



The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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Riverdale Park Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 19, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Riverside Neighborhood Park
5801 Riverside Drive, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

Plan to join us for an afternoon of family fun! The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 1:15 p.m. so be sure to bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs. The Easter Bunny will hop by so don't forget to bring your cameras too!

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. Tuesday for Wednesday
pickup**

Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua

Sábado, 19 de marzo del 2016

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Riverside Neighborhood Park
5801 Riverside Drive, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

Acompáñenos para una tarde de diversión con la familia. La Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua comenzará a las 1:15 p.m. Así que asegúrese de traer su canasta/bolsa para recoger sus huevos. ¡El conejo de Pascua estará saltando por la zona así que no se olvide traer sus cámaras!

Council Actions

Legislative Meeting
February 1, 2016

Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes from January 4, 2016 Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-02 regarding time and place for Ward 5 Special Election - **Adopted**
2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-03 authorizing use of paper ballots for Ward 5 Special Election - **Adopted**
3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-04 to appoint Ward 5 election judge for Ward 5 Special Election - **Adopted**
- ~~4. Motion regarding Fence Permit Application for 4806 Madison Street for a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)~~
5. Motion regarding Fence Permit Application for 4805 Somerset Road for a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 2) - **Approved**
6. Motion to authorize Town Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Inter-Municipal Bikeways Working Group- **Approved**
- ~~7. Motion to waive bid requirements and authorize purchases with Hadco Lighting to retrofit streetlights~~
8. Motion to authorize Town Administrator to send a letter of support for PG 305-16- Alcoholic Beverage Licenses- Riverdale Park Station- **Approved**

New Business:

1. Motion to approve the request for a temporary business license for Teresa's Garden Center to sell flowers and gifts at 6111 Kenilworth Avenue February 12-14, 2016 and May 6-8, 2016 (Ward 4) - **Approved**

Town of Riverdale Park
Special Election Results
February 16, 2016

Council, Ward 5
COLLEEN RICHARDSON
Votes Received: 3

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Riverdale Park, MD 20737
301-927-6381, Hablamos Español
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Mayor Vernon Archer, 240-832-2257
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Council Members

Ward 1 – Jonathan W. Ebbeler,
Chair, Econ Development, 404-626-2082
jebbeler@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 2 – Alan Thompson
Chair, Finance Committee, 301-927-7407
akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 3 - David Lingua
Chair, Public Safety, 301-779-3849
djlingua@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Ward 4 - Christopher Henry
Chair, Public Works, 301-910-9855
Chenry3240@verizon.net

Ward 5 – Vacant

Ward 6 – Alejandro Silva
Chair, Legislative Committee, 301-801-3021
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jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov
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Information - 301-927-0356

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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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Submission deadline: 15th of each month.
Submit all copies to
towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov

The Riverdale Park Police Department Recognizes Communications Dispatcher Dunn for 30 years of Service

On December 17, 2016 the Riverdale Park Police Department celebrated Mrs. Susanne Dunn's 30 year anniversary as a police communications dispatcher at the annual employee Holiday party. Susie was hired in December of 1985 and during her tenure has worked with 6 Chiefs of Police and 3 interim Chiefs. Susie has witnessed many changes and improvements to the department, including dispatching from a house, to a trailer, and finally to the present police facility.

Susie has been happily married for 27 years to a former RPPD Sergeant William J. Dunn. The Riverdale Park Police Department thanks Susie for her 30 years of service. The safety of our officers and success of our police department is largely dependent on having strong capable staff members like Mrs. Dunn.

Congratulations Susie, and many more years still ahead!



Mayor's Report

By Mayor Vernon Archer

In the coming weeks and months the council and community will have before it a proposal to make a substantial change in our town's government. The legislation can be summarized as moving to a town manager form of government. In that system the manager is vested with the powers of the chief executive officer (CEO) as opposed to the mayor holding that authority. On the surface you might expect that I would oppose such a change, however, it is quite the opposite—I support it. Let me explain what will change in broad terms and why I endorse this governmental reform.

First, let me say that throughout my ten years in office I have made it a hallmark of my administration to move the government to a higher level of professionalization at every level. When I took office there was only one position in the government that was "professional" in any true sense of the word (trained at a high level, usually meaning having earned at least a bachelors degree or its equivalent). That post was the town administrator then held by Patrick Prangley, but all others including the police chief, director of public works, and highest financial officer were clearly not professionals. Today all of those functions are professionalized and there is throughout the government significantly more emphasis on professionalization, training and continuing education.

