

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 3 for 2017



March 10, 2017

To Mayor Archer 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 March 24, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Chief's Community Advisory Committee Meeting	March 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	March 27, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	April 3, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Town Administration

Listening:

- Parents and students give input on playground design: A community meeting was held on March 8th at Riverdale Elementary School to receive public input on the Riverdale Road Park Playground project. Parents and students in attendance voted for their favorite playground equipment options. Students who were unable to attend the meeting will have an opportunity to vote at school. Prince George's County Parks and Recreation also created an online survey to garner additional community input.
- Business Association shares thoughts on expectations and development: The Town Manager met with the Riverdale Park Business Association on March 8th. The ideas and concerns expressed centered on the need to collaborate and to be action oriented. Some concerns were raised about the Town's business licensing program. This program is currently being reviewed and amendments will be offered for consideration at a future Mayor and Council meeting.

Data Focused:

- Recycling data now tracked: To benchmark the Town’s residential recycling efforts the tonnage of trash and recycling is now reported by month. The goal is obvious, increase recycling and lower the tonnage of trash. The efforts of every resident are greatly appreciated in adding to our shared sustainability.

Month	Residential Trash Tonnage	Residential Recycling Tonnage
January	70.28 tons	21.28 tons
February	60.17 tons	21.03 tons

Office of the Town Clerk

- Reminder to residents regarding May 1 Election: As a reminder, the Town’s website includes a section with important information for the upcoming election. Please be sure to check back frequently as items are still being added.
- Website RFP brings lots of new ideas for Town website redesign: The Town’s RFP for website redesign services closed on March 10, 2017, with 10 vendors submitting proposals. Proposals will be evaluated and a final recommendation will be made to the Mayor and Council at a future meeting.

Finance Department

- New copier contract saves money and increases efficiency: Town staff researched options for a new copier lease agreement. Staff negotiated a lease for new Xerox brand equipment with increased capabilities at an annual savings of approximately \$720. Each building (Town Hall, the Police building, and Public Works) will receive new equipment through this agreement.

Human Resource Department

- Safety First: Department of Public Works staff are currently undergoing a series of safety classes in preparation for the upcoming spring season. The classes cover topics such as handling power tools, the correct way to lift objects, and eye safety. These classes help to protect employees, as well as keep the Town’s accident insurance premiums low.
- Training to control cost: The Human Resource Director attended a two-day health benefits seminar sponsored by the Town’s health care provider, Benecon. The information gleaned from the seminar will assist the Town in managing health benefit programs and the related cost.

Department of Public Works

Environmental Stewardship:

- Reminder regarding bulk trash drop-off: The next bulk trash drop off will be Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Town moves to expand tree canopy: In preparation for the tree planting season, Town residents who would like a tree planted in front of their homes are asked to contact the Department of Public Works (DPW). Trees may only be planted within the Town’s right-of-way. The telephone number to call is 301-864-1803. All requests for trees will be considered as the Spring 2017 Tree Planting plan is finalized.
 - Staff from Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization CDC (CKAR) met with Town staff on March 9th to discuss CKAR’s program to expand the tree canopy throughout the area. This program is primarily focused on planting trees on private property. If you would like a tree planted on your property, please contact Patricia Hayes-Parker at peparker@ckarcdc.org.

 - Town plans for Arbor Day 2017: Staff are working to confirm the logistics for our upcoming Arbor Day celebration. Save-the-date as the celebration is being planned for April 19th!

 - Town works with PEPCO to ensure adequate tree replanting along Hiker/Biker Trail: PEPCO has provided the Town with a plan for tree replanting along the Hiker/Biker Trail. This plan is needed to replace the 69 trees that are slated to be removed due to their deteriorated condition and proximity to the company’s primary mainline. SEE ATTACHED SCHEMATIC.

- Partnering to improve the community: On February 28, 2017 Cpl. Green, Cpl. Prawdzik, Pfc. Swann, and Pvt. Harbitz, along with members of the Department of Public Works teamed up with residents to clean up the area behind the BP gas station on Kenilworth Avenue. Over 20 large bags of trash were removed from the area.

Police Department

Activity for February 22-March 8, 2017:

Calls for Service	572	DUI Arrests	5
Arrests/Warrants	8	Reports Filed	63
Accidents	38		

Reports:

2-22-17: An unknown subject stole a concrete saw from the reporting person’s open truck bed at 5603 Kenilworth Avenue. Theft over \$1000.00 report completed and entered into NCIC as stolen.

2-23-17: Officers responded to a call for an assault in the parking lot of 5609 54th Avenue. Investigation revealed the victim was assaulted during a robbery attempt by three subjects, one of which was armed with a knife. Officer Estrada located suspects matching the description and Sgt. Major Vitchock located the weapon in close proximity. After a positive identification, all three suspects were arrested and charged with assault and armed robbery. Job Well Done!

2-24-17: Officers responded to 5600 Riverdale Road for a theft report. The victim advised that while she was distracted, an unknown suspect stole her wallet and cell phone which was left unattended on her table.

2-25-17: Officers responded to Town Center Market for two disorderly customers. Subsequently, one subject was arrested when he refused to abate his conduct and continued to disrupt business.

2-26-17: Officer Amaya attempted to stop a vehicle matching the description of a vehicle wanted by PGPD for numerous robberies. The driver and another male fled from the vehicle after it became stuck in a culvert and eluded capture. A black ski mask and several loose packs of cigarettes were recovered from the vehicle. PGPD Robbery Suppression Team were notified for further investigation.

2-27-17: Officers responded to 5600 54th Avenue and served a protection order related to domestic violence.

3-1-17: Officers issued a criminal summons for possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) in response to a call for service with information received from a citizen.

3-1-17: Officers arrested a suspect on an arrest warrant for threat of arson after he threatened to burn down Town Center Market. The suspect had been previously arrested after causing a disturbance inside the business on a previous occasion.

3-3-17: While investigating another complaint, officers located six vagrants inside the old Riverdale Theatre, 5617 Riverdale Road. It appeared that the building has been a haven for vagrants who gain entry through an unsecure rear door. The interior is littered with trash, human feces, and mattresses. The Richmond Corporation was notified of the situation and the need to obtain services to remove the trash and secure the building. Officers are maintaining routine area checks to abate further issues.

3-4-17: A local resident located his reported stolen 2009 Acura, unoccupied at 6211 Baltimore Avenue. Investigation revealed that the vehicle wasn't actually stolen, but was reported stolen to PGPD after the resident became intoxicated and forgot where he parked his car.

3-5-17: Officers responded to 5600 54th Avenue for a domestic dispute. One party (suspect subsequently arrested) made numerous calls to RPPD making indirect threats about hurting his roommate. Officers responded to the location encountering the suspect and his roommate. While officers were on scene the suspect threatened to kill his roommate. The suspect was determined to be in violation of a peace order and was arrested for V.O.P.

3-8-17: Officers responded to Riverdale Road and 54th Avenue to assist US Marshals with picking up a homicide suspect from Montgomery County. The suspect was wanted for killing his friend over a drug deal. The suspect was taken into custody without incident by the US Marshals.

Update:

On 2-18-17: Patrol officers were flagged down in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a citizen robbery. The case was assigned to the RPPD CID. On 03-02-17, the suspects, Ever Hernandez-Delcid and Jose Vasquez-Ramirez were charged with Armed Robbery, Assault First Degree, and Theft. The suspects are currently incarcerated at the Department of Corrections awaiting trial.

Chief attends Executive Training: On March 1-2, 2017, Chief Morris attended Fair & Impartial Policing training for Executive Staff. Hosted by the University of Maryland Police Department.

Chief provides insight at State Hearings: Over the past several weeks, Chief Morris has testified in Annapolis on several bills that directly impact law enforcement to include:

- SB224/HB294 – Regulated Firearms – Definition of Convicted of a Disqualifying Crime
- SB826 – Wearing, Carrying, or transporting a Handgun – Penalties- Subsequent Offenders
- HB1079 – Crossing by Pedestrians of Roadway – Authority of Local Jurisdictions
- HB1503 - Public Safety - State Funding - Requirement for Use of Force De-Escalation Training of Law Enforcement Officers

Neighborhood Improvement:

- Staff researching new tool to fight blight: Staff are in the process of reviewing nuisance abatement options to speed the removal of trash and debris from private property. The current process requires that staff follow a court procedure to have discarded items and other debris removed from private property. This process takes several months and the conditions remain during this time. This is often a point of frustration for neighboring residents. Staff research shows that options are available that will permit the timely removal of such conditions. Information is being sent to the Town attorney for review and comment.
- License and Permitting Report:

Permit Requests: 4

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-19	4501 Woodberry Street	Revision of plans for electrical, mechanical & fire
2017-B-20	4401 Woodberry Street	Revise drawing for fire alarm
2017-B-21	4905 Queensbury Road	Driveway
2017-B-22	4604 Oliver Street	6ft wooden fence

Approved Permits: 4

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-11	4909 Queensbury Road	New single family home
2017-B-12	4907 Queensbury Road	Raze existing home and replace with new single family home
2017-B-13	4909 Queensbury Road	Install new curb cut
2017-B-14	4907 Queensbury Road	Remove and repair old curb cut and replace with new curb cut

Issued License: 1

License Type	Address	License For
Temporary Business License	5413 Riverdale Road	Operation of a Flea Market on Saturday and Sunday

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian
Town Manager



Street Overview Map - Feeder ID:
34025 Municipal Replacement Trees

County: Prince George's, MD
District: Pepco - PG
Substation: Riverdale

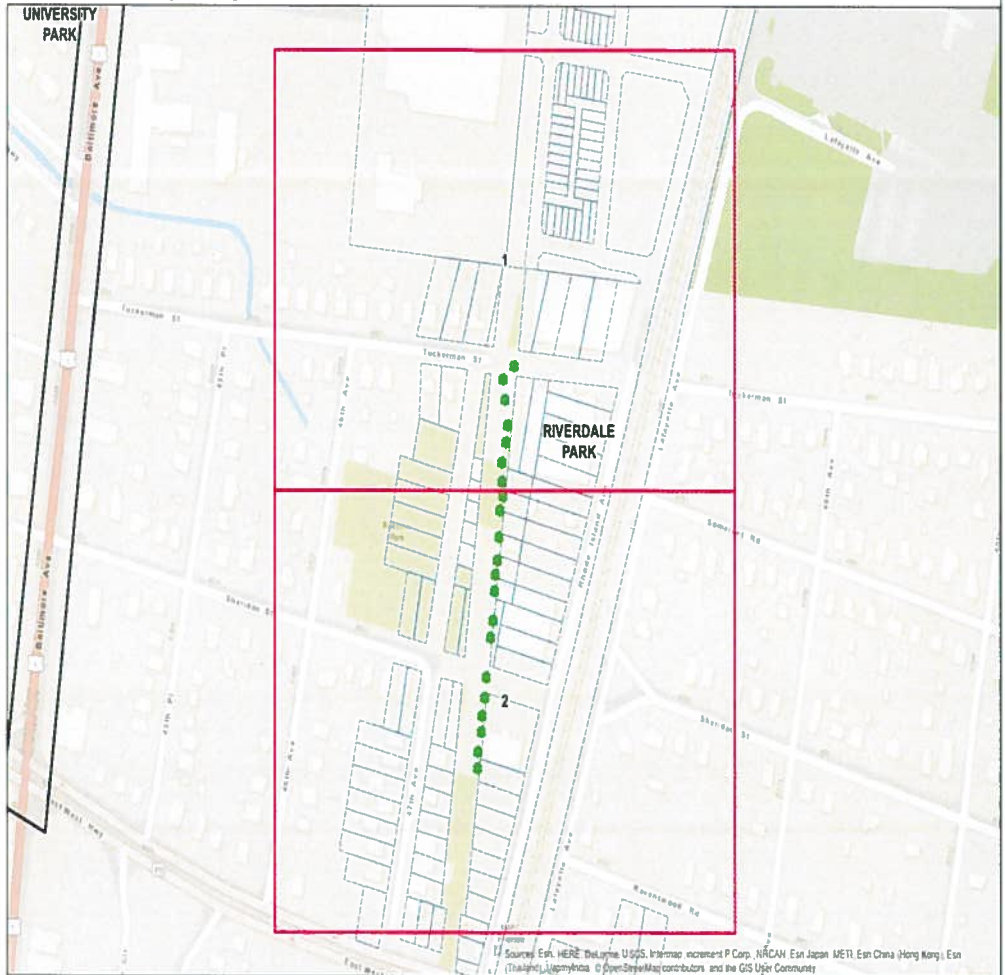
Planner: SET (202) 774-7012
Planning Date: March 7, 2017



Work Layers

Replacement Tree (21)

Parcels (140)



Completed by CA
Date 3/7/2017

