

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 20 for 2017



November 3, 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 November 17, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

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| Regular Legislative Meeting | November 6, 2017, 8:00 p.m. | Town Hall |
| Council Work Session | November 27, 2017, 8:00 p.m. | Town Hall |

Community

- **Town of Riverdale Park Celebrates Veterans:** Please plan to join with us in celebrating our veterans on Saturday, November 11 at 11 a.m. We will begin with a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Natoli Place followed by a light luncheon at Town Hall. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.
- **Story Time for Pre-schoolers at Town Hall:** In partnership with Prince George's County Memorial Library System and Riverdale Park Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization, Town Hall will host the Ready 2 Read Storytime for ages 3-5 on Thursdays starting on November 2nd. Ready 2 Read Storytime will run from 1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. This event supports the Town's vision to utilize Town Hall for purposes that support our community.

Transportation

- **Hiker – Biker / Trolley Trail Now Open:** A temporary trail route through the Riverdale Park Station is now open. The final alignment providing connectivity directly through the development is planned to be open in April 2018.
- **Lafayette Street under the East-West Highway Bridge:** The State Highway Administration (SHA) has made repairs to the underside (decking) of the bridge to prevent stones from falling. SHA has also made repairs to the damaged street lights. SHA remains in the area, near the Trolley Trail, to complete other needed repairs under the bridge.

Community Engagement

- **Upcoming Meetings regarding MAGLEV:** Delegate Alonzo Washington is working to host a community meeting about the potential impacts of MAGLEV (the proposed high-speed rail whose proposed alignments go through several District 3 communities) at Parkdale High School on Thursday, November 9th. He has invited representatives from BW Rapid Rail and the Maryland Department of Transportation. Please contact his office at (301) 858-3652 for more information.

In addition to attending meetings, written comments may be submitted to the State and Federal government on this project. The potential track alignments can be viewed online at <http://bwmaglev.info/index.php/web-application>. Comments can be submitted online at <http://bwmaglev.info/index.php/contact-us>, via e-mail to info@BaltimoreWashingtonSCMaglevProject.com or by mail to SCMAGLEV Project, c/o Suhair Al Khatib, Maryland Transit Administration, 6 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

- **Purple Line Update:** On October 19th, Town staff attended the first Riverdale Park Community Advisory Team (CAT) meeting held by the Purple Line Transit Partners. The Town is represented on the CAT by the Mayor and the Town Manager. The following link is to the information that was provided at the meeting:
http://www.purplelinemd.com/images/public_involvement/community_advisory_teams/riverdale_park/2017-10-19%20Riverdale%20Park%20CAT%20Meeting%201%20Presentation.pdf
- **Purple Line Construction Notices:** Purple Line construction is underway. The next twelve (12) months of construction will focus on utility relocation work. You 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.

Environment

- **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Construction:** WSSC will be in the community performing repairs on their lines. Currently, WSSC will be working in the Wells Run channel at Ravenswood Road and although they will not be excavating in the roadway, they will be parking near the bridge. Residents will be notified as we receive information updates. WSSC has also been notified of a possible water main break on Riverdale Road, just west of the bridge over the Northeast Branch.
- **Leaf Collection Schedule:** As part of the fall leaf vacuuming service, leaves will be collected from November 2nd through January 15, 2018. DPW will vacuum leaves from Town streets following the schedule below:

| Curbside Leaf Collection Schedule November 2, 2017 to January 15, 2018 | |
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| Day | Wards |
| Monday | 1,3,5 and 6 |
| Tuesday | 2 and 4 |
| Wednesday | ALL WARDS (regular yard collection day) Bates Trucking Company will collect BAGGED LEAVES . Please do not include tree branches, wood or other debris in the bags. |
| Thursday | 1,3,5 and 6 |
| Friday | 2 and 4 |

Development

- Notice received by Town:
 - A preliminary plan of subdivision will be submitted to the Development Review Division of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) for 4-17025 Hyatt View (prior name, Rahimi Overlook) located at 5809 44th Street, Hyattsville. For more information, contact Ziyad Shalabi at 301-459-5932.
- 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: November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_11082017-974

Planning Board: November 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)
http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1401

Historic Preservation Commission: November 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)
 *Agenda not available at the time of report.

- Permits Issued:

| Permit Number | Address | Permit For |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| 2017-B-80 | 6111 43rd Avenue | Replace retaining wall |
| 2017-B-81 | 5807 Silk Tree Drive | Install 78 roof mounted solar panels |
| 2017-B-82 | 4440 Van Buren Street | Design Changes to Commercial Tenant Layout |
| 2017-B-83 | 6305 Taylor Road | Install 16 roof mounted solar panels |

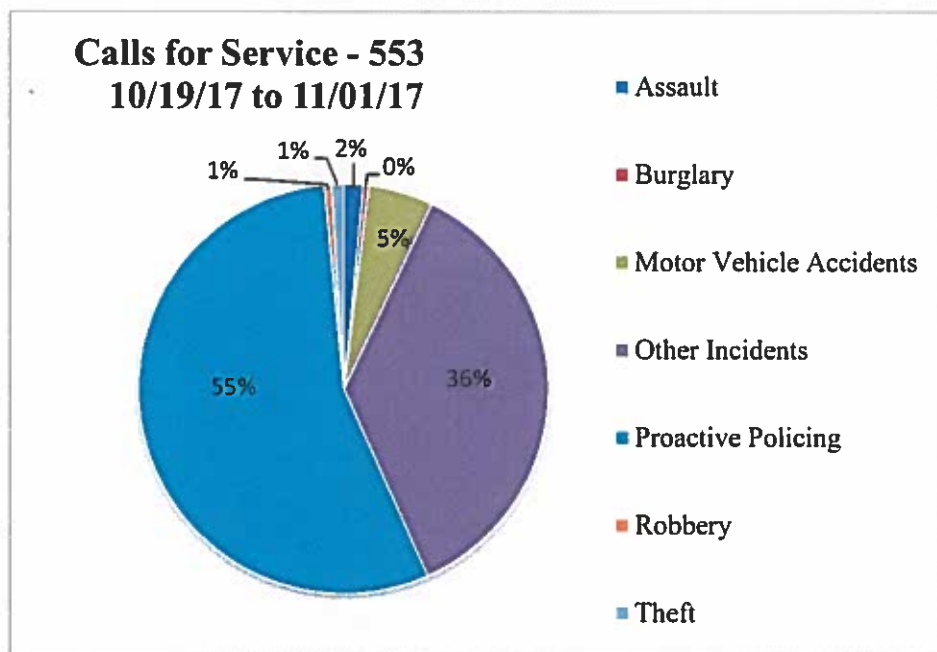
Police

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, 288 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 the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. A 41-year-old male was struck while attempting to cross Kenilworth Avenue. The pedestrian was transported to the hospital and pronounced deceased. The driver of the vehicle remained on the scene. The Prince George's County Police Accident Reconstruction unit responded and assumed investigative responsibility.

Officers observed a group of males fighting in the parking lot of Jefferson Hall apartments. Officers attempted to disperse the crowd and an individual became disorderly and hostile towards officers.

The individual was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and carry a concealed deadly weapon (knife).

Officers responded to the 5400 block of Jefferson Street for a shooting. The preliminary investigation revealed two groups of males got into a verbal altercation in the street. The suspect produced a handgun and began shooting at the victims. A 43-year-old male was struck once in the foot. The victim was transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. CID is following up on several leads. The incident appears to be isolated.

Officers responded to Riverdale Elementary School for a report of a drunk driver. The driver of the vehicle failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for DUI.

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager