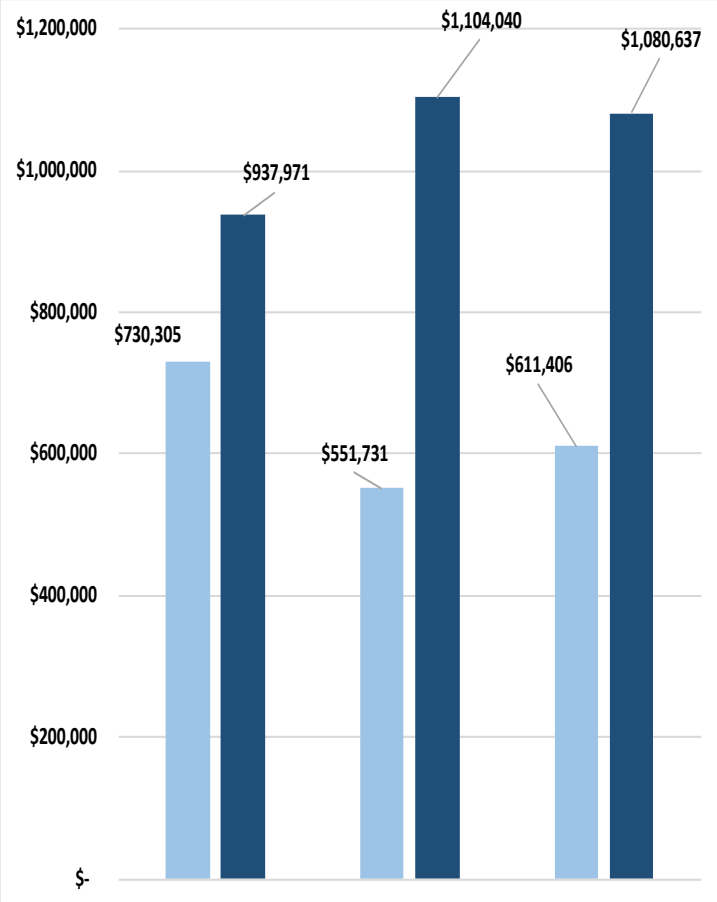
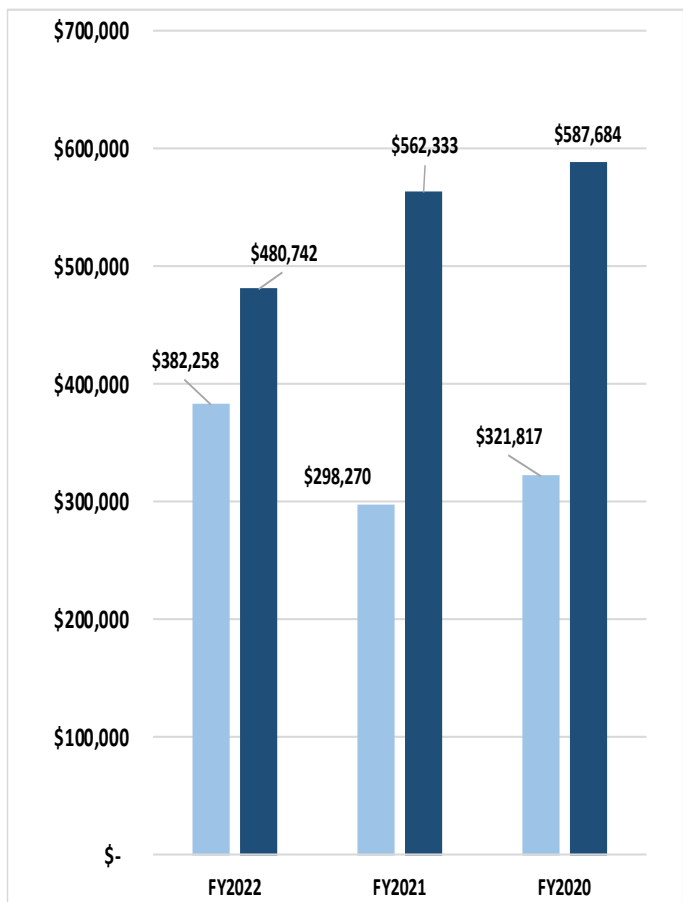
1. *“FYTD” means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.*
2. *“Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish” includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.*
3. *“Exterior Conditions” include, but not limited to chipping, flaking, 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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## Finance

