

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 11 for 2018



June 1, 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 15, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Legislative Meeting	June 4, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	June 16, 2018, 9:00 a.m.	Meet at Town Center
Council Work Session	June 25, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Community Walk	June 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m.	Meet at Town Center

Community Development

- Update on Roadwork in Town:
 - Riverdale Road: The repaving of Riverdale Road is complete and striping should begin by next week, weather permitting.
 - Queensbury Road: The milling and base repair of Queensbury Road should begin by next week, weather permitting.

Community Engagement

- Please follow the Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>
- Vision for Art and Recreation: As the Town continues its support of 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

- Mosquito Spraying: The Town has received notification from the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) that mosquito spraying for the Town will take place on Tuesdays. Spray season begins on June 4th and is anticipated to end on September 18th. Spraying will begin after dark and may continue until midnight or later. MDA will not conduct spray activity during daylight hours. Please refer to the June edition of the *Town Crier* for additional details.
- Recycling Reminders: Staff have observed that residents continue to put their recycling in plastic bags. In 2014, the Waste Management Division of the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources required that ALL recycling be placed in the blue totes or in collection cans/containers (i.e., trash cans), clearly marked "RECYCLING" or with an "X." NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER (i.e., plastic grocery bags, plastic wrappers on soda or water containers). For additional information, please call 311 or 301-883-5810.
- 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 these businesses with the acquisition and implementation of technology-related equipment / systems to gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

Both English and Spanish versions of the application form were available on the Town's website. The final deadline to apply for this program was Thursday, May 31st. Currently, staff received a total of two (2) applications from the second funding round, to go along with the six (6) applications received during the initial round.

- Business and Rental License Renewals: Licenses for all businesses and rental properties in Town are set to expire June 30th. Staff will send renewal applications and letters to businesses and rental properties in early June for the fiscal-year 2019 (FY 2019) license period, and follow-up for compliance.
- Riverdale Park Elementary Playground Construction Update: On Tuesday, May 29th, representatives from the Maryland Park and Planning Commission (MCPPC) held a meeting at Riverdale Park Elementary to further discuss construction plans for the upcoming playground at the school. The playground project is expected to start immediately after school closure for the academic year.
- Public Meeting Regarding 2019 Update of the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan: The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to announce the 2nd Public

Meeting to update and get input on the 2019 Update of the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan on Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Prince George's County Sports & Learning Complex (8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785). The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan outlines a 20-year vision for biking and walking in Maryland and is updated every 5 years in conjunction with an update to the statewide transportation plan. For more information on the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update, please visit our website:

http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Bike_Ped_Plan_Update.html

- Notice of Public Hearing: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:15 p.m. at the Deanwood Recreation Center (1350 49th Street, NE, Washington, DC) regarding Docket R18-01: Proposed Changes to WAMATA Facilities at deanwood Metro Station. For more information, visit www.wmata.com/plansandprojects
- 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:
 - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is ready to accept Special Permit #170001 and Detailed Site Plan #17054 for Mama’s Care Assisted Living Facility- Congregate Living Facility, located at 4111 East West Highway in Hyattsville. For more information, contact Matt Gordon at 301-961-5233.
- 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: *No information available at time of report.*

Planning Board: June 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1413&Inline=True>

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

- Development Activities from May 17, 2018 to May 30, 2018

Rental Licenses:

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

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Inspections Conducted	0
Permits Issued	3
Stop Work Orders Issued	0

- Permits Issued:

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-203	4801 Nicholson Street	20'x20' 1-story addition and 11.5'x12' deck with steps
2017-P-34	4801 Rittenhouse Street	Dumpster
2017-P-35	4801 Nicholson Street	Dumpster

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from May 17, 2018 to May 30, 2018

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	5
Exterior Conditions	11
Interior Conditions	1
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	2
Safety	0
Sanitation	0

Actions Taken:

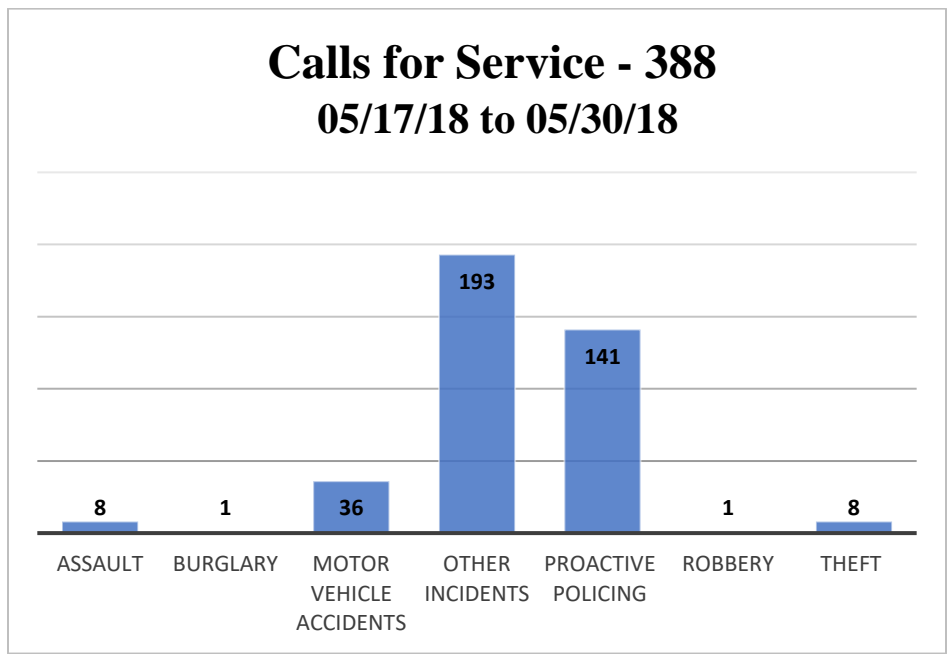
Complaint Responses Performed	12
Fines Issued	0
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	4

Violation Notices Issued	1
Warnings Issued	3

Note:

1. "Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish" includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.
2. "Exterior Conditions" include, but not limited to; chipping, flaking, and peeling paint, graffiti, storage of inoperable vehicles, damaged accessory structures, driveways, doors, overhangs, roofs, stairways, walls, windows, and other exterior components.
3. "Interior Conditions" include, but not limited to; cracks and holes in ceilings, floors, and walls, missing stair railings, water-damaged surfaces, and lack of proper ventilation.
4. "Overgrown Weeds" include grass or weeds more than 10 inches in height.
5. "Safety" includes, but not limited to; damaged / missing electrical outlets, covers, light fixtures, carbon monoxide and /or smoke detectors, lack of escape windows in bedrooms, missing address numbers, major structural damage, and unsafe buildings.
6. "Sanitation" includes, but not limited to; insect / rodent infestation, mildew / mold on surfaces, uncleanliness, and storage of hazardous waste.

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, 141 or 36% 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 5000 block of Riverdale Road for a suspicious subject chasing a school crossing guard and harassing/threatening parents as they walked their children to school. Officers located and attempted to engage the subject in verbal dialog, but the subject was incoherent, displaying indicators of mental illness and/or drug impairment. Without provocation, the subject assaulted both officers. With the assistance of other responding police agencies and one "Good Samaritan", the subject was subsequently arrested and transported to the hospital for an emergency evaluation. Two Riverdale Park Police Officers sustained serious injury during the altercation and were also transported to the hospital for treatment. Pursuant to the incident, an arrest warrant was obtained for the subject on charges of: Disturbing Activities at a School/Threatening Student; Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer; and related offenses. The subject has an extensive criminal history and was arrested on the outstanding arrest warrant. The school crossing guard, parents and children were unharmed.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a commercial burglary. The investigation revealed the suspect(s) entered the building by breaking hole in the rear wall of the business. The suspect(s) stole approximately \$9000 in assorted merchandise. The scene was processed, security camera footage was recovered, and the investigation is ongoing.

Officers were flagged down in the 5300 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a found child. Citizens reported a 3-year-old child attempting to cross the street alone. Officers secured the child and canvassed the area for the parents. The parents were eventually located and could provide no explanation for why the child was walking the street alone. Child Protective Services were notified, and the parents were ultimately charged with Neglect of a Minor.

Officers responded to the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a domestic dispute. The investigation revealed the victim and suspect were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical. The suspect punched the victim with a closed fist and as result the victim suffered bruising under the left eye. The suspect was placed under arrest for 2nd degree assault. A Domestic Violence Lethality screening was conducted with the Family Crisis Center. Officers transported the victim to the District Court Commissioners to apply for a Protection Order.

Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a nude person walking in traffic. The individual was found in the middle of the roadway screaming erratically. Due to the individual's erratic behavior, raised body temperature and anxiety, officers believed the individual was under the influence of PCP. Officers placed the individual into custody and they were transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue for suspended registration plates. A records check revealed the driver had an open arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for motor vehicle theft. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.

Officers observed an individual drinking from an open alcohol container in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The individual was contacted, and a records check revealed they had an open arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for disorderly conduct and 2nd degree assault. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections. The individual was issued a criminal summons for consuming an alcoholic beverage in front of a retail establishment.

Update:

On May 22, 2018, RPPD responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a commercial armed robbery. Through investigative means the suspect was identified. An arrest warrant was obtained, and the suspect has confessed to the robbery. Investigators are working to identify the second suspect.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John N. Lestitian", written in a cursive style.

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager