

# Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

## Status and Information Report

### Report No. 5 for 2018



March 9, 2018

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 March 23, 2018.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

Chief's Community Advisory Committee Meeting	March 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m.	Town Center Market
Public Safety Committee Meeting	March 23, 2018, 9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	March 26, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	April 2, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

#### Administration

- Meeting with Representatives of Riverdale Park Station Homeowners Association: Staff met with residents of the Riverdale Park Station Homeowners Association to discuss their concerns regarding parking. When the Town accepts the roadways (expected to be fall/winter of 2018) staff will make a recommendation to Council.
- Town Crier Submission Deadline Approaching: Submissions for the April edition of the *Town Crier* are due on Thursday, March 15, 2018. Please send any items that you would like to have included to [jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or [towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov). Advertising opportunities are also available!
- State of the Town Presentation: The State of the Town presentation will be held on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

#### Community Engagement

- Volunteers Needed to Serve on Committees: Volunteers are needed to serve on the Mixed-Use Town Center Local Design Review (M-UTC) Committee, Ethics Commission, and Housing

Review Board. M-UTC meets on the first Wednesday of most months to review development applications. The Ethics Commission meets several times throughout the year and meeting days/times are flexible. The Housing Review Board meets as needed to review requests for appeals relating to application of the Town Code. Please contact Town Clerk Jessica Barnes at [jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov) if you are interested in serving on one of these important committees.

- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>
- **Vision for Infrastructure:** Residents and business owners are encouraged to comment and/or recommend input on what should be included in the Town's vision for Infrastructure. Please email [community\\_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or call Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk, at 301-927-6381.
- **Upcoming Public Meetings Regarding Prince George's County's Transit Vision Plan:** A series of public information meetings will be held this month to discuss the development of Prince George's County's Transit Vision Plan and to hear feedback and suggestions. The meetings will be an open house format -- please arrive at a time convenient to your schedule.
  - Monday, March 12, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library (11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt)
  - Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Harmony Hall Regional Center (10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington)
  - Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Upper Marlboro Library (14730 Main Street, Upper Marlboro)
  - Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Prince George's Community College's Largo Student Center's Rennie Meeting Room (301 Largo Road, Largo)
- **MDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Planning Workshop:** The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to announce a planning workshop to inform the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Update process. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan outlines a 20-year vision for biking and walking in Maryland and is updated every 5 years. For more information, visit:  
[http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike\\_Walk/Bike\\_Ped\\_Plan\\_Update.html](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Bike_Ped_Plan_Update.html)

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan workshop on March 28th is being coordinated with an open house on MDOT programs to support bicycle and pedestrian projects. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/md-bikeped-master-plan-public-meeting-tickets-43711153236>

Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Planning Workshop  
Wednesday, March 28, 2018  
10:30 AM to 12:15 PM  
Carroll County Office Building (225 North Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157)

### **Environment**

- **Weather Event on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Due to high winds, Department of Public Works (DPW) employees worked a total of 30 overtime hours to assure the safety of the community by picking up numerous fallen limbs and removing more than 10 fallen trees from Town streets.

- Toter Replacement Procedure Change: DPW staff met with Bates Trucking to discuss the procedure for replacing damaged toters. It was decided that Bates will create work orders for each toter replacement request and replace the damaged toters weekly on Thursdays. Requests will be taken by DPW and given to Bates on Wednesdays. Residents are asked to put their damaged containers curbside on Thursdays before 7 a.m.
- Earth Day Volunteers Needed: The Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) is sponsoring its Annual Earth Day event on Saturday, April 21, 2018. The Town and AWS partner to clean up a designated area in the town. Last year, over 50 volunteers assisted in cleaning up Tanglewood Park. We would like to exceed that number this year! Please contact Janice Euell at [jeuell@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:jeuell@riverdaleparkmd.gov) for more information.
- Save the Date! The Town of Riverdale Park's Arbor Day ceremony will be held on April 26, 2018 at 10:00 am behind Riverdale Elementary School. We hope to see you there!

