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Town of Riverdale Park SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

In compliance with the terms of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland, an election will be held

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016
To elect Ward 1 Council Member**

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Riverdale Park Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road

All citizens who are registered to vote in Ward 1 in the Town of Riverdale Park will be entitled to vote.

CANDIDATES

Council, Ward 1

DANIEL BEHREND

MARSHA DIXON

The form to request an absentee ballot may be obtained at Town Hall or downloaded from the Town's website at www.riverdaleparkmd.info. Completed forms must be dropped off or mailed to Town Hall, Attn: Absentee Ballot Request, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737. Completed forms are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2016.

Geraldine Gee, Chief Judge

Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information

Town Hall

5008 Queensbury Road
301-927-6381

Department of Public Works

5012 Queensbury Road
301-864-1803

Police Department

5004 Queensbury Road
301-927-4343

**Bates Trucking and Trash
Collection**

Bulk Trash Collection
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
301-773-2069

**Residents must call Bates by 2
p.m. Tues., for Wed. pickup**

Council Actions

Special Legislative Meeting

April 25, 2016

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to approve closure of Town Center from 2:00 a.m. on May 1, 2016, until 7:00 p.m. on May 2016, to support the Arts Fest (Ward 1) - **Approved**
2. Motion regarding variance request for 4802 Riverdale Road for variances of 8 feet front yard depth and .8% net lot coverage (Ward 2) - **Approved**

Legislative Meeting

May 2, 2016

Consent Agenda

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

1. Fence Permit Request for 6200 Baltimore Avenue, 7 foot wooden fence to enclose future generator (Ward 1)
2. Fence Permit Request for 6101 44th Place for a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 1)
3. Motion regarding Fence Permit Request for 4906 Sheridan Street for a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 2)
4. Road Closure Request for Taylor Road between Queensbury Road and Riverdale Road for Health and Environment Fair on May 14, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Riverdale Elementary School (Ward 2)
5. Waiver of parking restrictions for permit parking along 5000 block of Queensbury Road and 5000 block of Riverdale Road for Health and Environment Fair on May 14, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Riverdale Elementary School (Ward 2)
6. Minutes from April 4, 2016, Legislative Meeting
7. Minutes from April 25, 2016, Special Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to adopt Charter Amendment Resolution 2016-CR-01 regarding Council-Manager Form of Government – **Adopted with Amendments**
2. Motion to approve request for a temporary license and waiver from section 42-13(b)(1) of the Town Code for JASO, Inc. to operate a flea market at 5413 Riverdale Road on Saturdays from May 7, 2016 to May 29, 2016 (Ward 4) – **Approved**
3. Motion to send a letter to the Prince George's County District Council regarding Prince George's Plaza Preliminary Transit District Development Plan and Proposed Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment as it relates to 9 pond collection system for Wells Run – **Approved**
4. Motion to send a letter to Mike Madden and the Purple Line Team regarding design changes to Riverdale Park Station – **Approved**
5. Motion to send a letter to Zunilda Rodriguez, M-NCPPC, regarding East Riverdale and Beacon Heights Sector Plan – **Approved**

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Town Hall

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Mayor Vernon Archer, 240-832-2257
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Council Members

Ward 1–Vacant

Ward 2 – Alan Thompson

Chair, Finance Committee, 301-927-7407
akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 3 - David Lingua

Chair, Public Safety, 301-779-3849
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Ward 4 - Christopher Henry

Chair, Public Works, 301-910-9855
Chenry3240@verizon.net

Ward 5 – Colleen Richardson

crichardson@riverdaleparkmd.gov
240-646-6457

Ward 6 – Alejandro Silva

Chair, Legislative Committee, 301-801-3021

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator
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Leonard Addison, Director

Code Enforcement 240-898-2500

Colleen M. Ferguson, Code Manager

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Police Department, 301-927-4343

David Morris, Police Chief

dmorris@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Fire Department - Emergency 911

Information - 301-927-0356

Brian Carpio, Fire Chief

Eng7twr@yahoo.com;

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It is the policy of the Town of Riverdale Park, pursuant to the provision of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and The Americans with Disabilities Act, to prohibit discrimination against qualified persons with disabilities in any aspect of employment within the government.

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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6. Introduction of Ordinance 2016-OR-01 regarding the FY 17 Budget – **Introduced**
7. Introduction of Ordinance 2016-OR-02 clarifying the use of the term Town Administrator and Town Manager in the Town Personnel Policy – **Introduced**
8. Introduction of Ordinance 2016-OR-03 clarifying the use of the term Town Administrator and Town Manager in the Code – **Introduced**

New Business:

- Motion to approve a Block Party Request to close the 4900 block of Sheridan Street from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on June 11, 2016 – **Approved**
- Motion to accept resignation of CM Jonathan Ebbeler and declare vacancy in Ward 1 –**Approved**
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-06 regarding the time and place of the Ward 1 Special Election – **Adopted**
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-05 regarding the use of paper ballots for the Ward 1 Special Election – **Adopted**
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-07 regarding the candidate filing deadline and fee for the Ward 1 Special Election – **Adopted**
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-08 confirming the appointment of election judges for Ward 1 Special Election – **Adopted**

Present: Mayor Vernon Archer, CM Ward 2 Alan Thompson, CM Ward 3 David Lingua, CM Ward 4 Christopher Henry, CM Ward 5 Colleen Richardson and CM Ward 6 Alejandro Silva.

**Special Legislative Meeting
May 16, 2016**

Legislative Action Item:

1. Motion to refer to the Finance Committee the question of how the Town should move forward with the process of choosing a Town Manager with a report to be delivered to the full Council no later than the June 6, 2016, Legislative Meeting - **Approved**

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK NOTICE OF A PROPOSED
REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park propose to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2016, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 7.3%, from \$550,731,463 to \$590,960,787.
2. If the Town of Riverdale Park maintains the current tax rate of \$.6540 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 7.3% resulting in \$263,100 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.6095, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$.6540 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 7.3% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$263,100 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at Riverdale Park Town Hall (5008 Queensbury Road). The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-927-6381 for further information.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF
CHARTER AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-CR-01
COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF
GOVERNMENT**

This is to give notice that on May 2, 2016, the Riverdale Park Town Council adopted Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2016-CR-01 (“the Resolution”). The title of the Resolution is as follows:

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2016-CR-01 would add Section 213 and amend Sections 201, 205, 207, 211, 404, 602, 606, 609, 612, 614, 622(a), 623, 702, 703, 705(a), 707, 1001, 1002 and 1003 of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park (January 2008 Revision), to provide for a Council-Manager form of government; eliminate the position of town administrator; create the position of town manager and specify certain rights, duties and responsibilities appurtenant to such position; modify the rights, duties and responsibilities of the mayor and town council; reallocating certain rights, duties and responsibilities of the town administrator, mayor and town council; and generally relating to establishing a Council-Manager form of government for the Town of Riverdale Park.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2016-CR-01 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The amendment to the Charter will become effective on June 21, 2016, subject to the provisions of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland regarding the right of the qualified voters of the Town to petition the proposed amendment to referendum.

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
FAIR SUMMARY OF
ORDINANCE 2016-OR-01
TOWN FY 2017 BUDGET AND
TAX RATES**

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2016-OR-01.

Ordinance 2016-OR-01 would adopt operating and capital budgets for the Town of Riverdale Park for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017; set rates of real, personal and operating property taxation for such fiscal year and levy such taxes; provide for the use of property tax receipts attributable to the Tax Increment in the Calvert Tract Development District; and address matters generally relating to the adoption of Town budgets and levying of taxes and setting of tax rates for the Town of Riverdale Park for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017.

Ordinance 2016-OR-01 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
FAIR SUMMARY OF
ORDINANCE 2016-OR-02**

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2016-OR-02.

Ordinance 2016-OR-02 would clarify the use of the term “Town Administrator” in the Town Personnel Manual when the Town has a “Town Manager.”

Ordinance 2016-OR-02 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
FAIR SUMMARY OF
ORDINANCE 2016-OR-03**

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2016-OR-03.

Ordinance 2016-OR-03 would clarify the use of the term “Town Administrator” in the Town Code when the Town has a “Town Manager”; and clarify certain archaic references in the Town Code.

Ordinance 2016-OR-03 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during

normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Full text of ordinances are available on the Town's website at www.riverdaleparkmd.info (under Proposed Legislation)*.*

Mayor's Report

By Mayor Vernon Archer

Budget for FY 2017

It is budget season again and I am working with the Council to produce a revenue and spending plan for the coming year that both protects our basic services and lays the foundation for a bright future for our town. You can find a copy of the proposal that I sent to the council on May 2 on the town's website at: www.riverdaleparkmd.info/mayor/Mayors%20Proposed%20FY%2017%20budget.pdf

The council began working from the document to produce a final budget at a Finance Committee meeting on Saturday May 21 and I hope to see the council enact a final budget ordinance at the Legislative meeting on June 6. Should that goal not be obtainable, the council must enact the budget no later than June 30.

In finalizing the budget, there are several significant issues the council and I have to address. Our revenue took a significant hit this year when the Federal Government purchased the Department of Agriculture building on River Road. It might surprise you to know that, previously, it was a privately owned building that had to pay property taxes. But now, it is a government building that pays nothing. This is a \$450,000 or a 12% hit to our most important revenue source! While we have seen higher assessments in residential and commercial property tax appraisals and have improved expectations in several other revenue categories, the loss of the Agriculture building revenue will require significant changes to town finance and require years for which to completely compensate.

Another item that is a big challenge is whether or not to move forward on the plan to

rebuild town hall with a substantial youth and community wing. We have been struggling to move forward with this for several years, but have had substantial problems as we have tried to do so. First, we learned that the walls and supports of the existing building would not support the second floor we desired. We then discovered the foundation would not suffice either. The cost of improving these systems were so much that it meant expanding the existing building would cost virtually the same as demolishing it and building a new one from scratch. Then there were twin financial losses, one of a state grant, and the other being lost revenue from the Ag building hits here too. All of this made me conclude that moving forward will just be too expensive and therefore, in the budget, I propose that we cut the program entirely.

Strategic Plan and/or Economic Development Plan

Recently, it has been suggested that the town should go through the process of creating a strategic plan to guide both government staff and inform the public and potential investors what the town's goals and ambitions are in the coming years. This would of course include active input from all stakeholders in the community and seek to build consensus.

A somewhat less ambitious undertaking would be to create an economic development plan. This is absolutely and sorely needed as our town looks to manage and expand on opportunities we now have to build from. The opportunities from the Calvert Tract development (Whole Foods), the incoming Purple Line, University of Maryland enterprise activities, and the Hyattsville Arts District must be conceptualized, and used to bring positive economic development/ redevelopment to Route One, Town Center, and Kenilworth Avenue.

I can get behind a full Strategic Plan should the council decide to commit the time and resources to it. If the council is not confident that we can bite off such a big project this year, it is my expectation that the council will agree that an economic development plan is a necessity and achievable. Please share your thoughts on this with your council member!

Hiring a Town Manager

At the May 2 Legislative Meeting, the council unanimously approved a group of reforms to the Town Charter that we collectively refer to as changing our type of government to a Council/Manager form. At the time of my writing the council is considering it's options about the best way to recruit the town's first ever Town Manager. I have recommended strongly that the council use an executive search firm with excellent credentials in recruiting talent.