In my opinion progressing to a form of government where the CEO is a professional manager trained and vetted to the highest standards is a logical next step in the same direction I have been leading the government for a decade now. It will benefit the town to have a CEO who is has a formal education in managing public institutions and who is a fulltime exempted employee reporting and responsible directly to the town council and thereby all residents. I cannot make any claim to be any such professional manager and neither were any of my predecessors (going back at least several decades). Both they and I have done quality work overall, however, I have to be honest and admit that a trained professional will likely do a better job of managing the town day in and day out.

The need for a professional CEO is needed more today than it was a decade or two ago, and the demands will only increase in the coming years. As the town grows to include ever more residents and commercial activities the complexity of providing services will only increase. State and even Federal regulatory demands have increased significantly in the last several decades and it seems that trend will increase. Working effectively with other regional entities like utilities, planning agencies, and the county government are growing increasingly complex and require full time, professional attention as well.

While the mayor loses the powers of the CEO in a town manager form of government, the mayor would gain a very important power—the power to vote on all council actions. It may surprise you to know that currently the mayor only has the ability to vote to break ties on council actions. In my 10 years in office I have only voted twice and they were both on minor procedural issues. As the only official elected by the whole town, the mayor’s most important role is to insure that the town’s overall interests are being protected and voting on all council actions will aid the mayor in doing this. Furthermore, it will give all residents a second person to look to protect their rights and interests who can actually vote on council actions beyond just their ward representative.

As Councilman Thompson, with advice from our town attorney, has moved forward to draft the legislation to create a town manager form of government I have been watching and commenting, too. Clearly, it is important to make sure that the Council “gets it right” and we minimize the chances for unintended problems later on. I believe that the proposal that will be introduced at the March Legislative meeting will represent a reform to town government that will benefit us all going forward.

The main time to review the legislation will be in March leading up to the April legislative meeting. I will make sure that the proposal will be placed prominently on the Town website immediately after its introduction, and paper copies will be available at Town Hall. I look forward to a positive and robust review of the proposal with all interested residents.



EAST RIVERDALE BEACON HEIGHTS Sector Plan

Join Us:

A charrette is an intensive, hands-on planning and design exercise where residents, business owners, nonprofit entities, and other interested persons work together to discuss issues and potential solutions, create alternatives, and finally settle on a preferred plan for the future of an area.

Monday, March 7

6:30 p.m. Open House
7:00–9:00 p.m. Public Presentation and Input Meeting
Location: Parks and Recreation Administration (PRA) Building, Auditorium
 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737

Wednesday, March 9

5:00–8:00 p.m. Community Drop-in
Location: St. Bernards Church Gymnasium - Annex
 5811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, MD 20737

Thursday, March 10

7:00–9:00 p.m. Public Presentation and Input Meeting
Location: Parks and Recreation Administration (PRA) Building, Auditorium
 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737

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The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
 Prince George's County Planning Department
 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Community Charrette



- Door prizes!
- Kids' activities!
- Spanish translation!



Purpose:

- **Discuss**—Sidewalks, safety, parks, and more.
- **Explore Your Community**—Identify issues and priorities on housing, design, environment, transportation, and more.
- **Provide Community Input/Feedback**—Develop options and make preferred choices.
- **Take Action**—Mobilize resources

EAST RIVERDALE BEACON HEIGHTS Sector Plan

Únete a nosotros:

Esta asamblea de la comunidad es un proceso en el cual **usted** es la persona más importante para la planificación y el diseño de su comunidad. En esta asamblea residentes, propietarios de negocios, entidades sin fines de lucro, y otras personas interesadas trabajaran juntos para buscar soluciones, crear alternativas de desarrollo comunitario y finalmente decidir el futuro de su comunidad.

