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IMPORTANT!

Bulk Trash Collection
WEDNESDAYS
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Contact Bates Trucking and
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Tuesday.



Riverdale Park Day 2012

Celebrate the 92nd Anniversary of the Town of Riverdale Park and have some fun with your neighbors! For kids, we will have a moon bounce, pony rides, face painting, piñatas, games, crafts, and a clown; and for the adults, we will have good music and great food. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and join us for the day!

WHERE: Riverside Neighborhood Park, 5801 Riverside Drive.

WHEN: Saturday, October 6th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PARKING: Ample parking available at Riverdale Elementary School, which is a short walk from the park. Limited parking may also be available on Taylor Road.

Día de Riverdale Park 2012

Celebra el 92 Aniversario de la Ciudad de Riverdale Park disfrutando con tu comunidad y amigos! Para los niños tendremos un juego de rebotar (moon bounce), paseos en un poni, pinturas decorativas en la cara, piñatas, juegos, artes, y un payaso, y para los adultos tendremos buena música y buena comida. Trae una cobija y una silla de jardín y únete con nosotros para el día!

DONDE: Riverside Neighborhood Park, 5801 Riverside Drive.

CUANDO: Sábado 6 de Octubre de las 12:00 p.m. a las 5:00 p.m.

PARQUEO: Amplio Parqueo en la Escuela Elementaria de Riverdale, que está a una corta caminata hacia el parque. Parqueo limitado también estará disponible en la calle Taylor.

Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

Special Legislative Meeting June 18, 2012

1. **Approved-** To waive the bid requirements and use Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems to repair the street sweeper

Regular Legislative Meeting July 2, 2012

1. **Approved** – A letter to M-NCPPC regarding DSP 04061-01 for Redeemed Christian Church of God, located at 5617 54th Avenue
2. **Approved-** Variance V-38-12, a request to validate existing conditions and obtain a building permit for a deck at 5315 Patterson Road (Ward 4)
3. **Approved-**Resolution 2012-R-13 concerning restatement of town employee defined benefit plan
4. **Approved-** Street closing for Town Center on August 7, 2012, from 6:00am to 9:00pm for National Night Out
5. **Approved-** Waiver of bids for new police vehicles, through a State of Maryland contract with Hertrich
6. **Approved-** Waiver of bids for equipment to outfit new police vehicles, through a State of Maryland contract with Breckford
7. **Motion** – To support Community Parks and Playground grant application
8. **Approved-** Minutes from regular legislative meeting on June 4, 2012
9. **Approved-** Minutes from public hearing on June 4, 2012
10. **Approved-** Minutes from public hearing on May 29, 2012

Special Legislative Meeting August 16, 2012

1. **Approved-** Conditions on a building permit to ABC, on behalf of Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources (DER), for Street opening as part of the County's 46th Avenue stormwater project.



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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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Mayor's Report

By Mayor Vernon Archer

Back to school: As our school-aged residents return to school it, is important for all of us to remember that educating our young people has responsibilities for everyone! Even if you don't have children in school this is true. Please remember:

Don't break the speed limit, and obey all traffic laws. Kids from virtually every area in our town walk to and from school, or their bus stops. We have to watch out for them as they are still learning to watch out for the dangers on the streets.

If you notice something wrong going on with a group of students please contact the kids' school, or if you can't identify which school the kids go to, please ask the police to help. Our schools are making a major effort to help stop violence and bullying between students, as well as training students to behave respectfully as they pass through the community between home and school. Please support these efforts.

Parents, please work to partner with your kids schools. Make the effort to meet your kids' teachers through back-to-school nights, parent-teacher meetings and conferences, or just make an appointment with the teachers if you can't make the bigger events. Students need not just good teachers, but parents who partner with them in order to succeed.

Lastly, volunteers are needed in schools too! All of our area schools have a Parent-Teacher-Student organization dedicated to supporting the schools' mission. If you can help out with school events and fundraisers these activities can truly assist a school in meeting its goals and educating your children.

As the much quoted African proverb says "it takes a village to raise a child". Please support our area schools as they educate our kids, and be active in helping to bring up the next generation.

Youth and Community Wing Planning: I want to thank all of the many residents who have helped the town to understand the needs and desires that we want to address in the Youth and Community Wing addition planned for Town Hall. Throughout May and June the town's Planner/Architect Paul Mortensen solicited and evaluated input from residents about what should be emphasized in the new wing and the responses seemed to point to several fairly clear points. The following are quotes from the design principles that were developed from your input and that will help to guide the project's design as it goes forward:

- **The building must promote a sense of Civic Pride within the Riverdale Park community.** As one person put it in one of the many discussions, "I want a building that we can show to guests." It is important that the building be attractive, elegant and beautiful, and promotes a sense of purpose ... that does not appear dated over time. The Town Hall **design must clearly serve the public.**
- **The building must be highly flexible in its community uses.** Although the large public seating area of the current Council Chambers is sometimes used by community organizations, it is difficult at best to accommodate the many diverse activities and organizations that urgently need community space. Therefore, all future lobby spaces, meeting spaces and classrooms should be designed in a way to maximize flexibility of use in the days and evenings. These spaces should also be near storage areas to maximize a diverse set of public uses.
- **The building must be socially, economically and environmentally sustainable.** Riverdale Park envisions a Town Hall and Community Youth Center that maximizes our economic resources while minimizing its footprint on the environment. (Design) may include recycled or recyclable materials, re-use of gray water and the use of bio-retention designs, maximization of natural day lighting, geo-thermal heating and cooling, low flow fixtures, solar hot water heaters and/or photovoltaic panels to name a few. Likewise, incorporation of a mixture of small and large multi-functional spaces should be realized to maximize office and public use all hours of the day and evening...
- **The building must be open and inviting to all.** The building must be welcoming to the community and have a strong connection from inside to out. People should have the ability to look into the events of Town government and to look out from within. This building should also be multi-cultural to the greatest extent possible. The use of public art should be incorporated into the architectural design at an early stage of the design process to strengthen its relationship to the many diverse and talented members of the community.

As I write this report we in town government are anxiously awaiting two preliminary designs from Mr. Mortensen. When they come out we will be reviewing them through public meetings and again asking you the residents to come and participate in the process of expanding and improving Town Hall.

Riverdale Park Police Department

By Captain Patrick Timmons



On August 7, 2012, the Riverdale Park Police Department hosted our National Night Out against crime at the Riverdale Park Town Center. This annual festival gives members of the community the chance to interact with their neighbors, elected officials, and Town employees. The event was well attended by the community, and the centralized location allowed everyone easy access along with plenty of parking.

This year we featured numerous activities for children, music, free handouts, and lots of great food all.

This National Night Out would not have been possible without donations from businesses and members of the community. We would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to make this event a success.

On October 6, 2012, coinciding with Riverdale Park Day, we will be kicking off the Quality of Life Initiative. This initiative will involve the Police Department, Code Enforcement and Public Works, coordinating their efforts with members of the community, to identify and address problem properties throughout the town, whether they are residential or commercial.

The goal of the initiative, which will conclude on October 12, 2012, will be compliance. We will work with property owners and use all available resources to ensure that compliance is gained and maintained.

More details concerning the Quality of Life Initiative will be announced in the future.



Riversdale House Museum Events

Riversdale House Museum Joins *Smithsonian Magazine's* National Museum Day Live! Free Admission for All Participants

On Saturday September 29, 2012, Riversdale House Museum will open its doors free of charge along with over 1,400 other participating venues for the eighth annual Museum Day Live! This immensely successful program emulates the free admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, D.C.-based facilities, encourages learning and the spread of knowledge nationwide.

For one day only, Riversdale will grant free access to visitors who download a Museum Day Live! ticket at Smithsonian.com. Last year's event drew over 350,000 museum-goers, and this year's Museum Day Live! is expected to attract close to 400,000 participants.

Riversdale House Museum is the c. 1801 Federal home of Rosalie Stier Calvert and her husband, George Calvert, descendant of the Fifth Lord Baltimore. The collection includes decorative arts, textiles, documents, glassware, ceramics, furniture, and art that reflect the 1801-1821 period when Mrs. Calvert lived at Riversdale. The seven-acre site is home to historic interpretive gardens and orchards, open hearth dependency kitchen, Visitor Center, and interpretive signage throughout the grounds.

The Museum Day Live! Ticket will be available to download beginning in August at Smithsonian.com/museumday. Visitors who present the Museum Day Live! Ticket will gain free entrance for two at participating venues for one day only. One ticket is permitted per household, per email address. For more information about Museum Day Live! 2012 and a list of participating museums and cultural institutions, please visit Smithsonian.com/museumday.

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Out of the Attic Appraisal Fair

What's in your attic? Have you ever wondered how much your antiques are worth? Or, perhaps you want to learn more about a family heirloom. Now is your chance!

On Saturday, September 15, from 10 am – noon, experts from Weschler's & Son, Inc., appraisers and auctioneers of Washington, DC, will be at Riversdale House Museum to tell guests about the history of items and provide an estimated value. Bring up to four items of furniture, decorative arts, silver, Asian works, fine art, rugs, jewelry, watches, and US coins to the museum for this fun and informational event. Registration and payment are required by September 12. There is a \$10 fee per item. All proceeds benefit the Riversdale Historical Society, a 501(c)3 volunteer organization, whose mission is to preserve the cultural heritage of Riversdale and maintain the house as an historic museum. Photos may be substituted for larger items. Please note Weschler's does not appraise antiquities, books, foreign coins, stamps, or toys.

The Art of Cookery Made Federal and Fancy

Eating local, seasonal produce was the only option in early America. Highlighting organic produce from the historic gardens and orchard, Riversdale serves up a three-course tastings menu of Federal fare as Mrs. Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, might have served. Guests will enjoy a guided tasting as they learn about common practices, recipes, and customs of 19th century dining.

The event begins 4 pm on Saturday, September 29 and is open to guests ages 21 and up. Advance reservations and payment are required by September 14. Capacity is limited; \$23 residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties, \$28 non-resident.

Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com to make a reservation.

Seasonal Selections: From Garden to Table

The *Seasonal Selections* program, instituted in the fall of 2009, will continue to offer special monthly cooking events with a different topic each month. Holidays, the schedule of seasonal fresh produce, and/or the traditional cycles of an early 19th century farm will inspire each month's *Seasonal Selection*. The Riversdale Kitchen Guild will host *Pies* on Sunday, September 9. The demonstration runs from noon – 3:30pm. Learn about the process of making crusts from scratch in the early 1800s and discover some of the seasonal sweet and savory options that would have been available to Riversdale's cooks.

Viewing the demonstration is FREE! You are also invited to tour Riversdale House Museum. Admission is \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/\$1 students and FREE children 4 & under.

Grandparents' Day Tours

Only two of Rosalie Stier Calvert's nine children were born before her parents returned to Europe. Mrs. Calvert reassured her father her children would remember him, noting her daughter Caroline's "memories of you are too strong for her to forget you." Make your own memories at Riversdale with your grandparents during National Grandparents' Day on Sunday, September 9, from noon-3:30 pm. All grandparents enjoy a FREE tour with the purchase of a paid admission.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy a *Seasonal Selections* cooking demonstration in the dependency kitchen. Members of the Riversdale Kitchen Guild will be preparing various *Pies* throughout the afternoon.

This offer is limited to one free tour per paid admission. Admission is \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/ \$1 students/ FREE children 4 & under.

Riversdale, a historic house museum of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, Maryland. Call or email Riversdale@pgparks.com for more information.

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Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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Finance Committee Report

My summer has been, as usual, busy, and it flew by quickly.

The dog park meeting I mentioned in my last report was well-attended, with more than a dozen people (both supporters of the park and nearby residents) sharing ideas and concerns about the location, structure, and future governance of the park. There was general consensus on a few important points – one is that the fence surrounding the park will be at least six feet tall, another that the Town will be responsible for ensuring appropriate behavior of dogs and owners at the park, and third that the Town will control access by issuing licenses and controlling access to the park. Many more details remain to be worked out, and MNCPPC will bring more materials to the council's work session in late September (they had hoped to bring it to the August work session, but their legal department is still working on the agreements).

I attended the Maryland Municipal League conference in late June, and again learned a lot. One extremely useful session was on developing a strategy to attract retail to Town – I found out there that we had taken an important first step by being part of the market study commissioned by the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation last winter. The results of the study will allow the Town to effectively market itself to retail brokers. A second useful session was on learning what resources were available to us through the

Maryland Department of the Environment, and how the state is promoting development in towns like ours.

I would like to thank the Town's employees, in particular in public works and the police department, for their response to the storms of late June and early July. These employees worked hard in really unpleasant weather conditions to keep residents safe and make the roads passable as quickly as they could.

The County's District Council voted 7-2 in July to approve the rezoning of the Cafritz property. This is the first step of many, and the project still has several hurdles to clear before building can start. The next step in the process is approval of a preliminary plan of subdivision, which will lay out the streets and building lots of the project. As one of the requirements we negotiated with them last winter, they have recently provided us with a 419-page traffic study, which we will be reviewing over the weeks ahead.

On September 22 at 10 am, we will be having a walk through Ward 2 with our Police Chief David Morris, representatives from Code Enforcement, and police officers to identify public safety issues. We will meet at the Town Center market and walk from there. I'll be developing a walking plan between now and then, so let me know if there's something you think needs attention. I invite all residents to come along for the walk, meet some of our police department, and enjoy a walk on an early fall day.

Ward Five Report

By Council Member Raymond Rivas
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Community Affairs Committee Report

Life in The Town of Riverdale Park has been drastically changed forever by the effects of the Micro Burst (tornado) on June 29, 2012. It was during this time that I had to witness a transition in our community that demonstrated the strength and unity of the residents and our great municipality of the Town of Riversdale Park. The quick and accurate response to this emergency disaster followed by the well implemented evacuation procedure was executed in text book fashion as planned by the Council committee two years earlier.

The Riverdale Park Police Department alongside the Riverdale Park Fire Department worked diligently to rescue our frightened residents in their time of need. Without these two great departments' combined knowledge and experience, our residents would not have received the safe exited passage from the buildings through the dark and scary events of that evening. Please take time, now, along with me to give thanks to everyone who came out to help our community in that most nightmarish moment of this year. These agencies and departments also had a helping hand that need to be recognized and they are as followed; Homeland Security emergency management, American Red Cross, Northwestern High School, Prince George's Social Services, Casa de Maryland and also other neighboring communities, fire, and police departments. **Thank you everyone for your hard work and efforts to ensure the safety of our residents in the Town of Riverdale Park!**

On a personal note, I wanted to thank the Mayor, department heads of the Town of Riverdale Park, W.C. Smith & Co. and my direct supervisor Patrick McKenzie for their help in restoring our dignity by giving us faith and hope of having back a close to normal life that we once had before at Park Tanglewood Apartments. The experiences and events of this disaster have left me humbled to such an extent that I assure you, with a solid confirmation, that I am glad to be part of this community of the Town of Riversdale Park. I know the residents of Ward 5 appreciate your efforts and quality time spent with them. Most of all, I cherish my position as a civil servant to people and will try my best to uphold my place as the current Councilman of Ward 5 for the people.



Riverdale Park Day- October 6, 2012

Are you excited? Well, Riverdale Park recreational board committee members are very excited! We have lined up some great activities and invited some surreal groups to participate in our annual (Riversdale Park Day) event. There will be various types of food vendors. The event will be hosted on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at Riverside Neighborhood Park 5901 Riverside Drive, Riverdale Maryland 20737. The recreational committee has worked very hard on making sure it will be an extravagant event. Please bring you lounge chairs, blankets and families to the festivities. If you would like to be part of this event as a vendor, musician or would like to set up a booth please contact *novajohns@yahoo.com* or leave a message for Nova Johns with the Town of Riverdale Park 301-927-6381.

Riverdale Park Boys and Girls Club

The Riverdale Park Boys & Girls Club has some great things happening. The location for registration is 6351 51 St. Avenue, Riverdale MD 20737 & phone # 301-277-5437.

Riverdale Boys & Girls Club is a non-profit sports organization operated solely by dedicated volunteers. RBGC provides youth (ages 5-18) in Riverdale the opportunity to participate in structured sports programs such as basketball, spring/fall soccer, baseball, softball (girls), ball, track, flag football, tackle football, cheerleading and dance. Youth will learn basic fundamentals, sportsmanship, teamwork & team spirit. There are minimal fees for each program which covers county, registration & sport fees. We encourage our parents to register early and set up a payment plan. We also offer fundraiser opportunities in an attempt to keep out of pocket fees at a minimum. RBGC is in desperate need of volunteers to coach or fill commissioner vacancies for Basketball, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Cheerleading, Track and Football. There are also management positions available for administration, concessions, fundraising, uniforms, equipment, or fields and banquet. If you can commit a few hours per month to volunteer please let us know. Volunteers are required to submit a copy of their driver's license and sign a background check authorization form. Future activities include, but are not limited to, fun exercise programs in the fight to overcome childhood obesity, game nights, ice cream socials and arts & crafts. Suggestions, donations & volunteers are always welcome!!!

Citizens of Ward 5 please lookout for those unsuspecting criminals roaming in your drive ways or parking lots. Please do not leave any unattended bags

inside your vehicle in full view. This will trigger a reaction for those who are in need of extra easy money. Therefore, take your GPS Locater, I-pod, cell phones and any other electronic devices that may be sold out in the black market with you. We do not want to fill the pockets of these criminal from illegally gotten goods. Once again, if you see some suspicious characters lurking around your home or vehicles quickly call your friendly neighborhood police department 301-927-4343.

Youth Group Talk

The youth group kids are very active in their internship and also with their community service. I just wanted to thank them all for their participation in the various programs that we offered this past summer in the Town of Riverdale Park. Once again the children enjoyed doll making classes thanks to Emily Fanning. The youth group is trying to keep the kids busy this fall and is welcoming any new ideas that you may have for their activities. If any young teens are interested in participating in the youth group program, please feel free to contact me thru my above e-mail.

La vida en la ciudad de Riverdale Park ha sido drásticamente cambiada para siempre por los efectos del tornado Micro (tornado) el 29 de junio del 2012. Fue durante este tiempo que fui testigo de una transición en nuestra comunidad que nos ha demostrado la fuerza y la unidad de los residentes de la municipalidad de Riverdale Park. La respuesta rápida y precisa a esta emergencia y el procedimiento de evacuación ya planeado hace dos 2 años por el Comité de Consejo fue ejecutado al pie de la letra.

El Departamento de la Policia de Riverdale Park junto con el Departamento de bomberos de trabajaron diligentemente para rescatar nuestros asustados residentes en el momento de necesidad. Sin el conocimiento combinado de estos dos grandes departamentos nuestros residentes no hubieran recibido la seguridad de pasar por esos oscuros y aterradores pasillos de los edificios esa noche. Por favor tome el tiempo ahora junto a mí para dar gracias a todos los que vinieron a ayudar a nuestra comunidad en el momento más aterrador de este año. Estas organizaciones y departamentos también tenían una mano amiga que necesitan ser reconocidos y son los siguientes: Homeland Security emergency management, Cruz Roja Americana, North Western High School, de Prince George's social services, Casa de Maryland y también otros departamentos de bomberos y policías de las comunidades vecinas. **Muchas gracias a todos por el duro trabajo y los esfuerzos para garantizar la**

seguridad de nuestros residentes en la ciudad de Riverdale Park !

En una nota personal, quisiera agradecer al alcalde, jefes de los departamentos de la ciudad de Riverdale Park, W.C. Smith & Co. y mi supervisor directo Patrick McKenzie por su ayuda en la restauración de nuestra dignidad por darnos la fe y la esperanza de tener una vida normal como la que una vez tuvimos los apartamentos de Tanglewood Park. El conjunto de experiencias y eventos de este desastre me ha dejado humildad en la medida que te aseguro con una sólida confirmación que estoy contento de ser parte de esta comunidad de Riverdale Park. Sé que los residentes de Ward 5 aprecian sus esfuerzos y tiempo de calidad con ellos. Sobre todo, aprecian mi posición como funcionario y tratare mi mejor para defender mi lugar como el actual concejal.

Dia de Riverdale Park, 6 de octubre del 2012

Están contentos! Los miembros del Comité de Junta recreativos de Riverdale Park están muy entusiasmados. Hemos alineado algunas grandes actividades e invitó a algunos grupos surrealistas a participar en nuestro evento anual (Riverdale Park Day). Habrá varios tipos de proveedores de alimentos. El evento estará hospedado el sábado 6 de octubre de 2012 en el Riverside Park, 5901 Riverside Drive, Riverdale Maryland 20737. El Comité de recreación ha trabajado muy duro y asegurándose de que será un evento extravagante. Por favor traiga su silla, mantel y familia para esta fiesta. Si desea ser parte de este evento como un proveedor, músico o sería como para configurar un stand por favor póngase en contacto con novajohns@yahoo.com o dejar un mensaje para Nova Johns con la ciudad de Riverdale Park 301-927-6381.

El Riverdale Park Boys & Girls Club

El Riverdale Park Boys & Girls Club tiene algunas grandes cosas sucediendo. La ubicación para la inscripción es 6351 51 Avenida St., Riverdale MD 20737 & teléfono # 301-277-5437. Riverdale Boys & Girls Club es una organización sin fines de lucro deportes operada exclusivamente por voluntarios dedicados. RBGC proporciona a los jóvenes (edades 5-18) en Riverdale la oportunidad de participar en programas estructurados de deportes como baloncesto, fútbol de primavera/otoño, béisbol, Softbol (niñas), bola, pista, flag football, fútbol americano, porristas y baile. Jóvenes aprenden fundamentos básicos, deportividad, trabajo en equipo y espíritu de equipo. Existen tarifas mínimas para cada programa que cubre los honorarios de Condado, registro y deporte. Animamos a los padres para registrarse temprano y establecer un plan de pago.

También ofrecemos oportunidades de recaudación de fondos en un intento de mantener honorarios a un mínimo costo. RBGC está en necesidad desesperada de voluntarios para vacantes de administración, entrenador de baloncesto, fútbol, béisbol/Softbol, Cheerleading, pista y fútbol. También hay puestos disponibles para concesión, recaudación de fondos uniformes y banquete. Si puede comprometerse por un par de horas al mes para ser voluntario por favor háganoslo saber. Los voluntarios están obligados a presentar una copia de su licencia y firmar un formulario de autorización de verificación de antecedentes. Futuras actividades incluyen, pero no está limitado a, divertido ejercicio programas en la lucha para superar la obesidad infantil, noches de juego, helado y manualidades. Sugerencias, donaciones y voluntarios son siempre bienvenidos!!!

Los ciudadanos de Ward 5 por favor estén pendientes de los criminales insospechables que rodean sus unidades o estacionamientos. Por favor no dejen bolsos dentro de su vehículo a la vista. Esto desencadenará una reacción para aquellos que necesitan dinero extra fácil. Por lo tanto, tomar su localizador GPS, I-pod, teléfonos celulares y otros dispositivos electrónicos que pueden ser vendidos en el mercado negro con usted. No queremos llenar los bolsillos de estos con mercancías ilegalmente conseguidas. Una vez más, si ves algo sospechoso personajes acechando alrededor de su casa o vehículos rápidamente llame su vecindario amistoso policía Departamento 301-927-4343.

Grupo Juvenil

Los jóvenes hijos de grupo son muy activos en sus prácticas y también con su servicio a la comunidad. Sólo quería darles las gracias por su participación en los distintos programas que nos ofrece este verano pasado en la ciudad de Riverdale Park. Una vez más los niños disfrutaron la las clases de muñeca que Emily Fanning ofreció. El grupo de jóvenes está tratando de mantener a los niños ocupados este otoño y cualquier nueva idea es bienvenida. Si algún adolescentes está interesados en participar en el programa del grupo de jóvenes, no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo a través de mi correo electrónico arriba.

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Saturday Drop Off – The next scheduled dates for drop off of bulk trash on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, on the following

dates: September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15.

Holiday Trash Collection – There will be no regular trash collection on Monday, September 3, 2012, in observance of Labor Day. The next regular trash collection will be on Thursday, September 6, 2012.

Fall Tree Planting – The Town of Riverdale Park will be planting trees this fall. If you would like a tree planted in front of your home and are willing to care for it by watering the tree at least once a week (averaging 15 gallons of water each time) for six weeks, please contact our office at 301-864-1803.

***Remember:** Healthy trees add beauty to our community while keeping the air clean. The Town of Riverdale Park and your neighbors appreciate your participation in this program.*

Bulk Trash Pickups & Special Trash Pickups

Bulk Trash pickups are scheduled by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. In order to have bulk items picked up on Wednesdays, you must call Bates Trash and Trucking Company at 301-773-2069, before 2:00 PM on Tuesdays.

Items must be at curbside by 7:00 AM on Wednesdays. Bates is not required to pick up more than **THREE (3) bulk items from any one-family dwelling per week**. If you have more than three (3) items, you can make another pick up appointment on the following Wednesday.

The following items will **not** be picked up: building materials, concrete, bricks, roof shingles, stumps, bamboo, pressurized containers, explosives, paint (unless paint is dry in cans), poisons, caustics, construction and demolition debris, asbestos, toilets, free liquids, sewage, sludge. These items can be taken to **Brandywine Sand & Gravel, 5800 Sheriff Road, Capitol Heights, MD. 301-925-8100, or to the Prince George's County Landfill, 16111 White House Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 301-952-7630.**

Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Robert Killen

Troop 252 has been spread out this summer, from Maryland to California to Mexico, and Europe. The Scouts haven't taken much time to let us know what they have done, but wait until next month. We'll give a good report.



Families of those of us who stayed behind to keep the home fires burning went bicycling, boating, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, hiking, tubing (not in order of activity), and to the pony-penning in Chincoteague. We arrived at the crossing 1/2 hour before the swim, watched the swim, waited for the drive through town, and watched the frolicking and "horseplay" in the pens. A LONG ride home followed. For some of us, once in a lifetime at the pony-penning is enough. Others of us go year after year after year...

Next month, before the Report Cards make it tough for us to go places, we'll camp and bicycle around Jug Bay, and paddle around in Jug Bay. We'll take enough tubes and PFDs so everyone can go at the same time. We won't be in the fishing area long, so the fishermen won't be upset with us for too long. In the past, they have joined us, borrowing tubes and PFDs. We'll also camp out at Watkins Park (or Greenbelt).

Our Eagle Scouts are back working and in college, maintaining a good GPA to keep scholarships from running aground. Our new Scouts and Scouters are already following the Trail to Eagle. We will have Troop elections in September, and will have all new Scout Leaders.

In October we'll participate in the 5th Prince George's County Native American Festival at Jug Bay, setting up the tipi, telling Native American stories and teaching Native American games.

In November, we'll bicycle from Cumberland to Hancock over one weekend, camping out Friday and Saturday nights. Hancock is the place where Maryland is one mile wide.

December or January will be our skiing trip - weather dependent. We'll have Courts of Honor as necessary, recognizing those Scouts as they advance through the ranks and the Scouters as they advance in Training.

We'll all be busy, and you are cordially invited to share the fun with us and your boys - 11 to 17 Years of age. Feel free to contact Scoutmaster Bob Killen (rfkille@yahoo.com or 301-483-8455), Eneida Martinez-Brown (MHB 301-864-0059) or Sandra Tolson (saanee@yahoo.com).

“Energy Efficiency Party” for RP Residents

This summer, you may have noticed students in green shirts at the Farmer's Market or walking throughout our neighborhood introducing Riverdale Park residents to the Small Town Energy Program (STEP).

STEP is a community program offering \$400 - \$4,650 in rebates to help residents lower their energy bills and create a more comfortable home through energy efficiency improvements. The program is running in Riverdale Park, College Heights Estates, Hyattsville and University Park. Already, dozens of your Riverdale Park neighbors have signed up for STEP!

There will be a community-wide party to learn more about the program at Riverdale Park Town Hall on Saturday, September 8th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Please mark your calendars. Residents of Riverdale Park who attend will be eligible to enter their name in a drawing for \$500 worth of energy upgrades to their home! Light refreshments will be served.

STEP is also looking for a few homes to volunteer to host a STEP “house party”. The idea is to open your home for the STEP staff to join you and up to 10 other neighbors to learn more about the program. During the party, STEP staff will answer questions and actually demonstrate what is involved in having your home evaluated for energy efficiency. STEP covers all the costs, brings all the refreshments, and will even pay the cost of having a home energy evaluation performed on the host home (a value of \$100). Interested residents should contact Suzanne Parmet at **energycoach@smalltownenergy.org** or **240-695-399**.

STEP allows homeowners to make easy and affordable changes to the energy efficiency of their homes with the help of an “Energy Coach,” who works with STEP participants free of charge and guides them through every step of the program.

Participants begin by having a home energy evaluation performed by a qualified home energy evaluator. If they choose, they can then have a qualified contractor make the recommended improvements that will increase their home's energy efficiency and comfort.

Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet works with homeowners to answer questions and ensure they receive every possible financial incentive. These incentives include limited-time rebates that can range from \$400 - \$4,650 (depending on the improvements made to the home), which may pay for more than half of the cost of the improvements. In addition, below-market financing rate loans are available to qualified borrowers through a special agreement with Sandy Spring Bank.

The innovative STEP program is only available to Riverdale Park residents for one year. Interested residents seeking lower energy bills and a more comfortable and valuable home are urged to learn more at <http://www.smalltownenergy.org>, or contact Suzanne Parmet at **energycoach@smalltownenergy.org** or **240-695-3991**.

RP Cares Walk to Help the Homeless

By Laila Riazi

Riverdale Park Cares and Friends of Warm Nights Help the Homeless and Community Resource Event



On Saturday, September 15, you have a chance to make an incredible difference in the lives of others in your community. The Town of Riverdale Park, along with the House, and other congregations, organizations and businesses from Riverdale Park and surrounding communities have partnered with a local nonprofit, Community Crisis Services, Inc. (CCSI), to Help the Homeless and offer the entire community access to much-needed resources.

This event is for everyone! Those who need access to support and resources, those who want to learn and give to bring about an end to homelessness, and anyone who wants to do good while having fun, a bite to eat and seeing your neighbors and friends.

While the event is free, donations are needed and greatly appreciated and will go to support CCSI's Warm Nights Hypothermia Shelter program.

Our countywide Warm Nights program remains the only hypothermia shelter in the Metro DC area that accommodates families with children.

Among its many programs and services in the community, CCSI administers the countywide Warm Nights Hypothermia Shelter program in partnership with the Prince George's County Department of Social Services and over 35 area congregations.

This past winter, from November through April, Warm Nights offered over 5200 bednights of consistent shelter, transportation, meals, case management, emotional support and additional programs and services to over 20 families and close to 50 children. Many nights called upon us to push capacity to make sure that no one in need of shelter from the cold was turned away.

Community Circles

Public Safety Community Walk

The Riverdale Park Police Department will host a Public Safety Community Walk for Ward 2 on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 10:00am; the walk will begin at the New Town Center Market. Mayor Archer and Council Member Alan Thompson invite all town residents to come out and join them.

Help the Homeless Walk

Sept. 15, 11am to 3pm. Riverside Neighborhood Park. Food! Fun activities for all ages! Cotton candy! Free groceries! Access to local resources!

Coffee with CM Eric Olson This Fall

Join County Councilman Eric C. Olson for a discussion about County issues this fall. Three events will be held at independent locally-owned businesses on Monday, September 17th at the Town Center Market in Riverdale Park, Monday, October 29th at Rebecca Ethiopian Café and Grocery in Landover Hills, and on Monday, December 3rd at the Pancake House in West Lanham Hills.

In early 2013, look for more details for another coffee event at Platos Diner in College Park.

All events will be from 8:00am to 10:00am and coffee will be provided. Please stop by anytime. For more information, please call Tina Butler at 301-952-3060.

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) 927-0560.

Riverdale Park Daisy Troop #2546: Contact Dannielle Glaros at (301) 779-5915.

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

Madison Hill Homeowners Association-- For information, call (301) 583-8857 or www.madisonhill.biz

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

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market -- Contact Jim Coleman at 301-332-6258.

Riverdale Boys & Girls Club—Email riverdaleboysgirlsclub@yahoo.com (301) 277-KIDS

Riverdale Park Business Association—call Audrey Bragg at 301-277-7393 for meeting site

Riverdale Park Arts Council—Contact Emily Fanning at ourdollmom@aol.com

The Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP)— Website: www.harp1920.com Email: harp1920@yahoo.com