### Development

- Local Municipal Officials Meeting with Prince George's County DPIE: On Wednesday, March 7th, Town staff attended a meeting with local municipal officials hosted by Prince George's County Department of Permitting Services (DPIE) to provide input on DPIE's upcoming software called, Permitting and Licensing System (PLS). This software will help streamline and upgrade the current County electronic permitting system and make it more accessible to the public. The expected launch period for PLS is around May 2019.
- Rental License Inspections: The Office of Development Services is conducting rental license inspections for single-family and multi-family rental units in Town. These inspections are to ensure that rental properties are in compliance with property maintenance and safety requirements to fulfill the Town's community standards. Licensing inspections are expected to be completed May. Any violations identified during these inspections will result in written notice to the property owners, which will include a timeframe to comply and involve a follow-up inspection.
- Riverdale Park Station News: For more information on store openings, events and development news, check out the Riverdale Park Station website and social media pages:  
 Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>  
 Facebook: Riverdale Park Station  
 Twitter: @RDPStation  
 Instagram: rdystation
- Riverdale Park Station Retail Tenants Update: L.F. Jennings has commenced work on the tenant fit-out construction of Jersey Mike's and Habit Burger. Both still expect to open during Spring of 2018. FedEx has completed the fit-out work related to their furniture, fixtures and equipment and is now open for business. Gold's Gym continues to work on their fit-out construction with target opening date of March 21, 2018. Gold's Gym continues to operate their membership sales office on the second floor of Building 2, above District Taco.
- Purple Line Construction Notices: Purple Line construction is underway. The next twelve (12) months of construction will focus on utility relocation work. Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date

information, visit purplelinemd.com, find “Construction” and click on “Subscribe for Updates”. The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.

- **Notice received by Town:**
  - A Detailed Site Plan for NSR Properties, LLC located at 3599 East-West Highway in Hyattsville, will be submitted to the Development Review Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). For more information, contact Daniel F. Lynch at 301-441-2420.
  - A revision to a special permit for 7-Eleven (SP-15003-01), located at 6315 Baltimore Avenue in Riverdale Park will be submitted to the Development Review Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The nature of the review is for a special permit to accommodate the addition of a monument sign for the existing 7-Eleven store. For more information, contact Matthew Tedesco at 301-441-2420.
  
- **Upcoming Meetings:** This feature in the Status and Information reports is provided to ensure awareness of upcoming meetings that may have information or agenda items related to development in or near the Town. Below please find links to the agendas for the Board of License Commissioners, the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. Please visit the links for additional information.

**Board of License Commissioners:** March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)  
[https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_03142018-1041](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_03142018-1041)

**Planning Board:** March 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)  
<http://mncppc.igmp2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1403&Inline=True>

**Historic Preservation Commission:** March 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)  
[http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_03202018-181](http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_03202018-181)

- **Development Activities from February 22, 2018 to March 7, 2018**

Rental Licenses:

Applications Received	3
Inspections Conducted	37
Licenses Issued	4
Notices Issued	2
Fines Issued	0

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Inspections Conducted	3
Stop Work Orders Issued	0
Violations Observed	0

Permits Issued:

Permit Number	Address	Permit For	Estimated Project Value
2017-B-159	5406 Riverdale Road	Finished Basement	\$24,000
2017-B-160	4815 Nicholson Street	Interior Renovation and Restoration	\$65,000
2017-B-161	4601 Queensbury Road	6-Foot Fence	\$12,400
<b>Total Investment</b>			\$101,400

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-P-26	4815 Nicholson Street	Dumpster
2017-P-27	4601 Queensbury Road	Dumpster

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from February 22, 2018 to March 7, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