Lunes 7 de marzo del 2016

6:30 p.m. Casa Abierta
7:00–9:00 p.m. Presentación del proyecto y sus recomendaciones para la comunidad
Localización: Parks and Recreation Administration (PRA) Building, Auditorium
 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737

Miércoles 9 de Marzo del 2016

5:00–8:00 p.m. Puertas abiertas para comentar, preguntar, y recomendar sobre el proyecto.
Localización: Gimnasio de la iglesia Católica St. Bernards
 5811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, MD 20737

Jueves 10 de marzo del 2016

7:00–9:00 p.m. Presentación del proyecto y sus recomendaciones para la comunidad
Localización: Parks and Recreation Administration (PRA) Building, Auditorium
 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737

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Asamblea de la Comunidad



- ¡Premios!
- ¡Actividades para niños!
- ¡Hablamos en tu idioma!



¿Cuáles es el propósito de la misma?

- **Juntos Conversemos:** Que te preocupa, seguridad de tu familia en las carreteras, tu hogar, comunidad, parques, actividades para ti y los tuyos y mucho más.
- **Exploremos tu comunidad:** Identificar las prioridades de tu comunidad. Por ejemplo, las condiciones de los vecindarios, negocios, diseño de las mismas, medio ambiente natural, transporte público y mucho más.
- **Aportar tus ideas:** Juntos desarrollar ideas, y entre ellas decidir cuáles son para ti las más importantes.
- **Juntos tomemos acción:** Movilizar los recursos.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov

March is not my favorite month, but, looking at it from late February, it looks pretty good. At least the promise of spring is there! Even though spring will arrive on March 20, I promise I won't start discussing mosquitoes until next month.

Bridge to Whole Foods/Riverdale Park Station

Last month I mentioned that people were driving up to the "Road Closed" sign and then dejectedly turning away. Unfortunately, not everyone is actually doing that -- some people are driving around the signs and through the site. I can tell you this because when I walked through there (which I wasn't supposed to do, so don't try it yourself) I saw the cut-out sections of road and the evidence of how much pain it caused those who tried (mud ruts with floor mats in them, as if they thought that would get them out, chunks of concrete dragged out of water-filled trenches in the street, etc.). Let everyone know - it's closed for a reason! Oh, and if you're caught by the police in there I would guess you'll get a pricey ticket.

Major Revisions to the Structure of Town Government

Last month I had a long discussion about a proposed major change to the structure of Town Government (you can read it by clicking on "February" on the web page at www.riverdaleparkmd.info/Crier2016.cfm).

I've gotten a little bit of feedback on it (but not a lot), and am pretty sure I'll introduce the legislation at the March 7 legislative meeting. Keep your eyes and ears open as we discuss this big change!

Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market is open all winter! It is open every Thursday from 3pm to 7pm at 6202 Rhode Island Avenue (at the corner of Rhode Island and Riverdale Road). Produce at the market this time of year includes potatoes, cabbage, turnips, beets, apples, pumpkins, greens, peppers, gourds, cider, mums, baked goods, honey, pastured meats, eggs from free range hens, and fresh small batch roasted coffees—aren't greenhouses great!? I hope to see you at the market!

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: March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17.

Tree Planting – The Department of Public Works will plant new trees in the community in the spring. Residents who would like to have a tree planted near their homes should contact the department at 301-864-1803, to be placed on our list.



Disposal REMINDER- The Waste Management Division of the Prince George's County Department of

Environmental Resources issued a notice to resident's last year that requires ALL recycling to be placed in the blue toters that they issue to residents or in collection cans/containers (i.e., trash cans), clearly marked "RECYCLING" or with an "X." NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER (i.e., plastic grocery bags, plastic wrappers on soda or water containers). Plastic can be included in and picked up on regular trash collection days. For additional information, please call 311 or 301-883-5810.

WSSC Schedule of Service Connections

– From February through April 2016, the WSSC will perform numerous service connection projects in our community. Please see attached schedule for details. The same list is available on the Town's website (www.riverdaleparkmd.gov) or you can visit our Town Hall to pick up a copy.

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.

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.

Snow Emergency Conditions – Snow emergency conditions shall be considered in effect within the Town of Riverdale Park whenever a snow emergency is declared in effect in Prince George's County by the Prince George's County Executive, the Maryland State Highway Administration or the Maryland State Police.

Laws that apply:

- During any period in which a snow emergency condition exists and a snow emergency is in effect, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any part of any street designated as a snow emergency street, provided that signs have been erected on that street giving notice that such street is a designated snow emergency street.
- During any period in which a snow emergency condition is in effect, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on

the odd-numbered side of any public street in the Town of Riverdale Park regardless of whether such street has been designated a snow emergency street. Streets with parking restricted on one side are exempt from this section.

- Any vehicle parked in violation of the snow emergency provisions of the section may be removed and impounded by or under the direction of any duly-authorized police officer. The owner of said vehicle, in addition to any towing or impound fee, shall be liable for a fine of \$250.

Snow and Ice Removal

Please note that Public Works crews will be plowing and salting Town streets and parking lots to clear snow and ice. As in the past, we will treat our streets in the following method:

Primary Streets - i.e., Riverdale Road Taylor Road Lafayette Avenue, Queensbury Road, etc.

Secondary Streets – i.e., DuPont Circle, Cleveland Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue, Quesada Road, Beale, 49th and 48th Avenues., Silk Tree Drive, etc.

Residential Streets – i.e., Oliver Street., Madison Street., Rittenhouse Street., 47th Avenue, Somerset Road, Sora Lane., etc.

Please note: our major roadways, (Rt. 201, Rt. 1, Rt. 410, Good Luck Road), will be treated and plowed by the State and County.

Residents of our Town should note that they will be responsible for doing their part by keeping the walkway in front of their property cleaned of snow and ice after each event.

What Residents Can Do?

- Whenever possible, move parked cars off the street so that snowplows can remove the snow from the street from curb to curb.
- If off-street parking is not available, **park on the even side of the street (*violators will be subject to having their vehicles impounded and fined \$250 – 64-10(b)(c)*)**.
- Be patient during any snow emergency as crews work around the clock to clear the streets.
- Clear sidewalks in front of residence and refrain from depositing snow back on to the roadway (this can potentially cause an accident).



Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Robert Killen

Following is our Troop 252 March 2016 report directly from Troop 252's Scouts. We'll leave out the snow jobs - everyone knows about them. We didn't go to the Eswau Huppeday Lodge Order of the Arrow Powwow because of the three feet of snow in this area - it was canceled because of the threat of three or four feet of snow in Statesville NC. Our new Scout, Jonathan Pierre, has missed the past two meetings - hope he attends the next ones!

In cheerful service,
Bob Killen

Now, for the Scouts' reports...

January 29 Meeting:

Hello everybody, so for Friday's notes: We discussed when we would have our next camping trip. Joseph said that we could all go to his house for our troop meeting and camp there for the night. Bryan Garcia completed requirement 4a (demonstrate how to whip and fuse the ends of the rope). For the rest of the meeting, the troop spent it making paracord bracelets and rings while getting directions from my dad. Well, I think that's pretty much it. Until next time, Michael, signing off.

February 5 Notes:

Good night (or day if you're reading it in the morning), everybody. It's Michael, here with the meeting notes. Bryan Garcia has worked on his knots (taut line and half hitches), practicing his pull ups, and he has also worked on his 1/4 mile run, accompanied by me (Michael), and spent the rest of the night attempting to make a fire and cooked bananas (surprisingly delicious). Now, for upcoming events: February 12, we will be meeting at the Town Hall. February 13, we will go to the ski trip—admission is \$84, plus money for food. February 19, we will go to the Greenbelt pool and practice some swimming and requirements. February 21 will be Scout Sunday, where we will be working at registration. March 12, we will have a camping trip to Greenbelt Park and, six more meetings before Easter break. Also, there are a few reminders: Bryan and Jonathan please don't forget to bring your documents. Everybody, please bring your money for the re-charter: youth are \$37 and adults are \$25. My dad and myself have

paid our dues. Well that's about it. Until next time, Michael, signing off.

February 12 Meeting:

Scribe Michael Jarquin wrote - "Hello everyone, I just want to say that today Bryan and I will not be attending to the meeting. I do not believe there will be a meeting due to a previously scheduled and important school meeting. If there happens to be a meeting, will someone please send me notes? Thank you, in advance."

Senior Patrol Leader Guilian Cañete wrote - "Troop 252, last night, Joseph, Ms. Brown, and I were at the Town Hall. I got two Merit Badges signed off, Communications and Personal Management. Joseph was working on Communications MB as well and sold us his shoes. He later gave a speech about his rather boring day. Scout Sunday is on the 21st, meet at McDonalds at 1. Also on the 19th, the meeting will be at the greenbelt pool. Lastly, Mr. Killen needs the re-charter money. \$37 for youth and \$25 for adults."

Thank you, Scouts. We can't forget our local winter camping weekends, or the bicycle and hiking trips that we have to plan with consideration of the weather and availability of transportation to and from the events. There is the opportunity for you or your boys, age 11-17, to join in the fun. While we're having fun, we learn how to survive and thrive in bad situations, learning, too, not to be afraid.

Contact Bob Killen 301-483-8455, Eneida Martínez-Brown (MHB) 301-864-0059 or Sandra Tolson 301-927-2275 for information.



RPAC ArtsFest 2016 Announces Schedule

*Smokin' Polecats and Nowhere Men
Headline Music Lineup, GKFAA and Vendors
Applications Being Accepted*

The Riverdale Park Arts Council Board of Directors have released the 2016 ArtsFest lineup which features headline bands Smokin Polecats and Nowhere Men. The Smokin Polecats are an area favorite and perform yearly at the ArtsFest. The Nowhere Men were nominated for the Best Cover Band category at the 2016 Maryland Music Awards.

The ArtsFest 2016 is scheduled from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, May 1 and will be held at the Riverdale Marc train station location located at 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD.

This year, for the first time in ArtsFest history, RPAC will present first and second prizes for the first ever Bryant/Fields-Kuehl Trailblazer Youth Award winners. Winners were selected by the Parksdale High School art department.

RPAC will also present their fifth annual Gerald King Fine Arts Award (GKFAA). Submissions for the 2016 Gerald King Art Grant (\$1,500 paid to a master artist to train the recipient for one year plus a \$500 stipend that is given to the winner to buy art supplies) will be accepted until the deadline date of March 18. For further details, see www.rpartscouncil.org/gerald-king-fine-arts-award.html.

The deadline to secure vendor space is Monday, April 11 for local artists, artisans, authors, poets, crafts dealers and general vendors to display/sell their original work or merchandise at its 9th annual arts and music fair. For further details, see the ArtsFest 2016 Artist/Author/Vendor

Application tab at www.rpartscouncil.org, or email RPAC at rpartscouncil@gmail.com.

There will be opportunity for youth to decorate Mother's Day planters, enjoy creative face painting, and enjoy free popcorn.

For more 2016 ArtsFest information visit www.rpartscouncil.org or call RPAC Board of Director President Samuel Williams, Jr. at (909) 380-4231.

RPAC Artsfest 2016 Schedule

- 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, May 1 at Riverdale MARC train Station located at 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, Maryland
- 11 – 11:15 a.m. – Welcome
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Parksdale High School Jazz Band
- 12:15 – 12:30 p.m. – RPAC Youth Arts Contest Winners Announced
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Archie Edwards Heritage Blues Foundation: Tribute to Piedmont Blues
- 1:30 – 1:45 p.m. – RPAC GKFAA Award Winner Announced
- 1:45 – 2:45 p.m. – Smokin' Polecats
- 2:45 – 3:15 p.m. – Interviews: Vendors, Artists, Authors
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. – Nowhere Men
- 5 p.m. – Closing Comments

Senator Paul G. Pinsky's Scholarship

Who may apply: Current high school seniors, full-time and part-time degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate

students who live in the 22nd Legislative District.

How to Apply: The application is available online at senatorpinsky.org. Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in addition to Senator Paul G. Pinsky's scholarship application.

Award Criteria: Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need, and commitment to higher education. The minimum annual award amount is \$500 and the maximum award is \$2500.

Renewing an Award: If you received an award from Senator Pinsky during a previous academic year, your award will be renewed automatically as long as you maintain satisfactory academic progress. Questions: 301-858-3155 or paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us
Deadline: **Monday, April 4, 2016.**

Community Circles

PGCPS News

Here are the dates you need to know this winter for Prince George's County Public Schools:

- March 24: Grading/planning, no school for students
- March 25-28: Easter holiday, no school

Office Suite for Rent

Location: Baltimore Avenue, frontage
Contact: Mr. John Vecchiarelli,
(240) 463-0506; (301) 937-8990

Local Organizations

Lion's Club:

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.

Riversdale Historical Society:

Contact Riversdale Mansion at (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 President Ted Spiropulos at 301-758-3822 or e-mail: ted@towncentermarket.net.

Riverdale Park Arts Council:

Contact Samuel Williams, Jr., RPAC President at (909) 380-4231.

The Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP):

Website: www.riverdaleparkhistory.org; harp@riverdaleparkhistory.org

