

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 7 for 2018



April 6, 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 April 20, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Walk	April 11, 2018, 5:30 p.m.	Walk starts at Town Hall
FY2019 Budget Public Hearing	April 21, 2018, 1:00 p.m.	Town Hall
FY2019 Budget Public Hearing	April 28, 2018, 9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	April 30, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	May 7, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Administration

- **Upcoming Budget Public Hearings:** The Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019) Budget Public Hearings will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 28 at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

Community Engagement

- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/> 
- **Town Crier Submission Deadline Approaching:** Submissions for the May edition of the Town Crier are due on Sunday, April 15, 2018. Please send any items that you would like to have included to jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov or towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov. Advertising opportunities are also available!

Environment

- Free Trees and Shrubs for Prince George's County Homeowners: The Family Tree Adoption Program (FTAP) of Prince George's County, sponsored by Prince George's County Department of the Environment and the Chesapeake Bay Trust, is providing free trees and shrubs to all County homeowners and families. Trees or shrubs will be delivered and planted at no cost. For more information, visit www.myghep.org/ftap, e-mail info@globalhealthprojects.org or call 240-495-4944.
- Community Spring Clean-Up: The annual Community Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Residents are offered the opportunity to put their yard waste/bulk trash items on the curb on Friday, April 20th for pick-up on Saturday, April 21st. This event replaces the April Saturday Drop Off, normally on the third Saturday of each month. The Public Works facility will NOT be open for drop-off of any bulk trash items on Saturday, April 21st. All items must be curbside no later than Saturday, April 21st at 8:00 a.m.

The following items are not eligible for pick-up:

- Remodeling lumber, flooring material, plaster, plasterboard, and interior tile
 - Fencing material or poles
 - Air conditioners, refrigerators, and freezers
 - Lawnmowers or other gas powered tools
 - Automobile major components
 - Tires
 - Dirt, stone, gravel, and sod
 - Concrete blocks and bricks, cement
 - Antifreeze and/or oil
 - Glass, windows, door panels, fish tanks
 - Paint
 - Hazardous materials and/or chemicals
- Earth Day Volunteers Needed: The Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) is sponsoring its annual Earth Day event on April 21, 2018. The Town and AWS worked together last year to clean-up Tanglewood Park and will revisit that location again this year. There were over 50 volunteers last year and the goal is to exceed that number this year! This is an excellent partnership opportunity to keep our parks and waterways beautiful. Please contact Janice Euell at 301-864-1803 or jeuell@riverdaleparkmd.gov for more information.
 - Arbor Day 2018: The Town of Riverdale Park's Arbor Day ceremony will be held on April 26, 2018 at 10:00 am behind Riverdale Elementary School. Please join us!
 - Spring Tree Planting: The Department of Public Works (DPW) staff will be planting trees throughout the community this spring. Residents who would like to have a tree planted near their homes should contact the department at 301-864-1803, to be placed on the list.
 - Trash Tote Repair/Replacement: To coordinate the replacement of damaged trash totes, residents should call the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803. The Town's contracted trash service provider will replace the damaged totes. Please note that a replacement tote will

not be delivered if the damaged one is not there for pick-up. Replacements will take place on Thursdays.

Development

- Notice of Public Hearing for Annual Action Plan: The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will hold a Public Hearing for the Annual Action Plan on April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive strategy that describes actions, activities, and programs that will take place during Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the FY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. The hearing will be held in the Council Hearing Room, First Floor, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. A copy of the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan is available at the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) at 9200 Basil Court, Suite 500, Largo, Maryland 20774, the County's website: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1039/Plans-Reports>, or mailed upon request by contacting DHCD at 301.883.5540.
- WSSC #InYourNeighborhood Open House: Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is holding several open houses for the public. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about your water and sewer service; to listen to informational sessions about upcoming projects; to learn about WSSC's proposed new rate structure and customer assistance programs; to discuss your bill; and to navigate the new *In Your Neighborhood* project microsite.

