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Police Department 5004 Queensbury Rd 301-927-4343

Services: traffic violations, payment of tickets received, records management, fingerprinting, background checks, report criminal activity.

Bulk Trash Collection 301-773-2069

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Bates Trucking and Trash
Collections

Residents must call by 2pm Tuesday
for Wednesday pickup

Attention: Artists, General Public: The Riverdale Park Arts Council (RPAC) Presents Meet and Greet & Membership Drive

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Town Center Market, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Come meet local artists, learn about RPAC and the local art community while enjoying food and refreshments, and join this growing organization. This meeting will feature artist Susanna Fields-Kuehl whose work is currently displayed at the Town Center Market, and other RPAC artists who have also displayed their art locally.

Robert DiLutis will preview the upcoming second RPAC Summer Concert Series to be held on the Town Center Market patio. An art official of the Clarice Smith Performance Center has been invited to speak on art and the community. Jeffrey Yorke will preview the highlights of the upcoming RPAC ArtsFest 2014, May 4, 2014 in Town Center.

In addition, we will be recruiting new RPAC members and explaining the programs we offer. Join us on April 8th and join RPAC!

Riverdale Park Easter Egg Hunt Búsqueda de Huevos de Pascuas en Riverdale Park

Saturday, April 12, 2014, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Riversdale Mansion
4811 Riverdale Road
Riverdale Park, MD 20737

**Children, bring your baskets!
Niños, traigan sus canastas!**

Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

Special Legislative Meeting February 18, 2014

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to waive bid requirements and authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with Columbia Tax Advisory Group, LLC - **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate and enter into a contract with McInturff Architects for design and engineering for the Youth and Community Wing project - **Approved**

New Business:

1. Motion to make a donation of \$500 for a scholarship in the name of Guy Tiberio to the Lions Club from the social concerns budget. - **Approved**

Special Legislative Meeting February 24, 2014

Legislative Action Item:

1. Motion to approve building permit application for AI Data to excavate a test hole for the purpose of finding and surveying an existing water line in a Town street. - **Approved**

Regular Legislative Meeting March 4, 2014

Motion to approve consent agenda items: - **Approved**

1. Motion to send a letter to the Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals in support of Variance Application V-6-14 for 5005 Oglethorpe Street: Request for a variance of 10 feet front yard depth (Ward 3).
2. Minutes from the February 3, 2014 Legislative Meeting
3. Minutes from the February 18, 2014 Special Legislative Meeting.
4. Minutes from the February 24, 2014 Special Legislative Meeting.

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to appoint James R. Smith, Jr. to the Riverdale Park Ethics Commission - **Approved**
2. Motion regarding Ordinance 2014-OR-01 regarding chain link fences - **Adopted**
3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-04 regarding handicapped parking for 4900 Riverdale Road - **Adopted**

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It is also the policy of the Town of Riverdale Park to disallow discrimination in fair housing based on race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disabilities, and/or age.

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towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov

New Business:

1. Motion to support the Prince George's County Council Resolution to create a Science and Technology Business District in the Beltsville, College Park, Riverdale, Riverdale Park, and Greenbelt areas. - **Approved**
2. Motion to send a letter in opposition of House Bill 492 - **Approved**
3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-05, a resolution towards Commercial Code Compliance within the M-U-TC Zone. - **Adopted**

Riversdale Events

RIVERSDALE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERTS

The Riversdale Chamber Music Society is the University of Maryland's newest classical chamber music organization. The society celebrates the connection between Maryland and Riversdale House Museum, where the university's founder, Charles Benedict Calvert, was born in 1808.

Its mission is to provide a diverse chamber music experience by featuring University of Maryland, School of Music students and faculty, as well as collaborations with musicians from military and local ensembles in the region.

The Spring Concert Series takes place at Riversdale House Museum on Sundays from 2:30-3:30 pm. Concerts are FREE. Make it an afternoon at Riversdale with a tour of the historic home prior to performances. Tour admission is \$3adults/\$2 seniors/\$1 students/FREE children 4 & under and tours begin at the Visitor Center at 12:15, 12:45, and 1:15 pm.

Concert No. 4 - April 27, 2014 2:30pm – US Army Strings with Guest Robert DiLutis, clarinet

Mozart's famous Clarinet Quintet will be the focal point of this fourth and final concert of the session. Featuring University of Maryland Clarinet Prof. Robert DiLutis, with the US Army String Quartet, this debut collaboration is sure to be a wonderful experience. Don't miss one of Mozart's greatest works.



Robert DiLutis has recently been appointed to the faculty of the University of Maryland. Mr. DiLutis was Professor at the Louisiana State University, Assistant Principal and E-flat with the Rochester Philharmonic and Professor of Clarinet at the Eastman School. Making his Carnegie Hall Recital debut in 1989, Mr. DiLutis has also performed as featured soloist with the San Antonio Symphony, Baton Rouge Symphony and Rochester Philharmonic. Recently Mr. DiLutis toured with the New York Philharmonic on its historic trip to Pyongyang, North Korea. Mr. DiLutis is a graduate of the Juilliard School where he studied with David Weber. In addition to his performance career Mr. DiLutis is the creator of the Reed Machine, a reed-making device used by professionals around the world. Mr. DiLutis is an Artist for Buffet and Principal Clarinetist of the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra. His new CD *Robert DiLutis at LSU*, available at www.CDBaby.com.

RIVERSDALE IN BLOOM

Rosalie Stier Calvert, mistress of Riversdale, enjoyed a lifelong love of gardening, in 1805 writing, "...the fancy for flowers of all kinds is really increasing; everyone takes an interest and it is a great honor to have the most beautiful..." Riversdale House Museum presents our Riversdale in Bloom events, a series celebrating the beauty of the garden and the fresh blooms of spring.

Paint-Out Day In The Garden, Saturday, April 5, 10 am – 4 pm.

Each year in early spring, the gardens of the Riversdale House Museum come alive with color. The Riverdale House Museum and the



Brentwood Arts Exchange are partnering to encourage nature lovers, history enthusiasts, and artists of all levels to create artwork in the gardens of Riversdale. Artists may choose to submit artwork for our upcoming juried show. FREE!

Tulip Time, Sunday, April 6, 12:15 – 3:15 pm

Shake off the winter blues and bring the family to celebrate the first blooms of spring! Enjoy a tour of the historic house and garden, children's activities, refreshments, and speak with Riversdale's garden staff and volunteers about your gardening questions. No reservations necessary! \$3/adult; \$2/senior; \$1/student; FREE children 4 & under.

Riversdale In Bloom Exhibit, May 1 – June 7

Riversdale House Museum will host an exhibition of artwork inspired by their gardens. Any works depicting or developed from depictions of the gardens that were created during 2014 will be eligible for consideration for the exhibition. Respected landscape painter Fred Markham will judge the artworks submitted and award a first place cash prize. The exhibition will be open to the public during the Museum's hours of operation.

SEASONAL SELECTIONS AT RIVERSDALE

The Seasonal Selections program, instituted in the fall of 2009, will continue to offer special monthly cooking events with a different topic each month. Holidays, the schedule of seasonal fresh produce, and/or the traditional cycles of an early 19th century farm will inspire each month's Seasonal Selection. The Riversdale Kitchen Guild will host Spring Bounty on Sunday, April 6 and Spring Cleaning on Sunday, April 27. The demonstrations run from noon – 3:30pm and viewing is FREE!

You are also invited to tour Riversdale House Museum. Admission is \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/\$1 students and FREE children 4 & under.

TAVERN NIGHT AT RIVERSDALE

Riversdale invites you to come make merry at the always popular Tavern Night. The 1812 sailors of Ship's Company bring a night of rousing entertainment and costumed hands serve up tavern-style foods and beverages. Riversdale is proud to partner with Franklin's Brewery, Restaurant, and General Store, who will once again be providing beverages. Come raise a glass!

Saturday, April 12th at 8 pm. \$25 residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties; \$30 non-residents; advance payment required by March 31; must be at least 21 years of age. Please note that this popular program will likely sell out before the registration deadline. Register early!

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale Park, Maryland. It is owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; or email at riversdale@pgparks.com.

Mayor's Report

By Vernon Archer

Community Spring Clean Up Saturday April 19th

After a cold and dreary winter it's great that spring has arrived at last! One of the ways our town has marked the commencement of the season for many years is our annual Community Spring Clean Up. On Saturday April 19th Public Works will pick up from residences pretty much anything you want to get rid of! It's time to clean out the yard, basement, garage or the back recesses of your kids' closets. Please put everything out by 7AM Saturday morning and Public Works will collect it that day.

Please note that this event replaces the April Public Works refuse drop off at the public works facility. There will be no vehicle or persons at the facility to receive the trash, so just put in on the curb and we'll pick it up! More information is in the Public Works report in this issue of the Crier (page 6).

Summer Mosquito Control

Riverdale Park will once again participate in the State/County Mosquito Control Program. Controlling the mosquito population is a vital part of maintaining public health in our region, as this insect is host to a number of infectious diseases including Malaria to West Nile Virus.

The program begins in April with efforts to destroy larvae and this phase continues as needed into early September. Then on June 2 the program to kill off adult mosquitos will begin and also run as needed through September. A program spray vehicle will visit every three weeks, but will not spray if the sprayer encounters people on the night of spraying. The specific day for spraying in our community has not yet been determined; when it is we will post it in the Crier, on our website, and via our town sponsored email lists so residents will know which days to be cautious about pets, children and themselves being outside in the evening.

Your town government, as well as the state/county administrators of this program recognize and share resident concerns about distributing pesticide and wish to keep such sprayings to the absolute minimum necessary to control these disease carrying pests. Residents (like US!) can do a great deal to minimize the need to spray by doing some simple and common sense things to naturally reduce the presence of mosquitos. By keeping our properties free of mosquito breeding opportunities of stagnant water we can significantly reduce the mosquito population. Look for things like bird baths, wading pools, pet watering dishes, tin cans, old tires, clogged gutters, flower pots and any other water holding containers and store them upside down except during actual use.

The mosquito control program does a regular census of mosquito population and if we have a low enough population there will be no spraying. As a community let's aim for that!

Kudos to Public Works for Environmental Practices Recognition and Improvements

For many years our public works facility was required to obtain and keep a Surface Water Discharge Permit for Industrial Activity due to its combination of work practices, facility conditions and immediate proximity to Wells Run and the Northeast Branch River. Recently however the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) recognized the numerous improvements we have made in recent years and our inspectors have recommended that we no longer be required to maintain this industrial permit. The inspectors state:

“Due to the municipal operations present at the Riverdale Park Public Works, the County finds that pollution prevention and good housekeeping goals are met without the need for a surface water discharge permit for industrial activity.”

Among the improvements made are: the new rain garden/bio-filtration system installed at the end of Queensbury Road (stop by and take a look!); trash collection is contracted out and therefore waste spills are virtually never an issue at our facility; reduced vehicle and equipment maintenance at our facility; and substantial modernization of our gas/diesel fuel system.

Yard Waste Collection Bags

Department of Environmental Resources (DER), issued a notice last year that yard waste must only be placed in brown paper bags or loose in a clearly marked “YARD WASTE” collection container. Yard waste will no longer be collected in plastic bags.

FY 2015 Budget Season

I am currently working with town staff to prepare my budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year and will submit it to the Town Council and the public by May 1. I'm happy to say that the town remains in good financial condition and thus able to maintain the current level of services on the existing level of tax revenue. We will continue to emphasize keeping all of us safe through a highly professional police force, well maintained infrastructure and healthy surroundings. The budget will also continue to provide substantial funding for maintaining and even improving the beauty of our community.

The Town Council committee hearings and council meetings that will review and ultimately pass into the law a budget for FY 15 will take place in May and June. The actual dates and times for these meetings will be set and posted via our email lists, Internet page, and oh yes, as is required by law, it will be posted outside of Town Hall.

I strongly encourage residents to participate in the budget process, through reviewing my upcoming proposal, sharing your thoughts and concerns with me and your ward representative, and attending and participating in the council meetings. The budget is the most important single policy statement that the town produces and sets our priorities for the coming year (and honestly years beyond that too!). May and June are definitely the months to stay tuned in to what your town government is saying and doing.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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Tax Season Reminder: Just a reminder: as I said in my article in the March Town Crier, when you fill out your State tax form, be sure to put “Riverdale Park” in the “City, town or taxing area” field (just above “Filing Status” on forms 502 and 503). If you do this, the State will share some of the taxes you pay to them with the Town, which will help us to provide services including police protection, trash pickup, and road repairs.

Roundabout: I am pleased to report that, at least as far as we can tell, the roundabout that connects the bridge from the Cafritz development with Lafayette Avenue and Rivertech Court is going to be a good bit smaller than the current design’s 130-foot diameter. We had a lot of discussions with the University of Maryland, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, County Department of Public Works & Transportation, and the Cafritz development team, and all players seem to think that a roundabout with a size (inscribed diameter – the diameter of the circle that includes the asphalt and curbs of the roundabout) between 105 feet and 120 feet would work. The final design has to be done in conjunction with the bridge, as the slope of the bridge might change some parameters of the roundabout. The roundabout will be able to handle a large fire truck for emergencies, as well as an occasional (unintentional) truck, and will be designed to handle the amount of traffic allowed by the terms of the Cafritz rezoning with a high quality of service. The design will include high-quality features for pedestrians and bicycles. The next step in this process is to create engineering drawings for the roundabout, which will happen over the months ahead.

Finance Committee: We are heading into budget season, where we will create the budget for the fiscal year starting July 1. Check the calendar (and the Town

Announce e-mail list) for the times when the Finance Committee will meet to discuss the budget. We had great success with an all-day weekend meeting to discuss the budget last year, and are trying to do the same this year.

Mosquitoes: It’s that time of year again! As you are getting out into your yard this spring, keep an eye out for places where water might pool and provide a place for mosquitos to breed. The cold winter will start us out on a good footing, and a little prevention early in the season could mean fewer mosquitos in the summer. If you have a fish pond with no fish living in it, please put “mosquito dunks” in it to naturally control the mosquito larva population. These are available at garden-supply/hardware stores like Lowes or Home Depot, and do not contain pesticides.

Farmers Market: April brings not just warm weather, but also the opening of the Riverdale Park Farmer’s Market. The market will be open every Thursday starting April 3, with the amount of locally-grown produce increasing every week during April as the weather warms up. I hope to see you there!

Dog Park: The memorandum of understanding between the Town and M-NCPPC covering responsibilities for the dog park near 51st Avenue (who will take care of what) has come back from their legal department with only minor changes, and will be brought up for adoption at the April legislative meeting.

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Saturday Drop Off – The next scheduled dates for drop off of bulk trash on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, are as follows: **April – no drop off due to spring cleanup.** Next drop off dates: May 18 and June 15.

Spring Community Clean Up - Riverdale Park is having its annual spring community cleanup on **April 19, 2014**. Residents are offered the opportunity to put their yard waste/bulk trash items on the curb the evening of Friday, April 18th for pick up on Saturday, April 19, 2014. **This event replaces the April Saturday Drop Off and the Public Works facility will NOT be open for drop off of any bulk trash items.**

The following items will **NOT** be eligible for pickup:

- Remodeling lumber, flooring material, plaster, plasterboard and interior tile
- Fencing material or poles
- Air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers
- Lawnmowers or other gas powered tools
- Automobile major components
- Tires
- Dirt, stone, gravel and sod
- Concrete blocks and bricks, cement
- Antifreeze and/or oil
- Glass, windows, door panels, fish tanks
- Paint
- Hazardous materials and/or chemicals

Mosquito Control Program – The Town will once again participate in the State/County Mosquito Larviciding/Adulticiding Mosquito Control Program. The program will begin spring larviciding in April and continue into early September.

Adulticiding will begin June 2, 2014, and run through September 24, 2014. They will visit every three weeks, but will not spray if the sprayer encounters too many people on the night of spraying.

In order to reduce the presence of mosquitos, residents must keep their property free of mosquito breeding containers, stagnant water, bird baths, wading pools, pet watering dishes, tin cans, old tires, clogged gutters or flower pots. Other water holding containers should be stored upside down.

Complaints about mosquitos can be faxed to the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 301-422-0502 or call 301-422-5080 with questions or concerns.

Bulk Trash Pickups & Special Trash Pickups

Bulk Trash pickups are scheduled by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. In order to have bulk items picked up on Wednesdays, you must call Bates Trash and Trucking Company at 301-773-2069, before 2:00 PM on Tuesdays.

Items must be at curbside by 7:00 AM on Wednesdays. Bates is not required to pick up more than **THREE (3) bulk items from any one-family dwelling per week**. If you have more than three (3) items, you can make another appointment for the items to be picked up on the following Wednesday.

The following items will not be picked up: building materials, concrete, bricks, roof shingles, stumps, bamboo, pressurized containers, explosives, paint (unless paint is dry in cans), poisons, caustics, construction and demolition debris, asbestos, toilets, free liquids, sewage, sludge. These items can be taken to **Brandywine Sand & Gravel, 5800 Sheriff Road, Capitol Heights, MD. 301-925-8100**.

Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Robert Killen

Between snowstorms, Scouts and Scouters from Troop 252 attended a First Aid/CPR class at the Bladensburg Fire Department. Lots of information! We didn't get to mention last month that two of our Arrowmen, Eneida Martinez-Brown and Bob Killen, traveled to the Esau Huppeday Lodge Carolina Indian Seminar in Statesville, N.C.

February 9 was Scout Sunday, and Guillian Canete, Michael Jarquin and Joseph Elliott staffed the service at the church in Virginia; Guillian registered all the attendees, Michael presented streamers to all the packs and troops who brought their flags, and Joseph handed out programs and trained Cub Scouts to hand them out too. They also set up the reception, and cleaned up the area after the reception was over.

March 1 we participated in the "Ten Commandment Hike" - Isadora and Michael Landa, Guillian Canete, Joseph Elliott and Bob Killen earned their patches.

Some of our adults attended the University of Scouting at Carroll Community College. Arnel and Dixie Canete and Rebecca Johnson-Stone earned their

Bachelor's Degrees, Sandra Tolson earned her Master's Degree, and Bob Killen is still working on his PhD.

Saturday, March 22, we'll attend a Workshop in Archaeology in Crownsville, and among other things, our Scouts will learn how to throw the Atlatl and spear, which date back some 40,000 years, even before the bow and arrow. The Archaeological dig at Pig's Point goes back 10,000 years. Everyone is thrilled to go - History like this is exciting. We'll report back what we saw and did.

March 28-29, we're bicycling again at Jug Bay - the less-experienced cyclists will ride on the blacktop, and the rompers and stompers will ride on the horse trails. Friday is a half-day for school, so we can set up our camp in daylight.

See how much fun we're having! You can join us and have some fun of your own. Feel free to contact Eneida Martinez-Brown (MHB) at 301-864-0059, Sandra Tolson at 301-927-2275, or Bob Killen at 301-483-8455.

ArtsFest 2014: Arts, Music, Food & Fun

The Smokin' Polecats Headline Free, Music Packed Art Show

By Jeffrey Yorke

The Riverdale Park Arts Council's seventh annual arts and music festival will feature 21st century blues sound of *The Smokin' Polecats* with Dave Sherman live in Town Center at the MARC Station, Sunday, May 4, 2014. The day-long program will also feature more than four dozen local and regional artists and artisans, a variety of live musical performances, the third-annual Writers' Row and World of Wheels, a parked parade of vintage vehicles.

The winner of the Third Annual Gerald King Scholarship for Realism Painting will also be introduced. The award is given each year to an art student who shows great promise in realism. The award is named after Riverdale Park's renowned artist and local university instructor Gerald King who died in 2012. More information and applications for the award are found at <http://www.rpartscouncil.org/2014-king-award-press-release.html>

Dozens of top area artists will participate in the free, rain or shine outdoor festival. A **Call for Artists/Artisans** is available on the RPAC website:

www.RPArtsCouncil.org.

The event, which runs 11 am to 5 pm, has become a favorite of local artists. "Great organization venue, the entire event was fabulous," seaglass artist Cathy Levario said following last year's ArtsFest. What did she like least about the event? "Not one thing!" Levario responded.

For most of the last 41 years, Dave Sherman has been belting out the Blues and loving it. These days he's the lead singer for *The Smokin' Polecats*, a foursome known throughout the Washington area for their post-WWII sound of Chicago masters such as Jimmy Rogers, Little Walter and Hubert Sumlin. The group also can capture the West Coast Jump/Swing sound of Tiny Grimes, Pee Wee Crayton, and T-Bone Walker along with the soulful Rock'a'Billy sound of Carl Perkins and Johnny Burnette.

The 'Cats made their debut at ArtsFest last year and this year add WAMMIE Award winning artist and Riverdale Park resident Marianna Previti to lineup. Previti, voted best traditional jazz vocalist in 1999, 2001 and 2002 by the Washington Area Music Association, was trained as a classical trumpet player but it is her sense of phrasing, sound quality and interpretation of song that makes her among the finest singers around.

Drummer and Nigerian native-turned Hyattsville resident Tosin Aribisala will take the ArtsFest2014 stage as *Tosin Musik*, offering a blend of African contemporary/traditional music genres, mainly Yoruba rhythms, afrobeat, highlife, neosoul and jazz with different American styles. Tosin, who has been artist in residence at the Strathmore Music Center in Rockville and performed at the Kennedy Center, told *The Hyattsville Wire* he calls his music "Afrikan Rhapsody."

Also on the bill is Fernando Hermoza's Hyattsville-based *Hermoza Latin Quartet* with their smooth Afro- South American rhythmic concoction of Tuntuna, Saya, Festejo, Lando and other Latin styles. Filling out the day will be the renowned *US Army Field Jazz Combo* and select members of the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. AEBHF is based in Riverdale Park and is wonderful source of free, weekly blues and jazz entertainment on the edge of Town Center.

All-News WTOP-FM anchor-reporter David Burd is "thrilled" to return for his fourth tour as ArtsFest emcee.

A Call for Artists, Crafters, Authors and Vendors can be found at www.rpartscouncil.org

Artist and vending booth opportunities are available. Go to www.RPArtsCouncil.org or call

RPAC president Jeffrey Yorke, 301-502-1243 or Yorkedial@gmail.com.

Community Circles

Local Organizations

Lion's Club Meeting: Every Fourth Wednesday. Contact President Patrick J. Prangley at (240) 882-4993.

Northern County Soccer Alliance: Contact NCSA@soccer.net or (301) 577-3559.

Riverdale Park Boys Scouts Troop 252: Contact: Scoutmaster Bob Killen at (301) 483-8455.

Madison Hill Homeowners Association: For information, call (301) 583-8857 or www.madisonhill.biz.

Riversdale Historical Society: Riversdale Mansion. Contact (301) 864-0420.

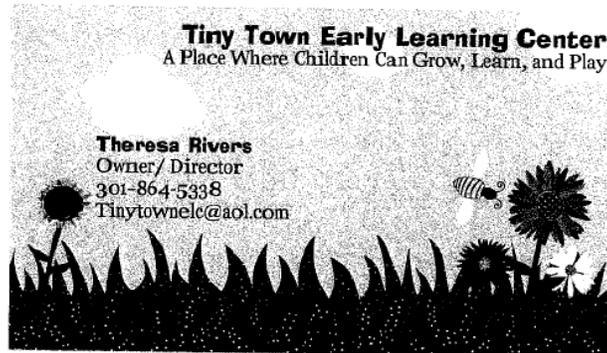
Riverdale Park Farmer's Market: Contact Jim Coleman at (301) 586-5973.

Riverdale Boys & Girls Club: E-mail riverdaleboysgirlsclub@yahoo.com (301) 277-KIDS.

Riverdale Park Business Association: Contact Bruce Wernek at 240-684-0795 for meeting site.

Riverdale Park Arts Council: Contact Jeffrey Yorke at (301) 502-1243 or yorkedial@gmail.com

The Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP): Website: www.riverdaleparkhistory.org E-mail: harp@riverdaleparkhistory.org



Happy
Easter