The Council's Finance Committee has been charged with researching and recommending a recruitment plan to the full council. I am hopeful that recommendation will be before the full Council at the June 6 Legislative meeting. I anticipate that the majority of the summer will be spent in the search process and hopefully we can have a small group of finalists ready to be reviewed by the council and public starting in late August or early September.

Special Election for Ward 1

A vacancy was created on the council for the Ward 1 seat when Jonathan Ebbeler resigned his seat on May 2. A special election will be held on Tuesday June 14. At the time of my writing this report, two persons submitted the package to be on the ballot. I fully expect that the voters will select the best candidate and look forward to working with the people's choice for the remainder of this council term.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Although we had a lot of rain this month, we've also had a lot of beautiful weather, and with Memorial Day behind us it is now (at least in my mind) **summer!** If only there weren't mosquitoes....

Charter Change

The change to our form of government passed at the May legislative meeting, and we on the council are hard at work to find Riverdale Park's first Town Manager. By the time you are reading this, we will have hired an executive search firm to help us through the process. The Town Council will appoint an acting Town Manager from the day the charter change becomes effective until a more permanent Town Manager can be hired. Please contact your council representative, me, and/or Mayor Archer if you have thoughts on what skills and experience we should focus on in the search.

Dog Park

I know a lot of town residents will be excited to learn that the dog park is open as of May 31! I hope that activities there will be smooth and peaceful, but if there is too much noise (or other issues) please call the police department non-emergency number, 301-927-4343. The dog park, as with the rest of the park, is open dawn to dusk, and is located in the M-NCPPC's "Riverdale Park" near the corner of Tuckerman and 51st Ave. There are three parking spaces and two handicapped spots on 51st Ave.; the rest of that area is permit parking only.

Budget

The budget was introduced at the May legislative meeting, and is a lean budget that focuses on the essentials of town government. One long-discussed item that was not in this year's proposed budget is the Youth and

Community Wing expansion of Town Hall – because of a dramatic (and permanent) loss of an office building that previously paid a lot of taxes to the town from the tax rolls, I do not believe that we have sufficient revenue to

pursue the expansion at this time. We had a full-day meeting of the finance committee to discuss the budget in detail on May 21st, and will almost certainly vote on it at the June 6 legislative meeting.

M Square

As I said last month, The University of Maryland is proposing “flex-space” development in the M Square area on the north side of Ward 2, and part of their proposal is to move the College Park Academy to Riverdale Park, just north of Gosling Pond. While I have some concerns about the architecture (building design and urban architecture), I think the proposed uses (and building sizes) will be compatible with the Ward 2 residences near the development. Contact me for details if you are curious.

Mayor Archer and I attended a meeting on May 9 (hosted by the University of Maryland) to discuss a renaming / rebranding of the M Square area. I was encouraged by the great interest that the University (and their development partner Corporate Offices Properties Trust) seems to have in starting construction on already-approved projects in the area.

Farmers’ Market

The Farmers' Market is in full swing! It is open every Thursday from 3pm to 7pm in Town Center (near the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and Riverdale Road). Items available this time of year include (but are not limited to) greens, radishes, strawberries, carrots, scallions, white and sweet potatoes, lettuces, plants for your garden, mushrooms, free-range hen eggs, roasted coffee, and (I’m still hoping) sugar snap peas (?). I hope to see you at the market!



Ward Three Report

By Council Member David Lingua
djlingua@riverdaleparkmd.gov

The Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization CDC has started a petition calling on state officials to reconsider the recently substituted solid wall design for the Purple Line

stop at Kenilworth Avenue and MD 410. CKAR considers this a priority issue and is looking to garner 5,000 signatures. Their concern about the redesign is the use of a solid concrete wall support at this major intersection. The main section, supporting the station stop, will be over 500 feet long and 26-feet high, creating a solid support structure close to a quarter mile in length. It is their belief this structure would visually and physically divide our community in half and that adding a wall of this magnitude would stifle economic growth. CKAR is advocating for a column support structure which it believes would be a positive transit solution that is open, would generate quality economic development, provide safe crossings, increased overhead weather coverage for its patrons, while providing elevators and stairs with uninterrupted visibility (from grade) to discourage crime. On this 5.6 billion dollar project, the cost difference is said to be approximately 4.0 million dollars. The petition can be found here: http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/purple-line-no-wall-divide?source=c.fwd&r_by=15695968.

On Wednesday, May 18, Oxon Hill Manor played host to this year's Prince George's County Historic Preservation Reception. Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of Maryland Milestones/ATHA, Inc., presented a Heritage Award to the Riversdale Historical Society for the very innovative exhibit currently on display - actual and virtual - at Riversdale: "Some of the Finest Paintings Ever in America". In addition, Mr. Marcavitch presented the award to the founding members of ATHA in commemoration of the 15th anniversary its certification. Commission Chairman John Peter Thompson presented a historic site plaque to Ashley Ebbeler for the Wilson-Gleis House, 4711 Oliver Street, which joins its neighbor, 4707 Oliver, with this distinguished recognition. Congratulations to all!

The Public Safety Committee held a meeting on May 12, during which the main theme of the agenda items and public comments was pedestrian safety. With the construction of the bridge and the resulting

redirection onto MD 410, some commuters are looking for short cuts through the neighborhood in Ward 2 with undue haste and disregard for traffic signs. The committee, with public input, will be looking at ways to address this issue while the Police Department will address the issue, as they are able. Also of concern is the pedestrian-traffic interface at town center. This is an issue for both the short and long term as the developments the Calvert Tract continues and eventually comes to full fruition. Future committee meetings will have this on the agenda of which public input is encouraged. Should there be other issues that you feel the committee would be aware of, please contact myself, CM Richardson or CM Silva.

As there is change about us on several fronts, embracing and working as a community can help make the most of these opportunities. I look forward to working with you towards an even better community.

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Saturday Drop Off

Scheduled dates in 2016 for drop off of bulk trash on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., are: **June 18**, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17.

Trash/Recycling Collection

Although Prince George's County has changed to once a week collection of trash and recycling, the Town of Riverdale Park services *remain unchanged*. *Trash will continue to be collected on Mondays and Thursdays and recycling/yard waste/metals on Wednesdays.* For questions,

please call the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803.

Mosquito Control Program

The Town will once again participate in the State/County Mosquito Larviciding/Adulticiding Mosquito Control Program. Adulticiding will begin May 31, 2016,

and run through September 21, 2016. Spraying will be contingent upon the results of their standardized surveillance methods. If the area tested needs to be sprayed, spraying will take place on Tuesday nights. They 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.

Prince George's County Information

To expedite requests for services provided by Prince George's County's, residents should utilize their information number, *which is 311*. Using that number will enable residents to address county related concerns such as questions, complaints, animal control requests, or other service needs for which the county is responsible.

Guide to Public Works

An updated Guide to Public Works is now available for distribution. It is included as part of a packet of public works services and Town resources that all residents will find helpful as they seek information on how to acquire services in/outside of our community. New residents will find the packets useful for services such as trash/toters, recycling, bulk trash pickup and drop off, yard waste, names of their council members and mayor, and more. In addition, residents can sign up to get the same information sent to them via email by calling the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803.

Yard Waste Collection

As a reminder, effective January 1, 2014, the Waste Management Division of the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources issued a notice (included in resident's August 2013 tax bill) that requires *ALL yard waste* to be placed in brown paper bags or loose in a *clearly marked "YARD WASTE"*



collection can/container (i.e., trash cans). Yard waste will no longer be collected in plastic bags. For additional information, please call 311 or 301-883-5810.

Trash Toter Repair/Replacement

Residents should call the Department of Public Works for the repair or replacement of damaged trash toters, i.e., broken lids, missing wheels, cracked toters, etc. When repairs or replacements are needed, they will occur on Thursday of each week.

Riverdale Park Business Association

By Audrey Bragg

The Riverdale Park Business Association hosted representatives from Park and Planning Zoning Committee at their May 11th meeting. They are working with a consulting firm to update the current zoning to a more simplified system. Developers that meet the requirements can just go to the county for permits. They recommend replacing MUTC zones, which would discard the local review committees.

For some of the towns that have specific needs, they recommend Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zones. After the zoning changes pass the county council, towns can go to the council and request an Overlay Zone based on their specific needs.

There will be a meeting at Laurel Senior Activity Center on June 9th. You can go to their web site for more information. <http://pgplanning.opencomment.us> or email zoningpgc.pgplanning.com

Mayor Archer updated us on 7-11, Jey's Auto, Budget concerns for the town, finding a candidate for the New Town Manager Position, and special election for Ward 1 vacant seat.

Members discussed our proposed project to clean up Beale Circle. Mayor approves. We would like the town to repair the flagpoles, put up new flags with maybe solar lights, and maybe install a park bench. Our members are willing to plan a day of cleaning; raking and making the place look good. Town residents

will be invited to participate with us. Date for this project will be announced.

Here are some great offers from our Business members:

Town Center Market – 10% off any growler fill for month of June when you mention this article.

The Sub Shop – Buy one large pizza and get one free on Mondays.

Ernie's Lock – 5% off storewide if you can show you are a resident of Riverdale Park.

Riverdale Park Doll Club- Free summer camp for girls 7 and up to be held at Town Hall June/July. Girls will be learning to make an 1810 play doll of wood and cloth, all handmade. The Town of Riverdale Park will furnish lunch. Call Emily Fanning 301-864-5561 to pre-register.

Robert Harper Books – Listening music, book readings and events. www.facebook.com/robertharperbooks.

Crescent Cities – has an office for rent for health related occupants. Call Betsy 301-567-7076.

Please support your local businesses!

Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Robert Killen

Meeting Notes

May 13, 2016

Hello everybody. Below is a report from our recent meeting. In attendance: Mr. Killen, Mr. Aquilino, Anthony and Lizandro Juarez, Vladimir Martinez, Joseph Elliot, Guillian Canete, Bryan Garcia and myself (Michael Jarquin).

We didn't do as much as we had planned, but we all managed to acquire our cyber chip card, which is a new requirement for Scout rank. We also got our Boy Scout identification cards laminated and made the cooking menu for our camping trip next week at Watkins Park.

Lisandro, Anthony and Bladimir are in charge of doing the cooking menu and purchasing the groceries. They will also be cooking and cleaning up during the weekend camping. Our Senior and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders will assist them. The menu for the

weekend will include the following: Friday Night Cracker Barrel consisting of s'mores, chips, dips and bug juice; bacon, eggs and pancakes for breakfast on Saturday; diced hot dogs with scrambled eggs and bread for lunch on Saturday; Hobo Dinner (ground beef with carrots, potatoes and onions, wrapped in aluminum foil) for dinner on Saturday; ham, scrambled eggs and pancakes for breakfast on Sunday; and finally, eat at home for lunch and go to church on Sunday. Drinks for the entire weekend include water and orange juice.

The plan for Friday, May 20 is to attend *Annie*, the play, at Hyattsville Middle School. It starts at 7:00 PM sharp, at 6001 42nd Ave, Hyattsville MD 20781. Admission is \$5 for Adults and \$3 for children/seniors. Kids under 3 years get in free. The play will be over by 8:30. After that, we head to Watkins Park for the camp out.

10-mile Jug Bay Biking Trip

In attendance: Bryan, AJ, and myself (Michael).

- 10:45 Arrived at Jug Bay Parking and did a quick warm-up.
- 11:02 Departed from parking lot, heading North on Croom Airport Rd toward Selby's Landing.
- 11:10 Made a 10-minute stop at the Indian Village.
- 11:20 Continued heading southwest, then south toward Mattaponi Creek (came across three turtles crossing the road).
- 11:30 made a quick 10-min stop on the 1st watchtower located on the wooden bridge over Mattaponi Creek.
- 11:40 Continued heading south toward the Scenic Overlook (AKA watchtower).
- 11:50 Arrived at the watchtower and climbed up to look down Patuxent river; people were fishing and kayaking.
- 12:05 Left the watchtower and continued heading south toward Merkle wildlife Sanctuary.
- 12:15 Arrived at the Osprey Nesting area to take some pictures.
- 12:20 Continue on our way heading south for 5 minutes.
- 12:25 Made a quick detour toward the fishing pier where we spotted 2 snakes

basking under the sun.

- 12:35 Continued heading south, then southwest, and finally back up North where we picked up the same road back to where we started.
- 12:55 Arrived back at Selby's Landing boat ramp where we spent a few minutes enjoying the river flowing.
- 13:10 Departed Selby's landing towards our parked car.
- 13:15 Upon our arrival to the car we noticed that we had only biked for 8.4 miles so we decided to go around the Historic Croom Airport for a lap to complete our 10 miles.
- 13:35 Arrived back at the car with a sore self-esteem, ready to head out to Bojangles for lunch.

Thank you. Signing off, Michael.

For more information on Boy Scouts Troop 252, contact Sandra Tolson at saanee@yahoo.com or 301-927-2275; Eneida Martinez-Brown at e.martinezbrown@gmail.com or 301-864-0059; and Bob Killen at rfkille@yahoo.com or 301-483-8455. See you on the trail, and remember, "Scouting without outing is Sc."

Community Circles

Scholarship Opportunity

The Prince George's Community College Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) offers graduates of Prince George's County high schools paid tuition to PGCC, a two-year scholarship worth \$6,000. Successful graduates may apply for a Southern Management Corporation scholarship to attend The American University. The application deadline is June 10, 2016. Contact the Financial Aid Office at PGCC to apply or learn more: 301-322-0180.

Community Yard Sale

There will be a community yard sale June 11, 2016, from 8-1. The deadline to be listed on the map has passed, but if you missed the map deadline, you are still welcome to participate. Contact Kimberly Lovius

at kimberlylovius@gmail.com or Marilyn Schoppet at marilyn@schoppet.net.

Free Doll Summer Day Camp

What: Free day camp where campers will be making 10" wood/cloth dolls with clothes

Who: Girls ages 7 years and up

Where: Riverdale Park Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road

Time: 9am – 3 pm

Dates: Wednesday, June 22 – Friday, June 24;
Monday, June 27 – Thursday, June 30;
Wednesday, July 6 – Friday, July 8;

Limited openings, pre-registration required, must provide own transportation, lunch provided by Town of Riverdale Park. Contact Emily Fanning 301 864 5561 or email Ourdollmom@aol.com.

Summer Internship Program

Who: Students between the ages of 16 and 19 who live in the Town of Riverdale Park

What: **PAID** summer internship! Indoor (administrative) and outdoor (laborer) positions are available.

Where: Town of Riverdale Park

When: Approximately 10 hours a week for 10 weeks (July – August)

How: Submit a letter of interest indicating the type of position that you are interested in, your latest report card, letter of support from a parent or guardian and a completed Town of Riverdale Park employment application to Town Administrator, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737. Employment applications are available on our website, www.riverdaleparkmd.info, or at Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road. Application deadline is **Friday, June 17, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.**

Local Organizations

Lion's Club: Contact Pat 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.

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

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

Riverdale Park Business Association: Contact Ted Spiropulos at 301-758-3822 or ted@towncentermarket.net

Riverdale Park Arts Council: Contact Samuel Williams, Jr. at (909) 380-4231