Prince George's County

Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Harmony Hall Community Center
10701 Livingston Road
Ft. Washington, MD 20744

Bi-County

Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
WSSC Headquarters
14501 Sweitzer Lane
Laurel, MD 20707

- Comprehensive Housing Strategy 3rd Public Meeting Scheduled: Last year, Prince George's County kicked-off its planning process to develop a Comprehensive Housing Strategy. This strategy will help the County create a guide for the County and housing investments. The strategy will help build sustainable, diverse, and inclusive communities connected to economic opportunity. As the population grows and employment expands, the County must factor in the housing needs of both existing and future residents in to keep Prince George's County a great place to live, work and play. The third public meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m.** at **Laurel High School**, 8000 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20707 and participation is strongly encouraged. For more information on the Comprehensive Housing Strategy, visit the website at: <http://MyPGC.us/HousingStrategy>
- 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: rdpstation

- Riverdale Park Station Updates:
 - Retail Tenants: L.F. Jennings has started work on the tenant fit-out construction of Jersey Mike's and Habit Burger. Both still expect to open during Spring of 2018. Gold's Gym has completed their fit-out construction and opened for business on March 22, 2018. Bella Salon tenant construction is underway and expected to open in early April 2018.
 - Townhomes: The construction of the 119 townhomes is well underway. The first block of townhomes between Rhode Island Avenue and 47th Street are complete. The next block of townhouses between Rhode Island Avenue and 47th Street on the south side of the Village Green are expected to be completed by this summer. The remaining block of townhouses are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2018. Currently, 62 townhomes have been sold.
 - CSX Crossing: The closure of the former ERCO plant parking lot between the Rivertech Court cul-de-sac and Lafayette Avenue will continue until the new bridge is open – estimated to be in Spring 2018.
 - CSX Sound Barrier Wall: Shirley Contracting has completed construction of the soundwall and associated grading. Cleanup and inspection operations will continue in the upcoming weeks.
 - Playground: The long anticipated playground is now open.
 - Miscellaneous Site Improvements: Traffic control signs (stop signs, One-way signs, No Parking signs, etc.) will be installed along Woodberry, Rhode Island Avenue and 47th Street during the month of April. A trash receptacle has been installed at the intersection of the Hiker-Biker trail and the Woodberry alley. Trash receptacles have been ordered to install at various locations within the Townhouse neighborhood. It is anticipated that those receptacles will be installed by the end of April.

- 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:
 - An application for subdivision for 4-17025, Hyatt View (formerly Rahimi Overlook), located at 5809 44th Street is ready to be accepted by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The nature of the request is to subdivide 8 existing lots for the purpose of building 8 townhouses. For more information, please contact Alan Rahimi at 301-704-6465 of the M-NCPPC case reviewer, Joseph Onyebuchi at 301-952-3530. (Project is not located in the Town of Riverdale Park.)
 - Notice of Permit Decision, Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit Application Tracking Number 16-NT-0297/201661278 for Purple Line Light Rail Transit Line. The Water and Science Administration has determined that the application meets the statutory and regulatory criteria necessary for issuance of a Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit. For additional information, contact Amanda Sigillito, Chief, Nontidal Wetlands Division at 410-537-3766.

- 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: April 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/04112018-1062>

Planning Board: April 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1407&Inline=True>

Historic Preservation Commission: April 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://pgparks.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/04172018-185>

- Smart Cities Workshop: On Thursday, April 5th, staff participated in the *Smart and Connected Communities* Workshop at the University of Maryland (UMD), hosted by the National Center for Smart Growth and UMD College of Information Studies. Staff joined other representatives from Berwyn Heights, College Park, and Hyattsville in a panel discussion to share insight on technological approaches in local government to serve the community.
- Development Activities from March 22, 2018 to April 4, 2018

Rental Licenses:

Inspections Conducted	122
Licenses Issued	1
Notices Issued	0
Fines Issued	0

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Inspections Conducted	0
Permits Issued	7
Stop Work Orders Issued	0

• Permits Issued:

Permit Number	Address	Permit For	Estimated Project Cost
2017-B-192	5418 Riverdale Road	Conversion of patio to a kitchen and relocation of utilities	\$8,000
2017-B-193	5731 Baltimore Avenue	Interior Alteration for commercial shell space	\$150,000
2017-B-194	5731 Baltimore Avenue	Replace existing curb, add accessibility route	\$150,000
2017-B-195	Silk Tree Drive	6-foot fence for subdivision	\$9,000

2017-B-196	4713 Oliver Street	Remove existing concrete driveway and install same as new	\$2,000
2017-B-197	6209 Beale Circle	Interior work; finished basement and bathroom work on second floor	\$10,000
TOTAL			\$329,000

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from March 22, 2018 to April 4, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	2
Exterior Conditions	4
Interior Conditions	68
Overgrown Weeds	0
Safety	70
Sanitation	16

