

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 10 for 2018



May 18, 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 June 1, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Special Legislative Meeting	May 21, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	May 21, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	May 23, 2018, 5:30 p.m.	Walk begins at Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	June 4, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Community Development Project

- **Repaving/Restriping Project:** A repaving/restriping project is currently underway on Queensbury Road from Lafayette Avenue to Baltimore Avenue and on Riverdale Road from Taylor Road to Lafayette Avenue. The project will involve repaving, restriping and installing sharrows. The project also includes the installation of bike racks and a bicycle repair station in the Town Center.

Community Engagement

- **Town Staff Supports Riverdale Elementary School (RES):** Staff volunteered last week at Riverdale Elementary School in support of the Parent Teachers Organization's Book Fair. Staff had the opportunity to assist students with selecting books and developing a "Wish List". On May 18th, staff also participated in Career Day at RES.
- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>



- Vision for Art and Recreation: As Town staff continue working on programs and initiatives related to Art and Recreation, it is important to have an updated vision for what Art and Recreation are to be. Residents are encouraged to comment and/or recommend input on what should be included in the Town's vision for Arts and Recreation. Please email community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov or call Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk, at 301-927-6381.

Environment

- 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

- Spring Forward Grant Program: On Tuesday, May 15th, staff opened the second funding round of the Spring Forward Grant Program to accept applications from in-Town businesses. Grants awarded through this program are to assist businesses with the acquisition and implementation of technology-related equipment / systems to gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

Information about the program and the corresponding applications are available in both English and Spanish and are available on the Town's website. The final deadline to apply for this program is Thursday, May 31st.

- University of Maryland Food Security Study: On Tuesday, May 8th, staff attended a presentation at the University of Maryland (UMD) on food security. Students from UMD compiled a study to ascertain and address food security challenges in the community. The Town expects to receive the final report in the coming weeks.
- International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC): Staff is reviewing the 2018 IPMC from the International Code Council, which provides property maintenance standards for various types of structures and properties. Currently, the Town utilizes the Prince George's County Code on property maintenance standards, which uses the 2000 IPMC. Upon review, staff will present recommendations to Mayor and Council for the Town to adopt its own property maintenance standards.
- Professional Development: On Wednesday, May 9th, Neighborhood Improvement staff attended training with the Prince George's County Fire Marshall's Office in College Park. The training involved identifying life safety violations at multi-family residential properties.

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- **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: @RDPSStation
 - Instagram: rdpstation

- **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 Departure Application for a waiver of Parking and Loading Standards regarding Part of Lots 4&5, Wildercroft (DPLS-458), located at 6901 Riverdale Road, will be submitted for review by to the Development Review Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. For more information, contact Dean Packard of Packard & Associates, LLC at 301-208-0250.

 - A Specific Design Plan for Parkside (formerly Smith Home Farm), Application # SDP-1601/02, located off of Melwood Road in Upper Marlboro will be submitted for review by to the Development Review Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. For more information, contact Robert Antonetti, Jr. at 301-925-1800.

 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is ready to accept a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for 4-17038, Hillel at the University of Maryland. The application concerns a request to build a cultural center in the M-U-I Zone. For more information, contact Larry Taub at (301) 572-3274.

- **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: May 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/05222018-1067>

Planning Board: May 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1411&Inline=True>

Historic Preservation Commission: *No information available at time of report.*

- Development Activities from May 3, 2018 to May 16, 2018

Rental Licenses:

Inspections Conducted	16
Licenses Issued	2
Notices Issued	1
Fines Issued	0

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Inspections Conducted	0
Permits Issued	2
Stop Work Orders Issued	0

- Permits Issued:

Permit Number	Address	Permit For	Estimated Project Cost
2017-B-201	5511 Taylor Road	Repair/replace 6-foot fence in backyard	\$7,300
2017-B-202	6761 45 th Street	Interior Commercial	\$189,500
TOTAL			\$196,800

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from May 3, 2018 to May 16, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	6
Exterior Conditions	34
Interior Conditions	178
Overgrown Weeds	3
Safety	180
Sanitation	21

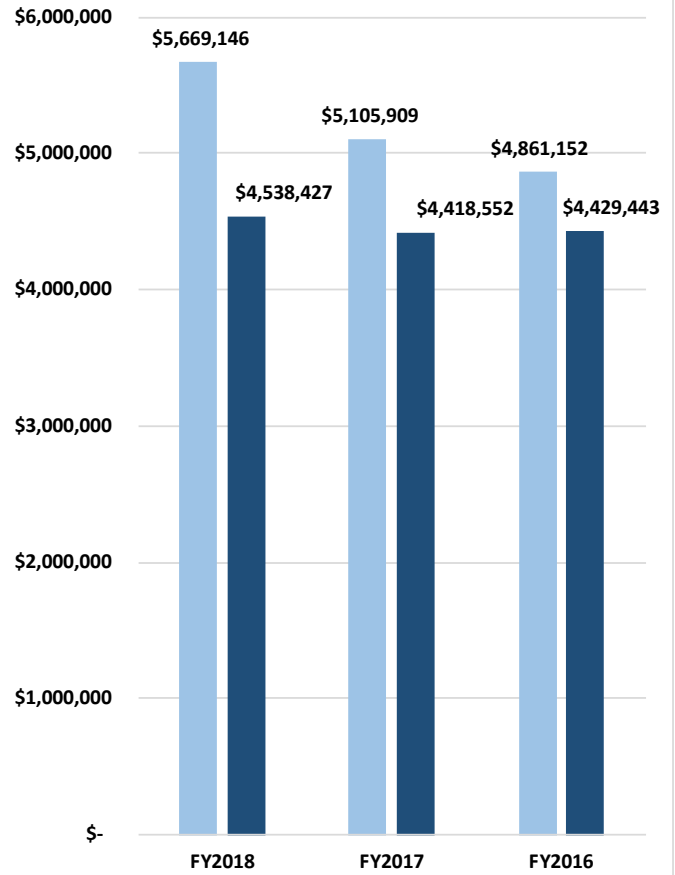
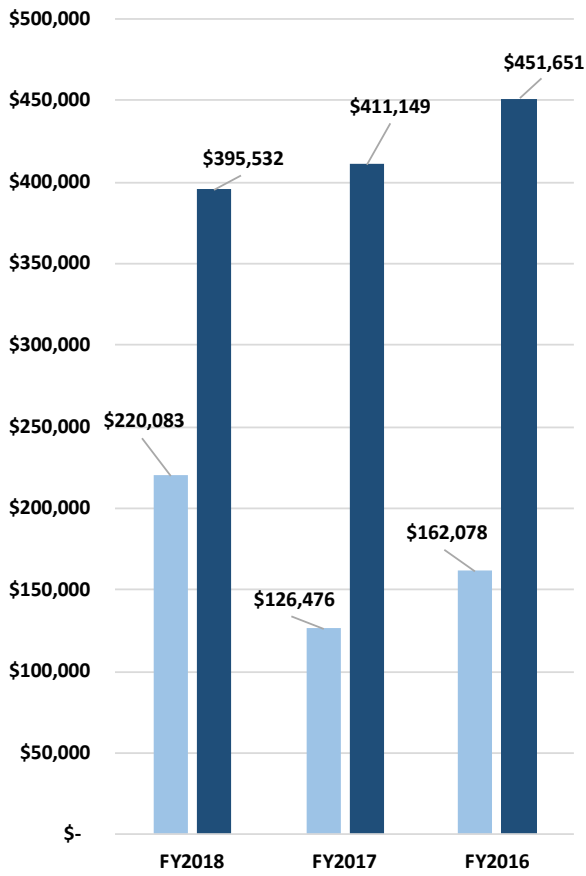
Actions Taken:

Complaint Responses Performed	6
Fines Issued	0
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	6
Violation Notices Issued	8
Warnings Issued	0

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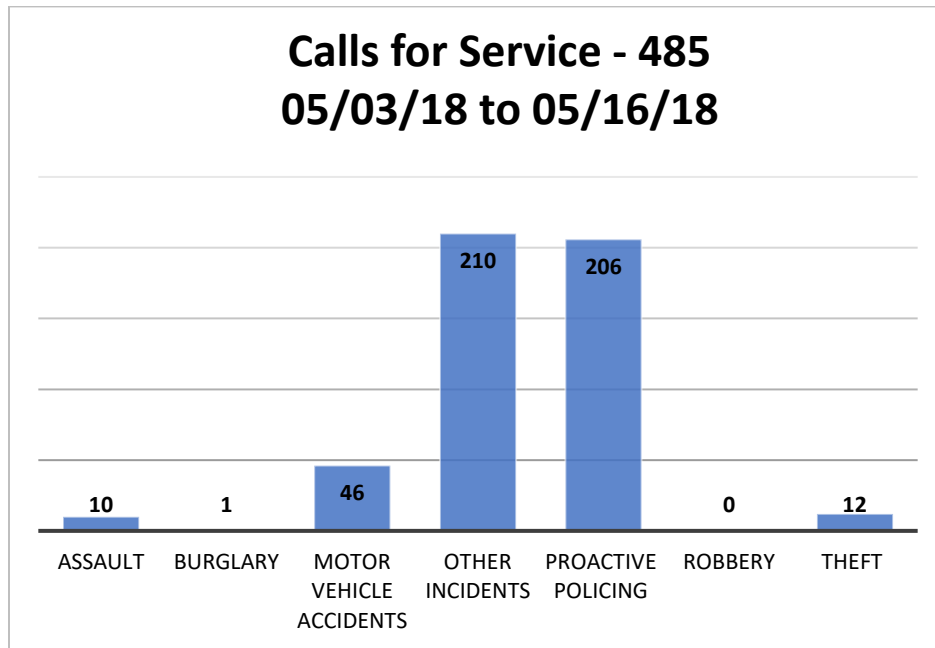
Finance

April			YTD Total		
FY2018	FY2017	FY2016	FY2018	FY2017	FY2016
\$ 220,083	\$ 126,476	\$ 162,078	\$ 5,669,146	\$ 5,105,909	\$ 4,861,152
\$ 395,532	\$ 411,149	\$ 451,651	\$ 4,538,427	\$ 4,418,552	\$ 4,429,443
\$ (175,449)	\$ (284,673)	\$ (289,573)	\$ 1,130,719	\$ 687,358	\$ 431,709



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Police



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, 255 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:

Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54th Avenue for an individual threatening suicide. Family members reported that an adult in the home had self-inflicted cuts. The Fire Department responded and treated the victim on scene. Due to the individual's actions they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

Officers responded to a restaurant in the 6400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a disorderly customer. An employee reported an intoxicated patron was refusing to leave a private event. Officers gave the individual ample warning and opportunity to leave the business, but the individual refused. The patron was eventually escorted out and issued a criminal citation for disorderly conduct.

Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a drug complaint. Officers located two individuals exiting the building that matched the description provided by the caller. Upon engaging the individuals in conversation, officers detected the odor of Marijuana emanating from their persons. During a reasonable suspicion pat down of the individual's outer garments, officers could feel a hard object tucked into one of the individual's waistband. Officers immediately recognized the object to be the handle of handgun. Officers placed the individual into custody and removed a loaded Glock semiautomatic 9mm handgun from his waistband. A search incident to arrest revealed the individual was also in possession of 9.3 grams of suspected Marijuana. The suspect was charged with carrying a handgun on his person and possession of Marijuana.

Officers observed a minor traffic collision the 5000 block of East-West Highway. A records check revealed one of the drivers had an open arrest warrant for robbery from the Gwinnett County, GA Sheriff's Office. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers responded to the 4900 block of Queensbury Road for an assault in progress. Officers arrived on scene and observed the suspect assaulting the victim and dragging her to a vehicle. Officers intervened, stopped the assault, and placed the suspect under arrest. The investigation revealed the suspect and victim were involved in a physical altercation while driving, the victim exited the vehicle and attempted to flee for her safety. The suspect was charged with 2nd degree assault, reckless endangerment, and false imprisonment.

Officers responded to the 6200 block of 43rd Street for a burglary in progress. The caller reported two suspects attempting to break into a house. The suspects fled prior to the officers' arrival but the caller was able to provide a description of the suspects. Officers located two individuals that matched the suspects' description a short distance away. The witness positively identified the suspects and they were placed under arrest. A search incident to arrest revealed one of the suspects was in possession of 51 grams of suspected Marijuana. The suspects were charged with attempt 1st degree burglary and possession of Marijuana.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver had an open warrant through Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for attempted 1st degree murder. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Update:

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at approximately 0505hrs, an unknown suspect destroyed a security camera belonging to a liquor store, located in the 5700 block of Riverdale Road, with a sledge hammer. Through investigative means detectives located the suspected and obtained a confession; a warrant has been obtained charging the suspect with malicious destruction of property.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager