

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland Status and Information Report Report No. 8 for 2017



May 19, 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 June 2, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Budget Review Meeting	Saturday, May 20, 2017, 10:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Chief's Community Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Constant Yield Public Hearing	Tuesday, May 30, 2017, 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	Tuesday, May 30, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	Monday, June 5, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Town Administration

- **FY2018 Budget Review Meetings:** The next budget review meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Residents are encouraged to attend. The proposed FY2018 budget can be found on the Town's website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov.
- **Park and Planning Seeks Additional Input:** The Town Manager represented the Town at the Steering Advisory Committee meeting for the East Riverdale and Beacon Heights sector plan. The *Preliminary East Riverdale-Beacon Heights Sector Plan* was presented to the group. It is important to know that this is a preliminary plan. Public input and comment continues to be accepted. You may view the preliminary plan at the following link: www.pgplanning.org/ERBH.htm.

Office of the Town Clerk

- **Constant Yield Public Hearing:** The Mayor and Council will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Constant Yield Tax Rate. The hearing and notice are required by State law to indicate that although the Town's tax rate is **not** changing, the amount of revenue is changing due to State property assessments. If you have questions regarding your property assessment, please contact the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation at (877) 634-6361.

- **Swearing-in Ceremony for Mayor and Council:** The Mayor and Council will be sworn-in on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. by a representative of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Residents are encouraged to attend.

- **Cable Channel Upgrade:** The Town's new and improved cable channel is now up and running. Please take a look at channel 71 or channel 10 (depending on your cable provider) to see the changes that have been made!

Development

License and Permitting Report:

Permit Request: 4

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-43	4903 Oglethorpe Street	6ft fence back yard/3ft front/wood
2017-B-44	4802 Longfellow Street	6ft Privacy Fence
2017-B-45	5908 Riverside Drive	6ft Wooden Fence
2017-B-46	5402 Kenilworth Avenue	Demo Sheds

Approved Permits: 5

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-P-10	4902 Ravenswood Road	Dumpster
2017-B-39	5309 Riverdale Road	Interior Renovation
2017-B-40	4401 Woodberry Street	Revision
2017-B-41	6611 Baltimore Avenue	Revision to Canopy
2017-B-42	4902 Ravenswood	New Patio Doors and Steps

Department of Public Works

Neighborhood Improvement:

- May Bulk Trash Drop-off Reminder: Bulk Trash Drop-off days are on the third Saturday of each month and will be held this Saturday, May 20th. Please see below for the summer schedule:

Upcoming Bulk Trash Drop-off Days

June	17 th	Saturday	9AM to 2PM
July	15 th	Saturday	9AM to 2PM
August	19 th	Saturday	9AM to 2PM

- Mosquito Control Program: The Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program will start on May 31, 2017, and will end in September. Spraying will take place on Tuesday evenings (weather permitting). For questions regarding the Mosquito Control Program please contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 301-422-5080.

Environmental Stewardship:

- Storm-water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Approved – Department of Public Works (DPW) has received confirmation from the County that the Town's pollution prevention plan has been officially approved.
- Tree Care Training: Department of Public Works (DPW) will be sending a staff member to attend the state-sponsored Roadside Tree Care Training in Crownsville, Maryland. This will bring DPW's total to 3 trained tree care experts.
- Spring Planting:
 - Trees – Large and small trees are now being planted in the community to replace removals or be placed in new locations. Requests from residents for trees to be planted in front of their homes are DPW's first priority. We anticipate installing 20-22 new trees this spring.
 - Flower Pots – Fresh annuals are being planted in flower pots throughout the community to help beautify our community.

Police Department

Activity for May 4- May 17, 2017:

Calls for Service	438	DUI Arrests	2
Arrests/Warrants	15	Reports Filed	70
Accidents	45		

Reports:

5-04-17: Officers responded to the 4400 block of East-West Highway for a theft from auto. The suspect broke the passenger window and removed sunglasses, headphones, and currency.

5-06-17: Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a stolen vehicle. A 1999 Plymouth van was stolen from the parking lot.

5-06-17: Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue to assist the Fire Department. A structure fire required forced entry by the Fire Department.

5-07-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of 54th Avenue for a person armed with a gun. Officers located a citizen in the playground matching the description given by the caller. A black BB pistol was recovered from the citizen. A records check revealed an open warrant through Worcester County. The individual was placed under arrest without incident.

5-07-17: Officers responded to the Family Dollar for a theft report. The suspect entered the business and removed a bag of dog food without paying for it. An employee attempted to confront the suspect and was assaulted. The investigation is ongoing.

5-08-17: Officer Bennett conducted a traffic stop in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The operator was driving on a revoked license. A probable cause search revealed 5 grams of Methamphetamines, 7 grams of Marijuana and 5 Oxycodone pills. The driver was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute.

5-09-17: Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of East-West Highway. The driver had an active arrest warrant through the Baltimore City Police Department. He was arrested without incident.

5-10-17: Officers responded to 5000 block of Riverdale Road to serve a protective order. Later the same evening, the suspect returned to the residence failing to comply with the court order. The suspect was placed under arrest and charged with violating a protective order.

5-10-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a report of a suspicious person. On scene officers contacted an individual running in and out of traffic. The individual stated he wanted to harm himself. He was placed into custody and transported to the hospital for an emergency evaluation.

5-11-17: Officers responded to 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue for a suicidal juvenile. Officers contacted the mother, who advised her daughter had stopped taking her medication and was out of control. An ambulance responded and transported the juvenile to the hospital.

5-12-17: Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 6100 block of Baltimore Avenue. The driver had an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office. She was placed under arrest without incident.

5-12-17: Officers responded to the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a theft. The victim advised his bicycle was stolen while he was inside of the store shopping.

5-14-17: Officers responded to the 6500 block of 51st Avenue for a trespassing complaint. The homeowner, reported a suspicious person refusing to leave their yard. The individual was removed from the property and issued a criminal summons for trespassing.

5-14-17: Officers responded to the 6200 block of 54th Avenue for a burglary in progress. Upon arrival officers observed 3 suspects fleeing from the rear door. The suspects were quickly apprehended. The investigation revealed the home is currently vacant. The suspects were arrested and charged with 4th degree burglary.

5-15-17: Officers conducted a suspicious person stop in the 5000 block of East-West Highway. A records check revealed the individual to have an active arrest warrant through the Takoma Park Police Department. He was placed under arrest without incident.

5-15-17: Cpl. Walch conducted a traffic stop in the 6100 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The driver was arrested for an active arrest warrant. A search incident to arrest revealed 18 grams of Marijuana. The driver was charged with possession and related traffic charges.

5-17-17: Sgt. Emerick conducted a traffic stop on Taylor Road at Longfellow Street. Officers detected the odor of Marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 44.6 grams of Marijuana. The passenger was arrested for possession of CDS.

Update

On April 30 – May 5th Corporal Germaine Green attended the 22nd Annual Greater Chesapeake Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar. The training is sponsored by the Harford County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On May 9, 2017, Members of RPPD's Command Staff attended the annual Blue Mass ceremony at the University of Maryland. The Blue Mass is held each year at the beginning of National Police Week.

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager