

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 5 for 2017



April 7, 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 April 21, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Work Session	April 24, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting (Election Results)	May 1, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Special Legislative Meeting	May 2, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Town Administration

Stewardship:

- Celebrate Arbor Day 2017: A ceremonial tree planting will be held on Wednesday, **April 19th** at 10:00 a.m. behind Riverdale Elementary School. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please plan to join us in celebrating Arbor Day!
- Celebrate Earth Day 2017: The Town supports and participates in the Anacostia Watershed Society's annual Earth Day Celebration in its efforts to clean up the Anacostia River. The event will be held on Saturday, **April 22nd** from 9:00 a.m. – noon and is scheduled to occur at Tanglewood Neighborhood Park.
- Sustainability Committee: This group of resident volunteers continues to make solid progress on an effort for the Town to achieve recertification as a Sustainable Maryland Certified community. For more information and to get involved, contact the Town at town@riverdaleparkmd.gov or 301-927-6381.

Promoting Safety:

- May is Building Safety Month: Staff are finalizing plans for outreach and education focusing on building / home safety throughout the month of May. A proclamation recognizing May as Building Safety Month will be offered at the May 2nd Special Legislative Meeting. Each week during the month will focus on an aspect of building / home safety.
- Town's Code Office conducting inspections: The Town's Code Office is presently conducting their annual inspections of rental dwelling units. If you have a concern about property conditions, please call 301-209-1576 or code@riverdaleparkmd.gov.
- Rental Property Numbers solidifying: The residential rental licensing programs focus on safety. In an earlier report, staff noted that a comprehensive review was underway to ensure consistent application of the rental licensing program. Staff report that at least one-hundred additional properties have been identified as residential rental properties. Staff are currently working with these owners to ensure compliance.

Office of the Town Clerk

- Important Dates for Upcoming Election:
 - Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot: April 21, 2017
 - Election Day: May 1, 2017, Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt this Weekend: The Town's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Riverside Neighborhood Park. We look forward to seeing you there!

Department of Public Works

Neighborhood Improvement:

- Earth Day - Community Curbside Clean-up: Celebrate Earth Day by participating in Riverdale Park's annual community curbside clean-up. Residents are offered the opportunity to put their yard waste/bulk trash items on the curb on Friday evening, April 21, for pick up on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Collections will end at 2:00PM on April 22. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead to participate in this opportunity for curbside pickup.

The following items are **ineligible** for pick up during the Community Clean Up:

- Remodeling lumber, flooring material, plaster, plasterboard and interior tile
- Fencing material or poles
- Air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers
- Lawnmowers or other gas powered tools
- Major automobile components
- Tires
- Dirt, stone, gravel and sod
- Concrete blocks and bricks, cement

- Antifreeze and oil
 - Glass, windows, door panels, fish tanks
 - Paint
 - Hazardous materials and chemicals
- April Bulk Trash Schedule Reminder: Bulk Trash Drop-off days are on the third Saturday of each month. Items are only accepted between 9:00AM – 2:00PM. The schedule follows:

Upcoming Bulk Trash Drop-off Days

<u>February</u>	<u>18th</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>9AM to 2PM</u>
April	15 th	Saturday	9AM to 2PM
May	20 th	Saturday	9AM to 2PM
June	17 th	Saturday	9AM to 2PM

- Keeping Our Community Safe: DPW has ordered new signs to be installed and has painted curbs on the east side of Taylor Road, south of Riverdale Road to create a No Parking, No Standing and No Stopping Zone as directed by the Mayor and Council. This Zone will go into effect after the school year has ended.

Police Department

Activity for March 23- April 5, 2017:

Calls for Service	561	DUI Arrests	5
Arrests/Warrants	10	Reports Filed	59
Accidents	37		

Reports:

3-24-17: Officer Amaya conducted a traffic stop in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The driver fled the vehicle on foot and was apprehended a short distance away. The driver was charged with numerous traffic violations, and related criminal charges.

03-25-17: Officers responded to the Choptank for a disorderly person. Subject refused to leave the premises, and was charged with trespassing, false statement, and disorderly conduct.

03-25-17: Officers observed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of Riverdale Plaza. The driver was charged with possessing an open alcoholic beverage container and related traffic offenses.

03-28-17: Officers responded to 5309 Riverdale Road for a theft from auto. Work tools were taken from the vehicle.

03-30-17: Officers responded to 5610 54th Avenue for a theft from auto. Work tools were taken from the vehicle.

03-30-17: Officer Bennett attempted to stop a vehicle in the 5600 block of Nicholson Street. The vehicle refused to stop, and fled the area. The vehicle and driver were located during an area canvass, and the driver was charged with related traffic offenses.

3-30-17: Officers responded to 5401 Kenilworth Avenue for an intoxicated patron who refused to leave the premises. The subject was charged trespassing, disorderly conduct and drinking in public.

3-31-17: Officers responded to 6019 Baltimore Avenue for an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The vehicle was entered into NCIC. Later that day, the vehicle was located in the 4500 block of Crain Highway, Bowie, MD.

4-1-17: Officers responded to the Family Dollar for a theft report. Cleaning supplies were taken from the business.

4-4-17: Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Spring Lane. During a probable cause search, under 10 grams of marijuana was recovered. The driver was charged with related traffic offenses.

Update:

On 3-22-17, RPPD personnel participated in the Hyattsville Safe Streets Initiative warrant enforcement operation.

A collective effort from our law enforcement partners from Hyattsville City Police Department, Prince George's County Police Department and Sheriff's Department, Bladensburg Police Department, Riverdale Park Police Department, Edmonson Police Department, University Park Police Department, and Department of Corrections formed five warrant arrest teams. Together, the five warrant arrest teams attempted to serve warrants at 113 addresses in Hyattsville City and adjacent areas, effecting 19 arrests and serving 24 warrants.

The types of warrants served during last night's operation were for Carjacking, Felony Theft \$10,000 to \$100,000, Felony Theft \$1,000 to \$10,000, Assault Second Degree, CDS Possession, Robbery, and Burglary.

Coalition agencies working with Parole and Probation stopped at 15 locations and interviewed 9 subjects assigned to the Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI). Persons in the VPI program that were visited last night are on probation or parole for various offenses including armed robbery, assault, theft, burglary, possession of firearms, trafficking in drugs, and fleeing and eluding police.

This is a first step in the continuing efforts of the Hyattsville Safe Streets Initiative to reduce violent crime.

- New Technology: RPPD has acquired two Crime Lite Kits from the Department of Homeland Security that will assist investigators with crime scenes. These kits are valued at over \$19, 000.00 each.

Crime Lite kits can identify:

1. UV light applications: Bruising and bite marks, body fluids, fibres, drug residues
2. Violet light applications: Blood spatter, bruising and bite marks, body fluids, Hair, Fibres, drug residues
3. Blue light applications: Blood spatter, body fluids, bone & tooth, hair, fibres, gunshot residues, accelerants

We want to thank the Department of Homeland Security providing these valuable tools to assist our investigative section.

- RPPD leads the way:
 - RPPD personnel attended Fair and Impartial Policing “Train the Trainer” training on March 27-29, 2017 at the University of Maryland Police Department.
 - On March 29, 2017, Command Staff attended the Law Enforcement Torch Run Kickoff in Howard County.
 - April 4-6, 2017, Command Staff attended the FBI National Academy Re-Trainer, in Dover, DE.
 - Chief Morris assisted the Town of Bladensburg with the interview process for their new chief of police.
 - Over the past several weeks, Chief Morris has testified in Annapolis on a number of bills that directly impact law enforcement to include:
 - HB 1503 - Use of Force De-Escalation Training of Law Enforcement Officers
 - HB 899 - MPTSC Psychological Assessments of Law Enforcement Officers

License and Permitting Report:

Building Permits Approved: 6

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-22	4604 Oliver Street	6ft Wooden Fence
2017-B-24	4401 Woodberry Street 2B.1	5840-2017-00 (Landlord Work)

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-25	6740 45th Street 2B.2	5841-2017-00 (Landlord Work)
2017-B-26	6740 45th Street 2B.4	5843-2017-00 (Landlord Work)
2017-B-27	6720 45th Street 2B.3	5842-2017-00 (Landlord Work)
2017-B-28	4595 Van Buren Street	Commercial Interior

Building Permit Requests: 1

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-29	6411 Taylor Road	New Deck

POD/Dumpster Request: 2

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-P-05	5705 Silk Tree	POD/Storage/Dumpster
2017-P-07	4600 Riverdale Road	POD/Storage/Dumpster

POD/Dumpster Approved: 1

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-P-06	5603 Signet Lane	POD/Storage/Dumpster

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestijan
Town Manager