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Veteran's Day Memorial Service

Veteran's Memorial Park (near Marc Station)
5008 Queensbury Road

November 11, 2015; 11:00 a.m.

The Town of Riverdale Park will host a Veteran's Day memorial service on Wednesday, November 11 at 1100 hours. Light refreshments will be provided following the service at the Town Hall, located at 5008 Queensbury Road. Please come out to support and honor our service men and women.

Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information

Town Hall

5008 Queensbury Road
301-927-6381

Department of Public Works

5012 Queensbury Road
301-864-1803

Police Department

5004 Queensbury Road
301-927-4343

Bates Trucking and Trash Collection

Bulk Trash Collection
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
301-773-2069

*Residents must call Bates by 2 p.m.
Tuesday for Wednesday pickup*



Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Alamo Restaurant

November 26, 2015; 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

The Alamo restaurant and Christian Life Center will be serving a **free** Thanksgiving Dinner with all of the holiday trimmings on Thursday, November 26, 2015. Everyone is welcome! Dinner will be served from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. The Alamo Restaurant is located at 5508 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park. If you would like to contribute to the event, turkeys, paper products (plates, napkins and cutlery) and new or gently worn coats for men, women and children are needed. Food and monetary donations are also welcomed. For more information contact Pastor Ben Slye at 301-277-5969.



Cena Anual de Acción de Gracias

Alamo Restaurant

26 de Noviembre 2015; 12:00 pm - 15:00

El restaurante Alamo y el Centro de Vida Cristiana estarán sirviendo una cena de Acción de Gracias gratuita con todos los adornos festivos el jueves, 26 de Noviembre de 2015. Todos son bienvenidos! La cena se servirá a partir de las 12:00 del mediodía a 3:00 pm. El restaurante Alamo se encuentra en el 5508 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park. Si quieres contribuir a los eventos, pavos, productos de papel (platos, servilletas y cubiertos) y abrigos nuevos o suavemente usados para hombres, mujeres y niños son necesarios. Alimentos y donaciones monetarias también son bienvenidos. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Pastor Ben Slye al 301-277-5969.

Council Actions

Legislative Meeting
October 5, 2015

Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes from September 8, 2015 Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items:

1. Curb cut request for new single-family house on 6317 47th Avenue (Ward 1) – **Approved**
2. Motion regarding Fence Permit Application for 4707 Sheridan Street a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 2) – **Approved with Condition**
3. Motion regarding Resolution 2015-R-13 regarding Smart Energy Policy - **Adopted**
4. Motion regarding Resolution 2015-R-14 regarding Transportation Petroleum Reduction Policy- **Adopted**

Water Heating Tips: 5 Ways to Save On Your Monthly Bill

1. **Adjust water heater thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.** Each 10-degree reduction can lower water-heating costs up to 5%.
2. **Detect and repair leaky faucets** right away. WaterSense low-flow faucets and showerheads can save a family 700 gallons of water annually.
3. **Insulate your water heater.** Do not cover the top, bottom, thermostat or burner compartment of natural gas or oil hot-water storage tanks.
4. **Invest in a new energy-efficient water heater** with the ENERGY STAR label to use 50 percent less energy.
5. **Reduce water consumption.** Take shorter showers, use cold water for laundry loads, or choose shorter dishwasher cycles.

For more ways to save energy, visit www.energy.gov.



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Information - 301-927-0356

Brian Carpio, **Fire Chief**

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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.

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Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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November has snuck up on us, again. This means the holiday season is starting this month, and that mosquito season is soon to be over!

Dog Park

Last month I told you that the dog park project was behind schedule in a big way, and not three days later I got a note from our liaison at Parks and Planning that things were much better than I had thought – rather than having to re-bid the entire project, they were able to remove one feature (the hollow concrete “logs” that the dogs can run through, jump on top of, etc., that cost, I am not making this up, NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS). While I’m standing by my guess that the project won’t start until the spring, I’m guessing it may actually be open in the spring (LATE in the spring). I hope my guess is right.

M-U-TC/7-Eleven

As I told you last month, the Town’s recommendation to deny the 7-Eleven project was rejected by the Prince George’s County Planning Board, which means (barring further action on our part) that the 7-Eleven will be built. The Town is still deciding which options to pursue to appeal the decision (including, possibly, amending the M-U-TC book to remove any hint of ambiguity). If you want to receive notifications regarding the appeal process

please contact your Council Representative, Mayor Archer, or me.

In other development news, the M-U-TC Committee approved some small changes to the Cafritz development plan. Most of the changes will only be visible to the residents of one of the buildings, but a playground/tot lot will increase in size (and have more amenities) and there will be some minor aesthetic changes to a residential building.

Car Break-ins

There has been a rash of car break-ins this month, mostly in Ward 2. The Police Department is actively seeking information on these crimes. Please call the Police if you have any information, and in the meantime to minimize the chances that it will be targeted be sure your car is locked, the alarm on (if you have one) and the car is parked in a well-lit space.

Farmers’ Market

The Farmers' Market is overflowing with fabulous produce! It is open every Thursday (until Thanksgiving) from 3pm to 7pm in the main parking lot in Town Center. Produce at the market this time of year includes potatoes, cabbage, turnips, apples, pumpkins, greens, peppers, gourds, cider, mums, baked goods, honey, pastured meats, eggs from free range hens, fresh small batch roasted coffees, and a beautiful variety of cut flowers (at least until the first frost). I hope to see you at the market!

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Saturday Drop Off

The next scheduled dates in 2015 for drop off of bulk trash on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., are: November 21 and December 19. Dates for January – June 2016 are: January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, and June 18

Holiday Trash Collection

Regular trash collection, bulk trash and recycling **will NOT be affected** by the Veteran’s Day holiday on Wednesday, November 11th.

Regular trash **will NOT be collected** on Thursday, November 26, 2015, in observance of Thanksgiving. The next trash collection day will be on Monday, November 30, 2015.

Town Offices Closures

- Veteran’s Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2015; and
- Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27, 2015.

Leaf Collection

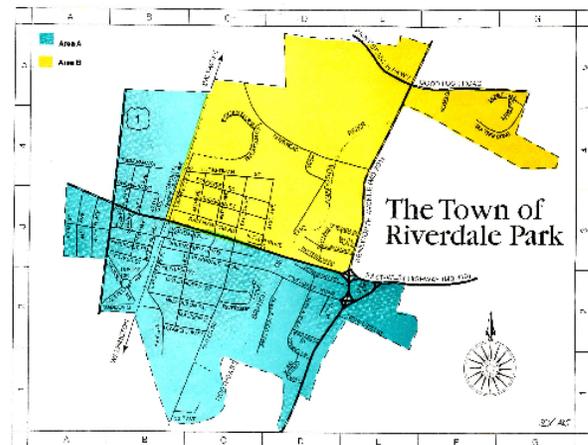
As part of our fall leaf vacuuming service, leaves will be collected from **November 2** through **January 15**. DPW will vacuum leaves from Town streets following our previous trash collection schedule. Please see map below.

In order to make this process work as efficiently as possible, residents are encouraged to:

- Rake leaves to the curb. Pile leaves away from cars and storm drains. The leaf vacuum cannot reach around cars.

- Remove tree limbs, rocks and other debris from leaves to be collected. They can damage the equipment and cause delays.
- Please put bagged leaves out on Wednesdays with the yard waste. **Do not put them out with regular trash.**

Noise and dust may be noticeable during the leaf vacuuming process. Dry conditions generate more dust. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Monday — AREA A residents – leaf vacuum service

Tuesday — AREA B residents – leaf vacuum service

Wednesday—(yard collection day) – Bates Trucking Company will collect **BAGGED LEAVES**. Please do not include tree branches, wood or other debris in the bags.

Thursday — AREA A residents – leaf vacuum service

Friday — AREA B residents – leaf vacuum service

Trees

Trimming: When trees in the community are to be removed or trimmed, the arborist will posting “No Parking” signs before they begin trimming trees. Your cooperation is needed to adhere to the times posted by moving your vehicles so

that the trees are accessible to the vendor for this service.

Planting: The department will not plant new trees in the community until early spring 2016. Residents who would like to have a tree planted near their homes should contact the department at 301-864-1803, to be placed on our list.

Bee Facts and Safety Tips

These “Bee” facts and tips are being provided so that you and your children can stay “Bee Educated” throughout the year and avoid bee-related incidences.



Contrary to what some believe, bees are sometimes out during all of the seasons, not just spring and summer. When the temperature is above 50 degrees, bees sometimes venture out of their hives for short periods depending on the temperature and could pose a threat while you are in the vicinity.

Be aware and be safe throughout the year. If you encounter a bee(s), don't jump around and wave your arms because that will make them angrier. Just walk away calmly and quickly as possible. If you can't leave, stay very still until the insect flies away.



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, they will occur on Thursday of each week.

Yard Waste Collection

As a reminder, effective January 1, 2014, the Waste Management Division of the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources issued a notice (included in resident's August 2013 tax bill) that **requires ALL yard waste to be placed in brown paper bags or loose in a clearly marked "YARD WASTE" collection can/container (i.e., trash cans).** Yard waste will no longer be collected in plastic bags. For additional information please call 311 or 301-883-5810.

Prince George's County Information

To expedite requests for services provided by Prince George's County's, residents should utilize their information number, **311**. Using that number will enable residents to address county related concerns such as questions, complaints, animal control requests, or other service needs for which the county is responsible.

Animal Control

The Department of Environmental Resources – Animal Management Division handles **all calls** related to animal control in your community. Please contact them if there are animals that are trapped, dangerous, sick, abused, in need of spaying or neutering, in need of carcass removal, or other related issues in your neighborhood, please call the Animal Management Division at **301-780-7200**. **Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and Thursdays.**

The public can view animals on Monday, Tuesday and Friday 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and Thursdays. The office is located at 3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro 20772.

Children's Fine Art Dolls

By Emily Fanning

RP Youth Doll Study Club learns to construct and make 1800 period dolls by hand. Grant boards who give out grants to worthy programs at some point require the group to earn their own money selling their products to help support the program. So, the doll club students and volunteers are making dolls to sell as Fundraisers.

We will be selling the dolls at the Festival of Lights in December. The 10-inch dolls will be signed and dated on the body to make them collectable. There will be sample furniture doll kits to hand make that fit the dolls; such as, a Canopy Rope Bed and 4 poster rope bed where you make the bedding by hand also.

Please come out to see our work and help support us so we can earn more grant money. The dolls have been juried by a Cultural Center as Children's Fine Art Dolls.

This program is free to children seven years up. Also free to volunteers who will help teach the children after they learn. For more information, call Emily Fanning 301 864 5561 or email ourdollmom@aol.com. Thank you.

3rd Annual CCSI Fundraiser Presents: *A Christmas Carol*

By Bill Leary

Community Crisis Services, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and Wolf Pack Theatre Company invite you to our Third Annual Warm Nights and Bountiful

Blessing's fundraising production of the immortal Charles Dickens Classic Tale, *A Christmas Carol*.

For both the Saturday December 12th and Saturday December 19th Matinee performances we'd like to offer a special 'Youth Group' price of only \$8.00 per youth and for every five paid youth tickets you'll receive one FREE adult chaperone admission!

Critics have raved,

- "Innovative, wonderful and passionate—a yearly must see!" – Maryland Theatre Guide
- Top 5 Show of the Week 2014 Maryland Theatre Guide
- "Five Stars! Refreshing and fun." – The Best Christmas Present of All! DC Metro Theater Arts
- "Charming and innovative." – TheatreBloom

Pricing is good for youth groups only, and a chaperone must be present. Ticket prices are valid only December 12th or December 19th Matinee performances. This special may not be combined with any other offers or discounts. Youth Group and all other performance tickets are available through:

<https://wolfpacktheatrecompany.webconnex.com/ACC> or call 240-271-5471.

Community Circles

Holiday Preview

Mark your calendars for the upcoming holiday events:

- December 3, 2015- Senior's Luncheon at Crescent Cities Center

- December 12, 2015 - Children's Holiday Party and Holiday Market/Festival of Lights

Town Hall Hat and Glove Tree

The Town of Riverdale Park will be collecting new hats and gloves to decorate the tree at Town Hall. The hats and gloves will be donated to organizations in our community.

Toys for Tots

We will be participating in Toys for Tots again this year. If you would like to help families in our community, please deliver new and unwrapped toys to Town Hall by Friday, December 18.

Greater Washington Clean Cities Coalition Extends Student Competition!

GWRCCC is re-launching our re-brandings competition for students! This unique opportunity grants students complete artistic license in developing the new "face" of the Coalition. GWRCCC requests that students create a visual image for the coalition in the form of a website template, letterhead, logo, and shirt design (t-shirt and polo) that visually relay the Coalition's mission. **Cash prizes will be awarded!**

Individuals or teams of three to six members can submit entries to info@gwrccc.org. Undergraduate and graduate students in the DC metro area from all majors are encouraged to participate. *Applications for the competition must be submitted by November 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Final designs must be submitted by Monday,*

January 25 at 5:00 p.m.

Finalists will be selected to present their proposals at GWRCCC's February 2016 Opening Reception.

Visit www.gwrccc.org for more information or email info@gwrccc.org to sign up!

Local Organizations

Lion's Club Meeting: Every Fourth Wednesday. Contact President Patrick J. Prangley at (240) 882-4993.

Northern County Soccer Alliance: Contact NCSA@soccer.net or (301) 577-3559.

Riverdale Park Boys Scouts Troop 252: Contact: Scoutmaster Bob Killen at (301) 483-8455.

Madison Hill Homeowners Association: For information, call (301) 583-8857.

Riversdale Historical Society: Riversdale Mansion. Contact (301) 864-0420.

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market: Contact Jim Coleman at (301) 586-5973.

Riverdale Boys & Girls Club: E-mail riverdaleboysgirlsclub@yahoo.com (301) 277-KIDS.

Riverdale Park Business Association: Contact Bruce Wernek at 240-684-0795 for meeting site.

Riverdale Park Arts Council: Contact Samuel Williams, Jr., RPAC President at (909) 380-4231

The Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP):

Website: www.riverdaleparkhistory.org; harp@riverdaleparkhistory.org