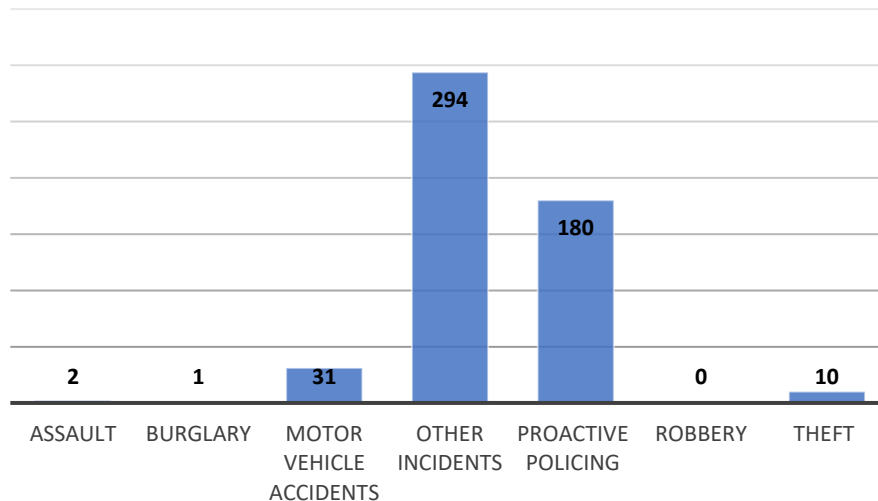
Aug			YTD Total		
FY2021	FY2020	FY2019	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020
\$ 382,258	\$ 298,270	\$ 321,817	\$ 730,305	\$ 551,731	\$ 611,406
\$ 480,742	\$ 562,333	\$ 587,684	\$ 937,971	\$ 1,104,040	\$ 1,080,637
\$ (98,484)	\$ (264,063)	\$ (265,867)	\$ (207,666)	\$ (552,309)	\$ (469,231)



Revenue =	
Expense =	

## Public Safety

### 518 Calls for Police Service 09/02/2021 to 09/15/2021



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, 180 or 35 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 conducted a traffic stop in the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a registration violation. During a probable cause search, officers located 52 grams of suspected Marijuana inside the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle was placed under arrest for possession with intent to distribute.
- Officers responded to a business in the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the business, removed several hair irons, and fled to an awaiting vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

- Officers responded to the 4700 block of Oglethorpe Street for a residential burglary. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the home through a first-floor window. The suspect(s) rummaged through the home, but nothing was taken. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the operator to have an active arrest warrant through Montgomery County. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the vehicle and removed the stereo.
- Officers responded to a business in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for shoplifting. Responding officers were able to stop the suspect as he exited the business without paying for the merchandise. The suspect was issued a criminal citation for theft.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft from auto. The victim reported that an unknown suspect removed a concrete saw from the bed of his truck while he was paying for gas.
- Officers responded to the 4800 block of Queensbury Road for a hit and run motor vehicle collision. Responding officers located the striking vehicle in the 5400 block of Queensbury Road. The operator of the striking vehicle showed signs of impairment but refused field sobriety testing. The operator was placed under arrest for DUI and leaving the scene of an accident.
- Officers observed a suspicious unoccupied vehicle in the 5300 block of Riverdale Road, a record check of the registration revealed the 2008 Lexus was reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police Department. The vehicle was impounded for safekeeping pending notification to the owner.
- Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a report of a person acting suspiciously. Officers located an individual who appeared to be disoriented. The officers spoke with the person and learned their identity. Officers determined that the person was an 86-year-old who had been reported missing. A family member was contacted, and they were reunited.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager