

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 9 for 2018



May 4, 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 May 18, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Walk	May 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m.	Walk starts at Town Hall
Constant Yield Public Hearing	May 7, 2018, 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	May 7, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session and Special Legislative Meeting	May 21, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	May 23, 2018, 5:30 p.m.	Walk starts at Town Hall

Administration

- **Comcast Xfinity Store at Riverdale Park Station:** Staff frequently receives calls from residents wanting to pay their Comcast bills at Town Hall. Staff has confirmed that all Comcast customers can pay their Comcast bills at the new Xfinity Store at Riverdale Park Station, 4555 Van Buren Street. Their phone number is (800) 266-2278.

Community Engagement

- **Upcoming Community Walk:** The next Community Walk will be held on Saturday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m. The walk will begin at Town Hall. Please see below for the route:
 1. From Town Hall, follow Queensbury Road west bound all the way to Baltimore Avenue
 2. Turn left onto Baltimore Avenue and follow to Riverdale Road
 3. Turn left onto Riverdale Road and follow to Rhode Island Avenue
 4. Turn left onto Rhode Island Avenue
 5. Follow Rhode Island Avenue to Queensbury Road
 6. Cross the railroad tracks, then take Lafayette Avenue southbound to Nicholson Street

7. Follow Nicholson Street to Taylor Road
8. Turn left onto Taylor Road
9. Follow Taylor Road to Queensbury Road
10. Turn right onto Queensbury Road and return to Town Hall

If you cannot meet us at 9:00 a.m., feel free to meet up with us along the route!

- Arbor Day Ceremony a Huge Success!: On Thursday, April 26th, the Town sponsored its annual Arbor Day Ceremony in the area behind Riverdale Elementary School (RES). The RES staff and entire student body attended. Roughly 800 students took part in the event. Seven (7) trees were planted, representing each of the seven (7) grade levels (pre-k through 5th). Students made placards for the trees to indicate which tree was planted by their grade level. Principal Riley and her staff team were very enthusiastic about having the students involved in this very worthwhile event and look forward to having more joint events with the Town in the future!



- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>

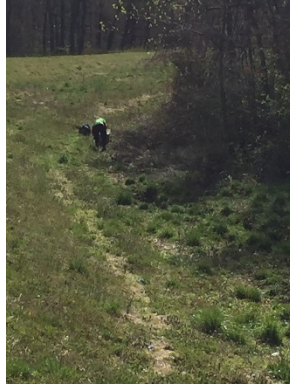


- Prince George's County FY2019 Budget Public Hearing: A public hearing regarding the County's Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program will be held on Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building (1st Floor Hearing Room, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD) Call 301-953-3600 to sign up to testify or sign up that evening.
- New William Wirt Middle School Community Meeting: Residents are invited to join Board of Education Member Lupi Grady, County Council Member Dannielle Glaros, the PGcps CIP team and the architect team for a community meeting to discuss the design of the new school on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. at William Wirt Middle School (6200 Tuckerman Street).

Environment

- Earth Day Clean-Up: On Saturday, April 21st, the Town joined with the Anacostia Watershed Society for their Annual Earth Day Clean-Up. The event was held at the Tanglewood Neighborhood Park at Tanglewood Drive and Riverdale Road. There were nearly 40 volunteers in attendance! Volunteers included: residents, members of the USMC, William Wirt Middle School, District Heights Elementary School, and Drew/Freeman Middle School. The volunteers collected 50+ bags of trash and 60+ bags of recycling, along with bulk trash items like carpeting, bicycle/tires, lumber, and large plastic pieces. Mega thanks to all our volunteers, the Sanijohn

Company, and Prince George's County Public Works for making this event the success that it was!



- Spring Community Clean-Up: Town residents were able to discard unwanted household items and yard waste on Saturday, April 21st, as part of the Town's annual spring community clean-up. Bulk items and mixed waste collected totaled more than 21,000 pounds (10.93) tons.
- 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 Monday, April 30th, the Spring Forward Grant Program closed the initial funding round. Grants to in-Town businesses may be awarded through this program in compliance with the program guidelines. Grants awarded through this program are to assist with the acquisition and implementation of technology-related equipment / systems. Six (6) applications were received. Funding recommendations will be made to the Mayor and Council later this month.

A second funding round for the Spring Forward Grant Program will open on May 15th and close on May 31st.

- Urban Land Institute Meeting: On Wednesday, May 2nd, staff attended a meeting hosted by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The meeting discussed comprehensive housing policies and strategies near the Purple Line.
- Professional Development: On Friday, May 4th, staff attended training hosted by the Code Enforcement and Zoning Officials Association (CEZOA) in New Carrollton. The training was about property maintenance standards from the International Code Council (ICC).
- Comprehensive Housing Strategy Public Meeting: Last year, Prince George's County kicked-off its planning process to develop a Comprehensive Housing Strategy. The goal is to create a strategy that will guide housing related investments that result in sustainable, diverse, and inclusive communities connected to economic opportunity. The County is hosting a public meeting on **Wednesday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.** at **Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi**

Road, Hyattsville, 20782 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
- **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 Site Development Concept Plan for Bladensburg Branch Library (Site Development Concept No. 17-353-2018-0) was filed on 4/16/18 for review by the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE). For more information, contact Daniel Consultants, Inc. at 410-995-0090.
- **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 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/05092018-1066>

Planning Board: May 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1409&Inline=True>

Historic Preservation Commission: May 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)
<http://www.pgparcs.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/05152018-197>

- Development Activities from April 19, 2018 to May 2, 2018

Rental Licenses:

Inspections Conducted	62
Licenses Issued	2
Notices Issued	0
Fines Issued	0

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Inspections Conducted	0
Permits Issued	5
Stop Work Orders Issued	0

• Permits Issued:

Permit Number	Address	Permit For	Estimated Project Cost
2017-B-199	6121 54th Avenue	5'x8' landing with steps	\$1,500
2017-B-200	4600 Van Buren Street	Revision to add 2 additional levels	*Not available at time of report.
TOTAL			\$1,500
2017-P-29	4708 Queensbury Road	Dumpster on Private Property	N/A
2017-P-30	4603 Riverdale Road	Dumpster on Private Property	N/A
2017-P-31	4900 Nicholson Street	Dumpster on Private Property	N/A

• Neighborhood Improvement Activities from April 18, 2018 to May 2, 2018

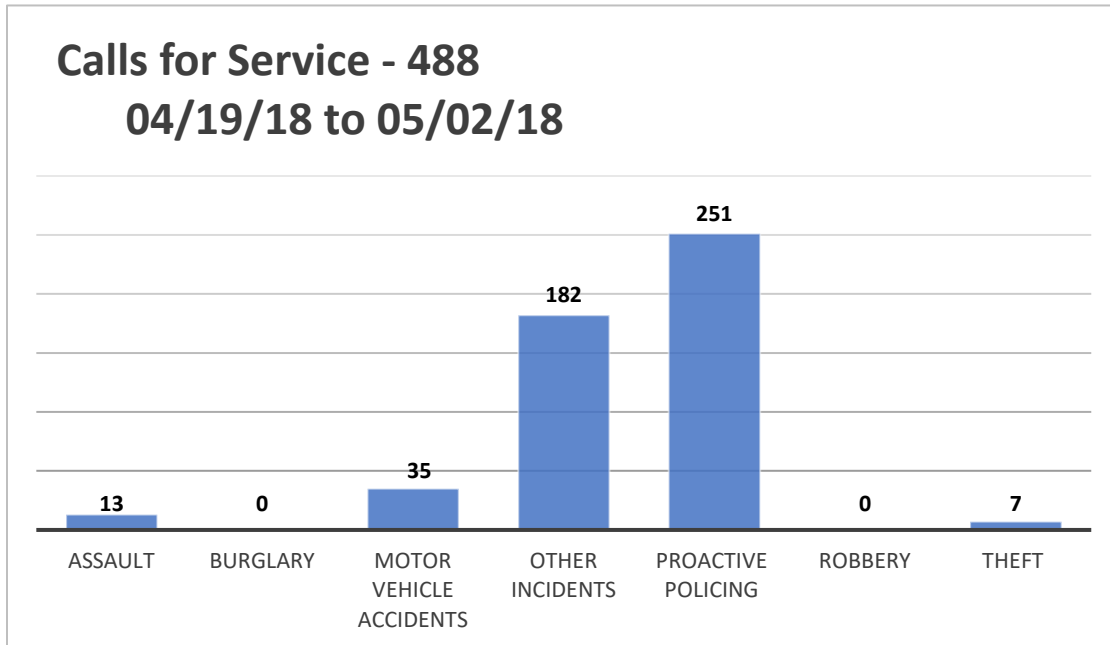
Community Standards Violations by Type:

Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	6
Exterior Conditions	37
Interior Conditions	94
Overgrown Weeds	1
Safety	150
Sanitation	8

Actions Taken:

Complaint Responses Performed	8
Fines Issued	0
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	8
Violation Notices Issued	8
Warnings Issued	3

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, 251 or 52% 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 Quintana Street for an individual threatening suicide. Family members reported that an adult in the home was uncontrollable and threatening suicide. Due to the individual's actions and imminent threat of harm to oneself, the individual was transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

Officers responded to a restaurant in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a disorderly customer. An employee reported an intoxicated patron was refusing to leave at closing time. 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 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. The victim reported that while walking on the sidewalk a suspect approached from behind and grabbed the victim's cell phone. The victim chased the suspect but lost sight of him. Officers have reviewed security camera footage and the investigation is ongoing.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver had an open warrant for failure to appear while driving with on a suspended license. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers were flagged down in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a possible theft. The investigation revealed the victim had lost a cellular phone and was attempting to track the phone on an app. Officers assisted and located the phone in the 3200 block of Toledo Terrace. The phone was returned to the owner and no criminal charges were filed.

Officers responded to the 4700 block of Oliver Street for a theft from auto. The investigation revealed the suspect entered an unlocked vehicle and removed a cellular phone charger. Nothing else was reported missing and the investigation is ongoing.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver had an open warrant through the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear while driving on a suspended license. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Update:

On April 13, 2018, RPPD responded to the 5400 block of Jefferson Street for an assault. The investigation revealed the suspect displayed a handgun and threatened several victims. Through investigative means the suspect was identified. An arrest warrant was obtained through the District Court Commissioner on the following charges: 1st Degree Assault, Reckless Endangerment, Handgun in a Vehicle, and Use of a Firearm in a Crime of Violence.

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager