

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 18 for 2017



October 6, 2017

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 October 20, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Legislative Meeting	November 6, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	October 30, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Community

- **Riverdale Park Day 2017! This Saturday:** Plan to join us this Saturday, October 7th for a day filled with family friendly fun! There will be lots of music, food, games and activities for all ages. Festivities start at 12 noon and run until 5:00 p.m. at Riverside Neighborhood Park.
- **Lights at Veteran's Memorial:** The lights at the Veteran's Memorial are currently malfunctioning. The electrician has been contacted and we anticipate that the lights will be operational by end of next week.
- **Town Parking Permits:** Beginning Monday, October 9, 2017, the existing parking permit program will be administered through the police department. This change is being made to improve the administrative efficiency of the program. Residents who wish to obtain a parking permit or visitor pass should visit the Riverdale Park Police Department at 5004 Queensbury Road and speak with Tracey Perrin. Ms. Perrin may be reached by phone at 301-927-4343 or e-mail tperrin@riverdaleparkmd.gov.
- **Free Daily Shuttle:** Riverdale Park Station features a FREE daily shuttle from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It runs every 15 minutes between Riverdale Park Station, College Park Metro Station and Prince George's Plaza Metro Station. The shuttle stop is located near the main entrance to the Whole Foods Market. Use it for quick and easy access to work, shopping, recreation and regional transit. Visit www.rpstransit.com/shutte for more details.

Environment

- **Town Fall Tree Planting:** Residents who wish to have a tree planted in of front or near their property this fall are asked to contact the Department of Public Works at 301.864.1803. Requests must be received by October 20, 2017.
- **Fall Flower Pots:** The Town has cleared flower pots of spring/summer plants and fall planting will begin soon.
- **Saturday Bulk Trash Drop-off:** The Saturday drop-off of bulk trash items will be held on October 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Columbus Day:** Trash will be collected on Columbus Day, Monday, October 9, 2017 and Town offices will be open.
- **Data Focused:** Please see below for a comprehensive report regarding trash and recycling collected in the Town of Riverdale Park during the month of September. The goal remains to increase recycling and lower the tonnage of trash. The efforts of every resident are greatly appreciated in adding to our shared sustainability.

September 1 to September 30, 2017

<u>Collected by:</u>	<u>Trash Tonnage</u>	<u>Recycling Tonnage</u>
Bates	133.48 tons	68.79 tons
Town	<u>6.79 tons</u>	<u>3.06 tons</u>
TOTAL	140.27 tons	71.85 tons

Community Engagement

- **Prince George’s County Zoning Re-write Listening Sessions:** The Prince George's County Planning Department is seeking feedback on the Comprehensive Review Draft of the new Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. Attend one of three Countywide Listening Sessions to learn more about the revised codes:
 - Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at the Harmony Hall Regional Center 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 - Comprehensive Review Drafts are available at:
<http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/?p=2251>
 - Real-Time Feedback: <https://pgplanning.civiccomment.org/>
 - Provide input through Civiccomment, email, phone, or in-person by December 15, 2017.

- Prince George's County Comprehensive Housing Strategy - First Public Meeting: Prince George's County will hold their first public meeting to discuss a comprehensive housing strategy that will focus on housing choices and options for the future needs of the County. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Oxon Hill High School (6701 Leyte Drive, Oxon Hill, 20745). For more information about the Comprehensive Housing Strategy visit <http://mypgc.us/housingstrategy>.
- Open House regarding alignment of superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) system: Maryland Department of Transportation is evaluating constructing and operating a high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) system between Washington, DC and Baltimore, Maryland with an intermediate stop at BWI Airport. The potential alignments have been released and the Department of Transportation is holding several Open Houses to review the latest four alignments. The Open House will take place on Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Bowie State University. For more information, visit: <http://baltimorewashingtonscmaglevproject.com/index.php>

Development

- Trolley Trail and Ongoing Construction at Riverdale Park Station: The section of the Trolley Trail that passes through Riverdale Park Station is scheduled to open in late October or early November. Construction continues near that area and safety is the primary reason for keeping the trail closed. Please do not attempt to utilize that section of the trail nor access any parts of the construction area (including the bridge). Safety first!
- CSX Crossing Update: 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 the First quarter of 2018. The bridge builder, Shirley Contracting, continues to build the sidewalks and barrier along the retaining walls and the bridge deck. Construction on the retaining wall system on the east and west abutment has been completed. Earthwork and drainage operations continue adjacent to the former ERCO plant. Grading and curb work has been completed on the east approach to the bridge and continues on the west approach to the bridge. This work will continue through the Fourth quarter of 2017. The construction will continue to be monitored to assure compliance with County work hours and noise regulations.
- Purple Line Construction Notices: Purple Line construction is underway and you can 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.
- Grand Openings: Several new businesses located in Riverdale Park Station are planning grand openings in the coming weeks. Please join us in welcoming them to our Town!
 - Xfinity Store: Thursday, October 12th at 3:00 p.m.
- Notice received by Town:
 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept the following application: Mall at Prince George's Pad Site and Infrastructure for Future Freestanding Restaurant DSP-99044-14 located at 3430 East-West Highway in Hyattsville. For more information, contact Nicholas B. Speach at 301-809-4500 or M-

- NCPPC case reviewer, Joe Dehaurte at 301-952-3530.
- Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has received the following application: Waiver and Request for Reconsideration for 4-12014 Litton Technology Center. The application will be placed on the October 5, 2017 Planning Board agenda. For more information, contact Whitney Chellis at 301-952-4325.
 - Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for Rahimi Overlook (4-17025), located at 5809 44th Avenue in Hyattsville will be submitted to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). For more information, contact Ziyad Shalabi at 301-459-5932.
 - A Special Permit Application (Pre-application no. 170001) for 4111 East West Highway, Hyattsville, has been submitted to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) by Mama's Care Assisted Living Facility. The nature of the review is to increase occupancy from eight residents to fourteen residents with no expansion of the footprint of the existing building or parking lot. For more information, contact Linowes and Blocher LLP at 301-654-0504 or M-NCPPC (after the application has been filed) at 301-952-3530.
 - An application for Certification of Nonconforming Use for Monroe Gardens (Application no. CNU-46749-2017), located at 5353 Quincy Street, Hyattsville, will be submitted to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). For more information, contact Norman D. Rivera, Esq. at 301-580-3287.
- **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: October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/10182017-959>

Planning Board: ~~October 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)~~ *Meeting cancelled*