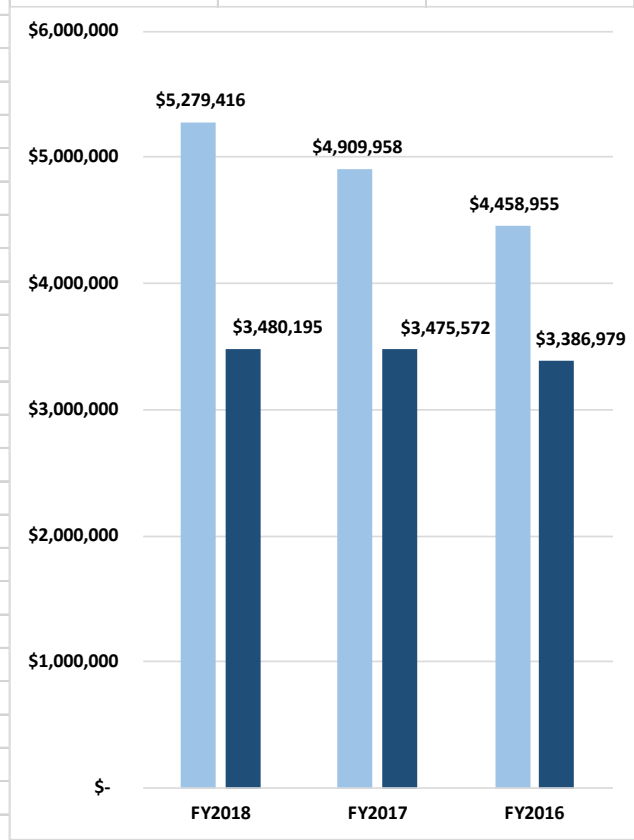
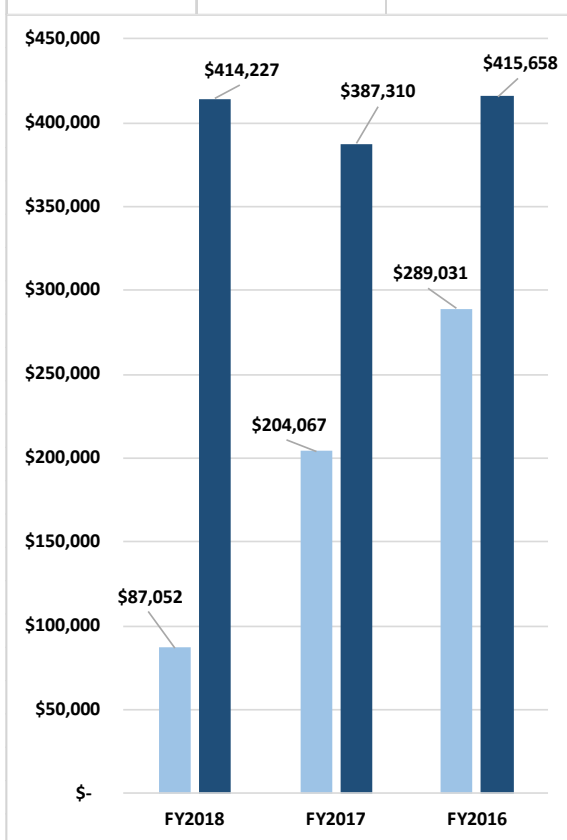
Open Storage of Garbage / Rubbish	1
Exterior / Structural Conditions	6
Interior Conditions	1
Overgrown Weeds	1
Public Nuisance / Safety	5
Sanitation	0

Actions Taken:

Complaint Responses Performed	1
Fines Issued	0
Outreach Meetings Conducted	4
Violation Notices Issued	5
Warnings Issued	1

## Finance

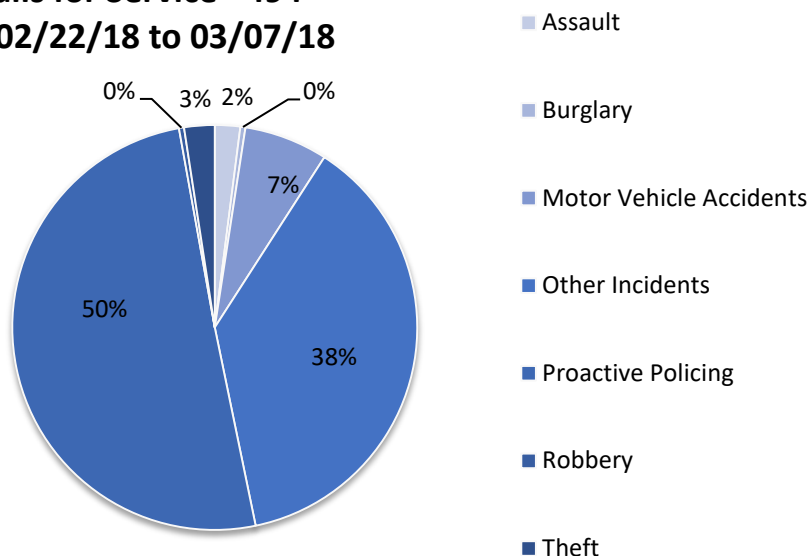
February			YTD Total		
FY2018	FY2017	FY2016	FY2018	FY2017	FY2016
\$ 87,052	\$ 204,067	\$ 289,031	\$ 5,279,416	\$ 4,909,958	\$ 4,458,955
\$ 414,227	\$ 387,310	\$ 415,658	\$ 3,480,195	\$ 3,475,572	\$ 3,386,979
\$ (327,175)	\$ (183,243)	\$ (126,627)	\$ 1,799,221	\$ 1,434,386	\$ 1,071,976



Revenue =	
Expense =	

## Police

### **Calls for Service - 494 02/22/18 to 03/07/18**



#### **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, 249 or 50% 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 citizen assists.

#### **Highlighted reports:**

RPPD officers and the Fire Department responded to the parking lot of 5600 Riverdale Road for a check on the welfare. Upon arrival, officers observed a male asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle with the engine running. Fire Department personnel attempted to wake the individual who appeared disoriented. When a handgun was observed wedged between the driver's seat and the door, RPPD extricated the driver and placed him under arrest. During a search incident to arrest, officers recovered a fully loaded Glock semi-automatic, with an extended 31-round high-capacity magazine and approximately two (2) liquid ounces of suspected phencyclidine (PCP). The arrested was charged with possession of a handgun in a vehicle and possession of PCP.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue for an attempted citizen robbery. The victim reported that she was walking towards her apartment when the suspect approached her from behind.

The suspect grabbed the victim's bag, attempting to pull it off her shoulder and a brief struggle ensued. A neighbor/witness intervened, frightening the suspect away. The victim received minor injuries but refused medical treatment. The investigation is ongoing.

Officers responded to the 4700 block of Ravenswood Road for two individuals sleeping in the laundry room. Officers contacted the individuals and conducted a field interview. One individual was found to have an open arrest warrant for failure to appear in court for a false statement. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of Queensbury Road after observing a vehicle driving erratically through the Riverdale Elementary school zone at 7:10 a.m. Upon contacting the driver, he appeared intoxicated and open alcohol containers were observed inside the vehicle. The driver failed standard field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for driving under the influence. The driver was found to have a blood alcohol content of .27, more than three times the legal limit.

Officers responded to the 5600 and 5610 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue for commercial burglaries. The investigation revealed suspects forced entry into the laundry rooms. Once inside the suspects broke into the coin machines and removed currency. Officers reviewed surveillance cameras from surrounding properties and obtained photos of the suspects. The following morning, officers observed one of the suspects in the 5500 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The suspect was placed under arrest and was found to be in possession of burglary tools. Additionally, the suspect waived his Miranda rights and provided a confession. The suspect was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burglary, theft, and trespassing. Investigation to determine his accomplices is ongoing.

Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue for individuals smoking marijuana in the stairwell of the apartment building. Upon arrival, officers contacted 3 adults and 2 juveniles in the stairwell. Officers observed a digital scale and suspected Marijuana in plain view. The investigation revealed the suspected Marijuana was property of the adults. The 3 adults were placed under arrest and the juveniles were released to their parents. The suspected Marijuana weighed 124 grams with an estimated street value of \$2480. The suspects were charged with possession with intent to distribute and trespassing.

Officers observed an individual in the 5300 block of Riverdale Road. Officers had prior knowledge of the subject having an open warrant that was obtained by RPPD for having a handgun on his person. Officers contacted the individual and placed him under arrest without incident.

**Update:**

On January 25, 2018, RPPD responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace for a report of shots fired. The investigation revealed shots were fired into the floor of an upper level apartment entering the apartment below; no injuries occurred. On March 1, 2018, all individuals arrested in connection with the incident were indicted by the Prince George's County SAO Grand Jury Unit on the following charges:

Reckless Endangerment, Firearm Possession w/Felony Conviction, Regulated Firearm: Illegal Possession, Illegal Possession of Ammunition.

**Multi-jurisdictional exercise:**

On Sunday, March 4, 2018, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority Police (WMATA) conducted a multi-jurisdictional exercise at the Garrett-Morgan Metro Center. The full-



scale exercise simulated smoke in the tunnel, fire, passenger rescue, and a suicide with a chemical agent release. Police, Fire and EMS personnel from Maryland, Virginia and DC participated in the exercise. Chief Morris was invited to participate as an observer, providing the opportunity to work with regional colleagues in an exercise designed to test and evaluate response capabilities and mitigation performance standards. WMATA conducts these exercises quarterly in the tristate area. RPPD command staff is scheduled to participate in future exercises.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John N. Lestitian".

John N. Lestitian  
Town Manager