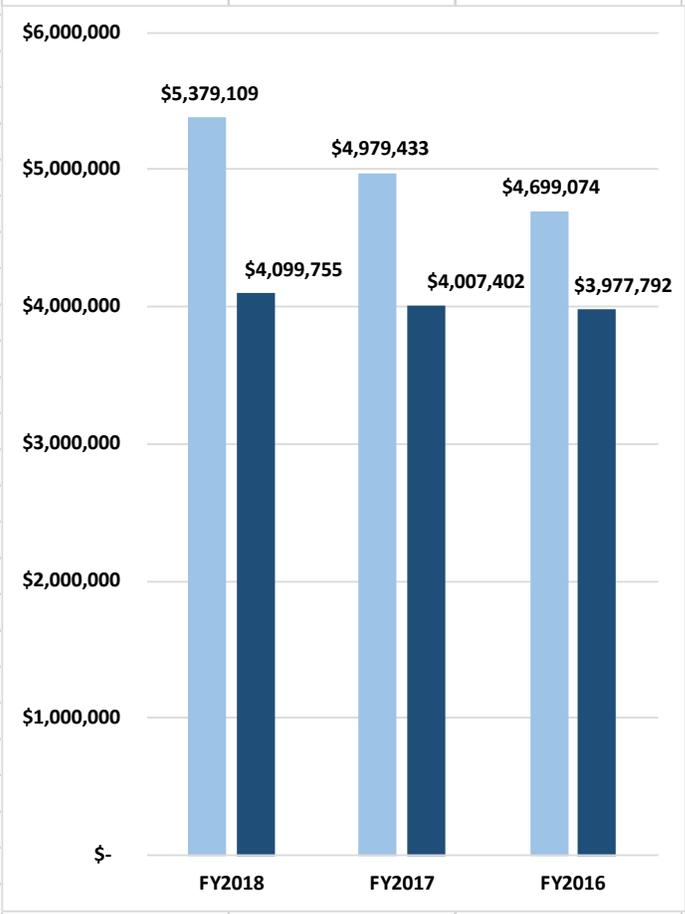
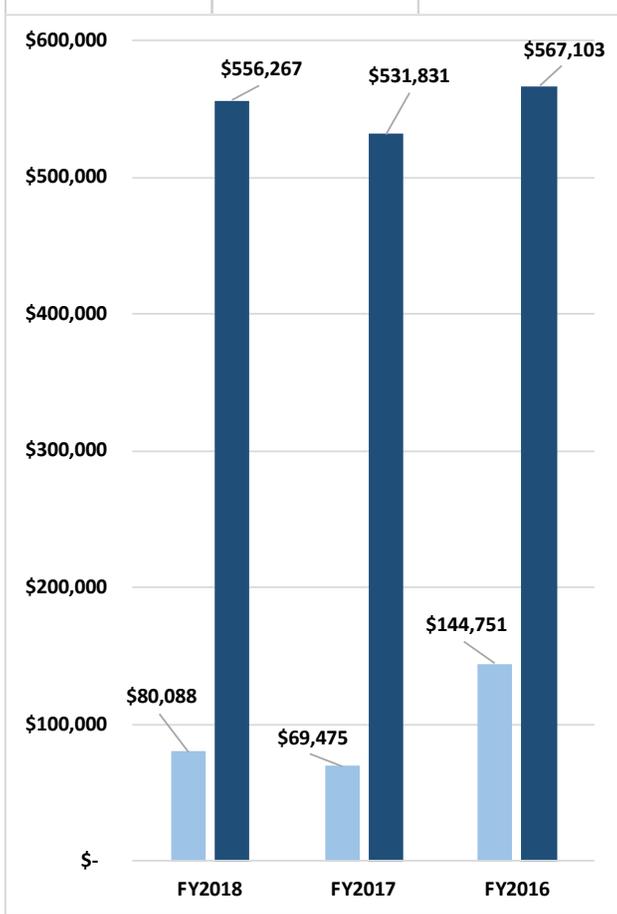
Actions Taken:

Complaint Responses Performed	5
Fines Issued	0
Outreach Meetings Conducted	4
Violation Notices Issued	2
Warnings Issued	0

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Finance

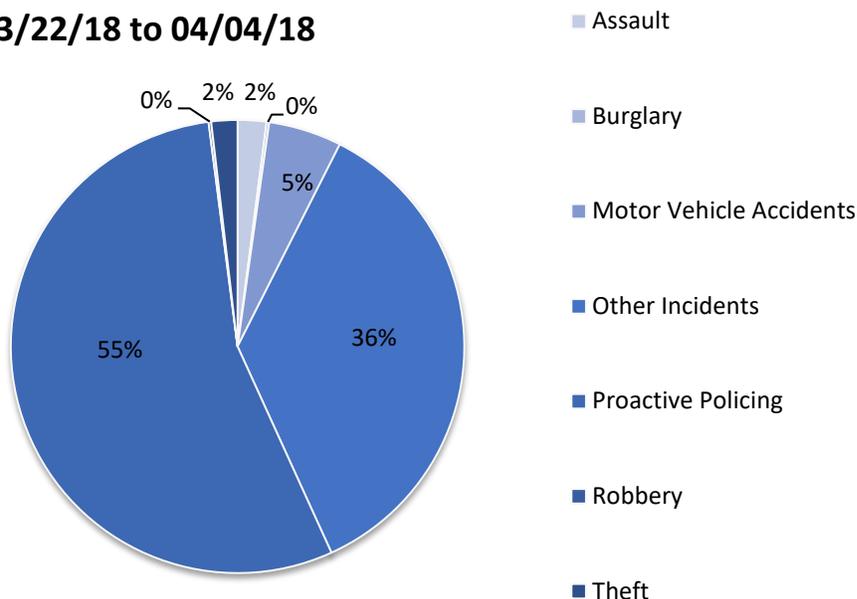
March			YTD Total		
FY2018	FY2017	FY2016	FY2018	FY2017	FY2016
\$ 80,088	\$ 69,475	\$ 144,751	\$ 5,379,109	\$ 4,979,433	\$ 4,699,074
\$ 556,267	\$ 531,831	\$ 567,103	\$ 4,099,755	\$ 4,007,402	\$ 3,977,792
\$ (476,178)	\$ (462,356)	\$ (422,352)	\$ 1,279,354	\$ 972,031	\$ 721,281



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Police

Calls for Service - 537 03/22/18 to 04/04/18



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, 294 or 55% 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:

Officers responded to a restaurant in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The investigation revealed the suspect struck the victim from behind by a bar stool. The victim sustained laceration to the back of his head but refused medical treatment. Officers have reviewed security camera footage and the investigation is ongoing.

Officers responded to a grocery store in the 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a shoplifter. The store manager identified the suspect and he was detained by responding officers. The investigation revealed the suspect had placed frozen food in his backpack and attempted to leave the store without paying for the merchandise. A records check revealed the suspect had an open warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for trespassing. The suspect was placed under arrest for the warrant and issued a criminal citation for theft under \$100.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The driver was found to have a suspended license and two open warrants for failure to appear for DUI. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers observed an individual who appeared intoxicated exit a liquor store in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue with a beer in his hand. Officers contacted the individual to investigate. The individual exhibited signs of being intoxicated. The store employee, who sold the alcohol was interviewed. As a result, the employee was issued a criminal summons for selling alcohol to an individual under the influence of alcoholic beverage.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for a neighbor dispute. The victim reported that a neighbor came to the door complaining about the victim's children making noise in the apartment. An argument ensued, during which the suspect sprayed the victim in the face with pepper spray. The Fire Department responded and treated the victim on the scene. The suspect was placed under arrest for 2nd degree assault.

Officers responded to 6600 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft report. The property manager reported a 3-foot plastic snail was stolen from the playground. The theft occurred between March 10th thru 28th. The snail was shipped from Italy and has an approximate value of \$3000. The investigation is ongoing.

Officers responded to 5800 block of Kenilworth Avenue for an assault. The victim reported being involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical. The suspect punched the victim numerous times and threatened the victim with a large knife. Responding officers canvassed the area and located the suspect a short distance away. The victim positively identified the suspect as the same person who assaulted. A search incident to arrest revealed the suspect was in possession of a box cutter, 11-inch knife, and four 40 caliber rounds. The suspect was charged with reckless endangerment, 2nd degree assault, and possession of a deadly weapon with intent to injure. The victim refused medical treatment.

Officers responded to the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a theft from auto. A witness reported an individual stealing the license plates from a vehicle. The witness provided a description of the suspect and the vehicle he was operating. Officers canvassed the area and located the suspect a short distance away. The suspect attempted to flee on foot but was quickly apprehended. The investigation revealed the suspect was operating a vehicle stolen from Washington DC. The suspect was charged with motor vehicle theft, theft under \$100, rogue and vagabond, and trespassing.

Update:

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness month ("Cell phone in one hand, Ticket in the other"). In Maryland, over the past five years, an average of 502 deaths and 3,702 serious injury crashes occurred on state and local roadways. In Maryland, on average, 232 people are killed each year and 2,348 seriously injured in crashes involving a distracted driver. To change driver behavior, RPPD, along with our partners at the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO), will do our part in

reducing distracted driving related crashes and violations by stepping up enforcement of Maryland's cell phone and texting laws.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John N. Lestitian". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

John N. Lestitian
Town Manager