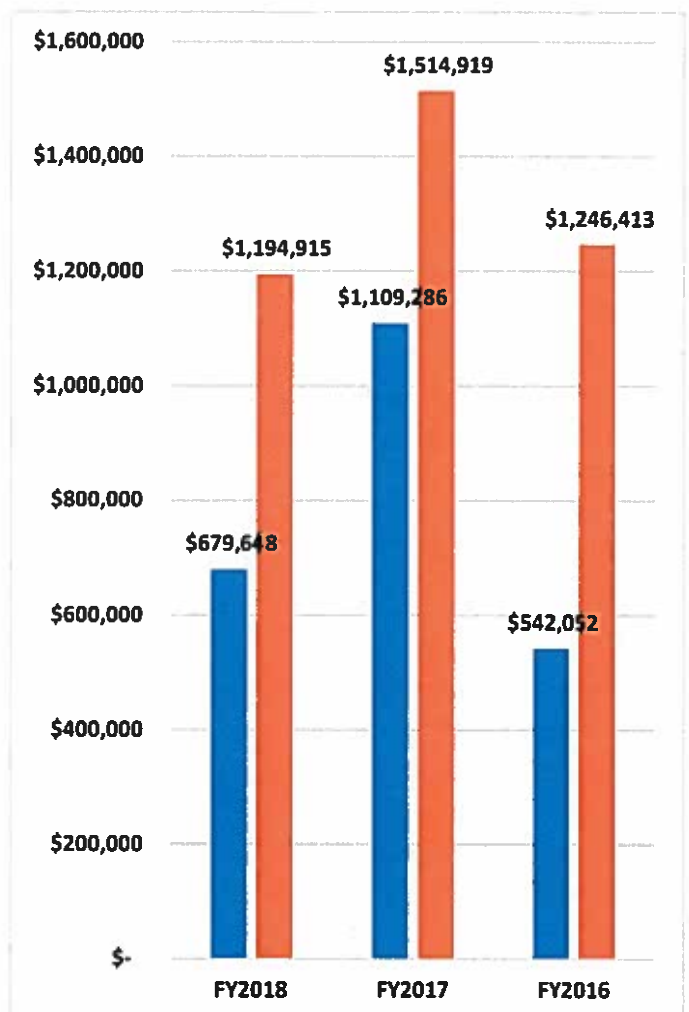
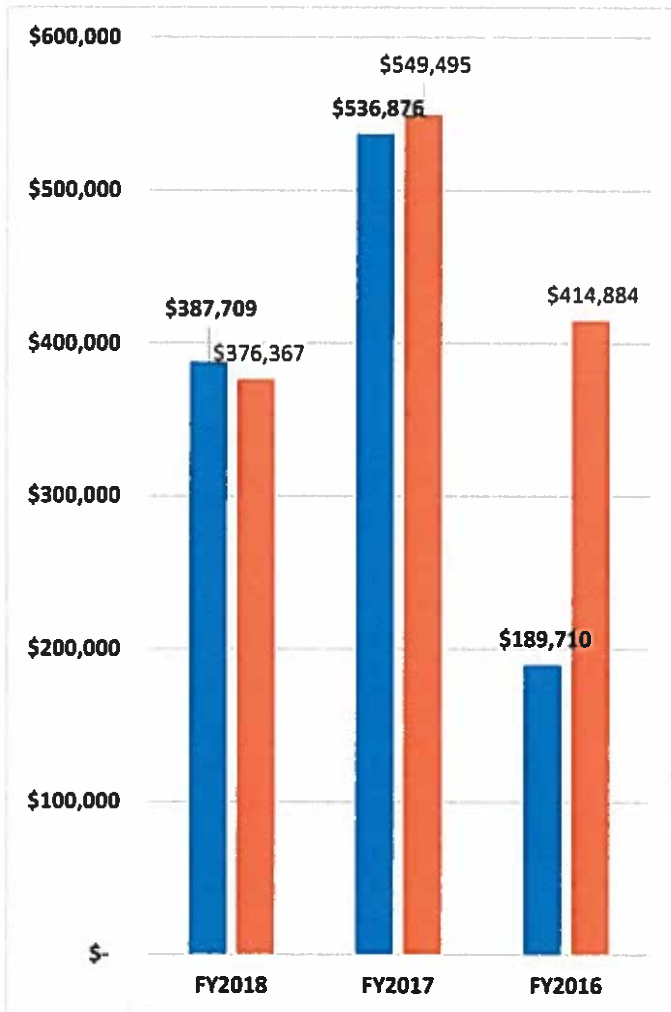
Historic Preservation Commission: October 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)

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Finance

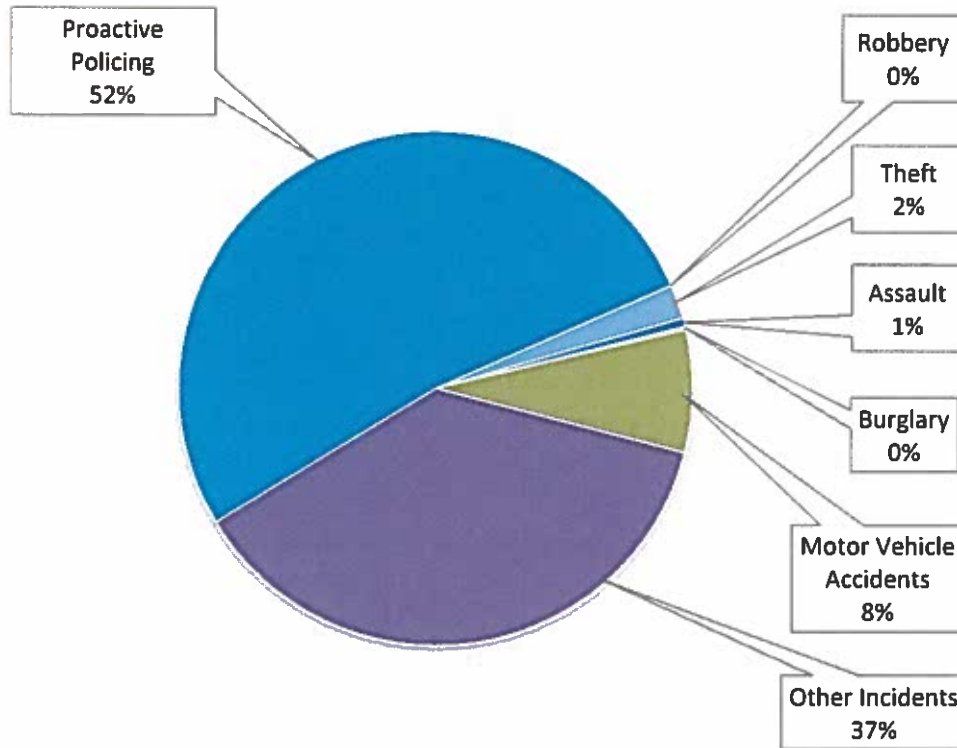
Revenue and Expense Comparison: The illustration below compares both the month of September and the Year-to-Date (YTD) revenue and expense numbers to periods in previous fiscal years. The numbers thus far for FY2018 are most comparable with FY2016. It is important to know that most of the Town's revenue is generated through the real property tax. The bulk of this revenue will be received in the second quarter (Oct – Dec) of the fiscal year (FY).

<u>September</u>			<u>Year-to-Date (YTD) Total</u>		
<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
\$ 387,709	\$ 536,876	\$ 189,710	\$ 679,648	\$ 1,109,286	\$ 542,052
<u>\$ 376,367</u>	<u>\$ 549,495</u>	<u>\$ 414,884</u>	<u>\$ 1,194,915</u>	<u>\$ 1,514,919</u>	<u>\$ 1,246,413</u>
\$ 11,342	\$ (12,619)	\$ (225,174)	\$ (515,267)	\$ (405,632)	\$ (704,361)



Police

September 21 to October 4, 2017 Calls for Service 558



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, 290 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 Riverdale Road for a domestic assault. The victim reported being assaulted by her boyfriend. Officers observed signs of injury to the victim. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect who had fled the scene.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of Spring Lane for a stolen vehicle. A 2000 Honda Civic was stolen after it was left running and unattended.

Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a suicidal male. Family members reported the victim was threatening to kill himself with a kitchen knife. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the hospital for an emergency evaluation.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5300 block of Taylor Road. During, a probable cause search officers discovered 30 grams of Marijuana. The driver was placed under arrest for possession of CDS.

Officers observed a group of individuals drinking alcohol in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. Upon contacting the group, two individuals were issued citations for open alcohol containers.

Officers responded to the Wells Fargo bank for a disorderly male. A disorderly customer refused officers requests to calm down and lower his voice. He was removed from the business and issued a criminal citation for disorderly conduct.

Officers conducted a traffic stop on an unregistered vehicle in the 6800 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The driver was an unlicensed juvenile. Additionally, there were 3 juvenile passengers under 11 years of age. The driver was arrested and ultimately released into the custody of his parents.

Update:

The Town, working in concert with Opto-Traffic, is employing new speed camera technology on Riverdale Road. On October 4th, the existing RADAR operated camera was replaced with LIDAR technology. LIDAR uses laser technology enhancing our traffic safety efforts by capturing both lanes of travel near Riverdale Elementary School. Riverdale Elementary is a 100 % walking school and the Town remains committed to safeguarding our children.

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager