

# Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

## Status and Information Report

### Report No. 22 for 2017



December 1, 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 December 15, 2017.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Regular Legislative Meeting	Monday, December 4, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	Monday, December 18, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

#### **Administration**

- **Town Receives Workplace Safety Award:** The Town's efforts to provide a safe work environment are being recognized. The Town of Riverdale Park is one of only 18 recipients of Chesapeake Employer's 2017 Premier Partner Workplace Safety Award. The award is based on the following criteria:
  - Audit compliance;
  - Reported no lost time claims for the preceding 12 or more months;
  - Lag time of 90% or better in the 1 to 3-day range;
  - Loss ratio of 40% or less;
  - Premium of \$25k or more; and
  - Few reported claims in the past 36 months.

The commitment and dedication to safety of every employee is the foundation of the Town's efforts. In accepting this award, the staff team recommit to employ safe work practices in all that we do.

#### **Community Engagement**

- **Installation of Public Art:** The Town's Public Art Initiative provides the community with a rotating, year-round, outdoor, sculpture gallery featuring local artists. New exhibits are being installed. For more information about where the exhibits are located, visit <http://hycdc.org/the-arts/public-art/riverdale-park-public-art-initiative/map/>

- Please plan to join us for our annual Holiday celebrations:
  - Wednesday, December 6, 2017: Seniors Luncheon at Crescent Cities Center from 12noon until 1:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, December 9, 2017: Children’s Party at Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12noon
  - Saturday, December 16, 2017: Holiday Market at Town Center from 12noon to 8:00 p.m. and Festival of Lights at MARC Station from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Information for Students Interested in Summer Jobs: Last summer the Town participated in the Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program through Prince George’s County Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM). OHRM is gearing up for the 2018 Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program (Youth@Work/SYEP). For students to participate they must:
  - 1) register for the Job Readiness Training at [www.pgcc.edu](http://www.pgcc.edu), starting Friday, December 1, 2017, and;
  - 2) apply for summer employment at [YouthAtWork.mypgc.us](http://YouthAtWork.mypgc.us) (Once the application period opens on February 1, 2018).

We look forward to working with OHRM again this year and encourage students in Riverdale Park to register!

- 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. The event started on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and is scheduled to continue every Thursday throughout the school-year. This event supports the Town’s vision to utilize Town Hall for purposes that support our community.
- 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](http://purplelinemd.com), find “Construction” and click on “Subscribe for Updates”. The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.
- Community Walk: On November 20<sup>th</sup> Town staff participated in a Community Walk in Ward 2. The 2018 proposed calendar lists twelve (12) dates from March through November for Community Walks. These walks provide opportunities for residents and business owners to join elected officials and members from the staff leadership team to walk specific areas of the Town as they discuss challenges, opportunities and progress achieved.

### Environment

- Request for Resident Input: The Town is requesting community input on the Town’s vision for environmental sustainability. This core area statement will assist the staff and the community as the Town works to enhance existing programs and implement new initiatives related to environmental sustainability. Please forward any comments or suggestions to [community\\_input@RiverdaleParkMD.gov](mailto:community_input@RiverdaleParkMD.gov).
- Fall Tree Planting Begins: Replacements for trees and stumps that were removed, dead, or dying are currently being planted by the Department of Public Works.

- **Leaf Collection Continues:** As part of the fall leaf vacuuming service, leaves will be collected from November 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 15, 2018. So far, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has collected 151 cubic yards of leaves. DPW will continue to vacuum leaves from Town streets following the schedule below:

<b>Curbside Leaf Collection Schedule November 2, 2017 to January 15, 2018</b>	
<b>Day</b>	<b>Wards</b>
Mondays	1,3,5 and 6
Tuesdays	2 and 4
Wednesdays	ALL WARDS (regular yard collection day) Bates Trucking Company will collect <b>BAGGED LEAVES</b> . Please do not include tree branches, wood or other debris in the bags.
Thursdays	1,3,5 and 6
Fridays	2 and 4

### Development

- **Improving Neighborhoods:** The Town’s plan to commit resources to improving neighborhoods is now in the implementation phase. A dedicated team of professionals with broad-based experience is in place. In addition to administering the regulatory programs (inspections, licensing and permits), the Development Services team will also be working on community and economic development programs and initiatives.

If you have concerns about conditions in your neighborhood or would like to become involved in neighborhood improvement activities, please contact the Development Services team via email at [neighborhoodconcerns@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:neighborhoodconcerns@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or please call (301) 927-6381, and dial “3” (after selecting the language prompt for English or Spanish).

- **Purple Line Community Coalition:** The Town Manager represented the Town at the Purple Line Community Coalition meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The ceremonial signing of the related Community Development Agreement, brought together public, non-profit and private partners in the spirit of a shared vision for the Purple Line. The Mayor and Council endorsed the agreement at their November 6<sup>th</sup> legislative meeting.
- **Parking Structure Progress at Riverdale Park Station:** CBG Building Company has begun construction on the new multi-level parking structure on parcel E – the building 5 pad site. The concrete placement began on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Over the next two weeks, work will continue on the lower level footing for the garage and upper level footings on the west elevation. Beginning the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>, wet utility work will progress along 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Woodberry Street and Van Buren Street. CBG will monitor and provide notice of any temporary road closures for connections required at existing manholes and/or valves located in the streets. Temporary electric service is currently being installed at the power poles located back of the curb along Rhode Island Avenue.

- **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Public Hearing Notice:** A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Metro Headquarters (600 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001) regarding proposed changes to WMATA facilities at Bethesda, Silver Spring and New Carrollton Metro Stations (Docket R17-02). For more information, visit [www.wmata.com/initiatives](http://www.wmata.com/initiatives).
- **Notice received by Town:**
  - A preliminary plan of subdivision and detailed site plan will be submitted to the Development Review Division of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) for Hillel at the University of Maryland (PPS 4-17038 and DSP-17052) located at 7505 Yale Avenue, College Park. For more information, contact Lawrence N. Taub, Esq. at (301)-952-3530.
- **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:** December 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)  
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/12062017-993>

**Planning Board:** December 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)  
<http://mncppc.igmp2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1385&Inline=True>

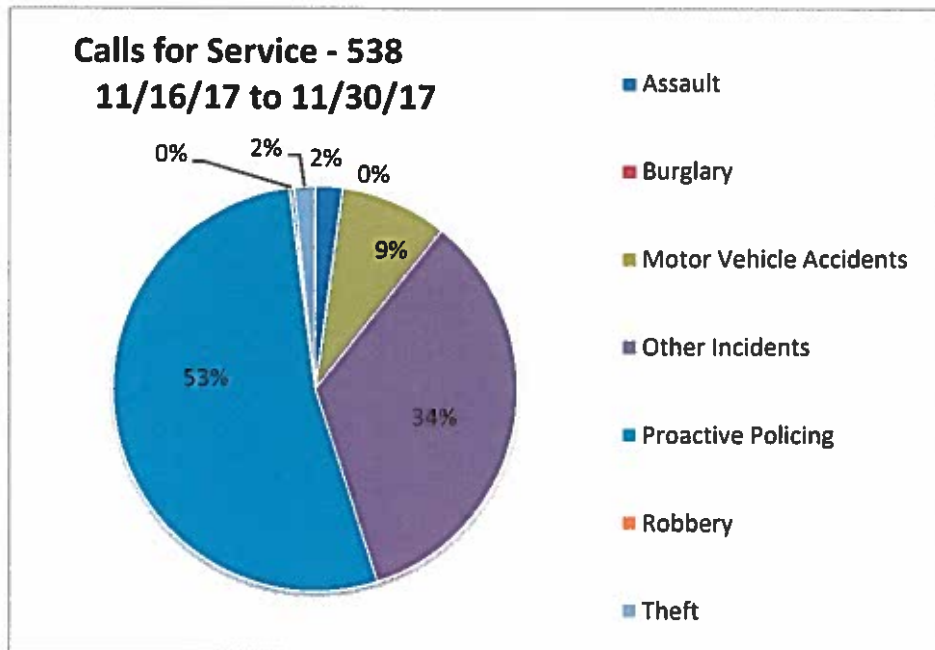
**Historic Preservation Commission:** *No meeting scheduled at time of report.*

- **Permits Issued:**

Permit #	Address	Project Description
2017-B-85	4440 Van Buren Street	West patio seating with fire table (gas)
2017-B-86	4440 Van Buren Street	East patio seating
2017-B-87	5309 Riverdale Road	Solar Panels

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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, 285 or 53% 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 contacted a suspicious person while conducting foot patrol at Jefferson Hall Apartments. A records check revealed the individual had an open warrant for possession of CDS. He was placed under arrest without incident.

Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace for a domestic assault. The investigation revealed the victim was assaulted by her husband. The suspect was placed under arrest for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault. The victim was put in contact with the Family Crisis Center for assistance.

Officers responded to the 5300 block of Riverdale Road for a citizen robbery. The victims reported being robbed in the rear parking lot of the apartment building. The suspects produced a handgun and stole the victim's money and cell phone. The incident wasn't reported for several days and the investigation is on-going.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. During a probable cause search officers discovered 46.2 grams of suspected Marijuana. The driver and passenger were placed under arrest for possession with intent to distribute.

Officers responded to a bar located on 6200 block Kenilworth Avenue for a recovered handgun. Security officers recovered the handgun from a patron attempting to enter the business. The suspect had left the area prior to the officers arriving. Through investigative means the suspect was identified charged with carrying a handgun on his person.

Officers located a suspicious person to the rear of Riverdale Plaza shopping center. The subject was found to be under the influence of PCP. The suspect was taken into custody for an emergency psychological evaluation. The suspect was found to be in possession of 37.5 grams of liquid PCP. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect.

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager