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**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*

Riverdale Park Day 2015



**Saturday, October 3, 2015
12 noon to 5 p.m.**

**Riverside Neighborhood Park
5801 Riverside Drive**

Come join us for live music, great food, local vendors, and lots
of family-friendly activities!



Raising Awareness and a Unified Voice Against Domestic Violence

Riverdale Park is going purple in October as we participate with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office, and other law enforcement agencies throughout the county, to raise awareness regarding domestic violence in our communities, and to demonstrate Riverdale Park's commitment against domestic violence. Department of Public Works will soon be illuminating the Police Department, Town Hall and the Train Station in Town Center with purple lights.

We encourage town residents to participate and support this effort by lighting up their porches and windows in purple.

Council Actions

September 8, 2015

Legislative Meeting

Consent Agenda

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

1. Fence Permit Request: 6 foot vinyl backyard fence, 5407 54th Avenue (Ward 6)
2. Fence Permit Request: 6 foot wooden backyard fence, 4710 Sheridan Street (Ward 2)
3. Street Closure Request: October 3, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the 4900 block of Sheridan Street for Block Party (Ward 2)
4. Street Closure Request: September 19, 2015, from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. for 43rd Street between East-West Highway and Queensbury Road for Block Party (Ward 1)
5. Parade Permit Request: Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department, September 19, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
6. Street closure request on Riverdale Road from 54th Place to Lafayette Avenue on September 19, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department Parade (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5)
7. Street closure request at Tuckerman Street and Lafayette Avenue on September 12, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department equipment rodeo
8. Street closure request on Queensbury Road from 48th Avenue to Natoli Place on September 12, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department corn-hole tournament
9. Street closure request at Tuckerman Street and Lafayette Avenue on September 19, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department Hook-Up Competition
10. Street closure request at Tuckerman Street and Lafayette Avenue on September 13, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department Field Events (Bucket Brigade, Battle of the Bucket, Tug-O-War, etc.)
11. Resolution 2015-R-12 regarding no parking on both sides of the street on Jefferson Street from Kenilworth Avenue to 54th Avenue (Ward 6)
12. Motion to authorize sale of trash truck to Town of University Park for \$33,000
13. Minutes from June 22, 2015 Special Legislative Meeting
14. Minutes from July 6, 2015 Legislative Meeting
15. Minutes from August 31, 2015 Special Legislative Meeting
16. Motion regarding fence permit request for a 6 foot vinyl backyard fence at 6402 46th Avenue (Ward 1)
17. Motion regarding fence permit request for a 5 foot wooden backyard fence and retaining wall replacement at 6110 44th Avenue (Ward 1)
18. Motion regarding fence permit request for a 6 foot wooden backyard fence at 4609 Queensbury Road (Ward 1)

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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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Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Board of Appeals regarding Variance Request V-61-15, a variance of 2.5 feet front yard depth and a waiver of parking area location requirement for 5404 Spring Lane (Ward 6) - **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Board of Appeals recommending denial of Variance Request V-64-15 through V-69-15 for Troops First Foundation, Leroy Petry Honor Village, a request for waiver of parking area location requirement (Ward 3) - **Approved**
- ~~3. Motion regarding a curb cut request for new single family home at 6317 47th Avenue (Ward 4)~~
4. Motion to waive bid requirements and authorize purchase of 1 Type 6-C-1 Chevy Truck 4x4 from Hertich Fleet Services for approximately \$31,000 through State Contract BPO001B5400299, 2 Type 9P Ford Utility AWD from Apple Ford for approximately \$62,000 through State Contract MD01B5400280, 1 Type 3-1 Patrol Sedan Dodge from Fred Frederick Dodge for approximately \$28,000 through State Contract BPO001B5400278, and outfit the vehicles with Brekford for approximately \$75,000 through State Contract BPO #060B249022. – **Approved**
5. Motion to send a letter to the Board of Education regarding the Master Plan Support Project as presented by consultants Brailsford & Dunlavey – **Approved**
6. Motion to send a letter of support for Commissioner John P. Shoaff in his independent decision of whether to recuse himself or not – **Approved**
7. Motion to send a letter to the Board of License Commissioners regarding the recently approved legislation for Sunday Sales that investment waivers not be granted to any businesses in and around the Town of Riverdale Park affected by this legislation – **Approved**

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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Fall is going strong now, and while I’m missing the warm and (relatively) slow days of summer I’m enjoying apples, squash, and cool weather.

Dog Park

The dog park is more behind schedule than I had thought – all of the bids came in over the budget, so the project is being re-listed (with, unfortunately, a smaller set of features). While it’s possible that it will get

started this fall, I suspect that it won’t open before spring. On the bright side, this will give us more time to review the awesome report that Lora Katz (thanks Lora!) created to summarize community feedback on the rules for the park, and get administrative processes in place. I’ll let you know as more information about the project comes out.

M-U-TC/7-Eleven

I suspect Mayor Archer and Council Representative Ebbeler will cover this in their reports, but the Town’s recommendation to deny the 7-Eleven project was rejected by the Prince George’s County Planning Board. Their reason for rejecting our recommendation was, in my

opinion, based on a flawed interpretation of the M-U-TC Development Plan by the Planning Board's lawyers. The Town has several options to appeal the decision (and amend the M-U-TC book to remove any hint of ambiguity) that we are pursuing. If you want to receive notifications regarding the appeal process (or what happened at the Planning Board) please contact your Council Representative, Mayor Archer, or me.

Police Department at McDonald's

Many of you have probably seen the video taken by a bystander as Riverdale Park police officers subdued and arrested a man who was high on drugs, punching his table, and throwing chairs and signs at a local McDonald's (the video has been viewed more than two million times as I write this report). Police Chief Morris alerted me (and the rest of the Council) about this incident soon after it happened. After watching the video myself, I was proud of the way our officers responded -- they acted quickly and safely to get the man outside the restaurant (to keep the other patrons safe) and get him into custody with a minimum of injury. I was happy to see that throughout the process the officers worked to preserve his human dignity, even as they were getting him under control. Watching this video, as hard as it was, made me proud, again, to live in Riverdale Park. We have an effective and professional police department that keeps us all safe.

Farmers' Market

My mouth and stomach are letting me know that it really is fall. The Farmers' Market is overflowing with fabulous produce! It is open every Thursday from 3pm to 7pm in the main parking lot in Town Center. Produce at the market this time of year includes tomatoes (but they're on their

way out), corn, potatoes, cantaloupe, cabbage, turnips, apples, pumpkins, peppers, gourds, cider, mums, baked goods, honey, peaches, pastured meats, free range hen eggs, fresh small batch roasted coffees, and a beautiful variety of cut flowers. I hope to see you at the market!

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Saturday Drop Off

The next scheduled dates in 2015 for drop off of bulk trash on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., are: **October 17**, November 21 and December 19.

Holiday Trash Collection

Regular trash will be collected on Monday, October 12, 2015, in observance of Columbus Day. Town offices will be opened.

Mosquito Control Program

The Mosquito Control Program for Town of Riverdale Park ended **September 17, 2015**.

Trees

- Trimming – When trees in the community are to be removed or trimmed, the arborist will be posting “No Parking” signs before they begin trimming trees. Your cooperation is needed to adhere to the times posted by moving your vehicles so that the trees are accessible to the vendor for this service.
- Planting – The department will plant new trees in the community by the end of September – mid-October 2015. We are in the process of

selecting locations for new trees. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Animal Control

The Department of Environmental Resources – Animal Management Division

handles **all calls** related to animal control in your community. Please contact them if there are animals in a trap, sick, being treated with cruelty, animal spaying or neutering, dangerous animals, animal carcasses, or other animal related issues in your neighborhood, please call the Animal Management Division at 301-780-7200.

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and Thursdays.

The public can view animals on Monday, Tuesday and Friday 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and Thursdays. The office is located at 3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro 20772.

Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Robert Killen

Guillian Cañete, our Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), reported orally to the rest of Troop 252 about the 50-mile bicycle ride he and his dad completed last month. It was so sketchy that I hesitate to share it with you this month. Maybe next month we'll have a full report for you.

Same challenge with the "long-term camping" report - Our Scouts said that they killed a chicken, plucked, cooked and ate it, but I don't remember too much what they told me about the rest of the week that they camped in Brandywine. We'll have more information for you for certain next month.

Our Scouts have decided to hold our next Court of Honor on Friday the 13th of November. SPL Cañete will forward to Scoutmaster Killen the achievements of our Scouts, and we will add some of the

achievements of our Scouters since our last Court of Honor. The Scouts have shared with us that they intend to invite the Mayor and Town Council to the event.

Assistant Scoutmaster AJ Jarquin has decided to take Wood Badge this fall. Wood Badge is the highest level of adult Scout leader training available. He is the first of our new Scout adult leaders to take the course. Eneida Martinez-Brown, Sandra Tolson and Bob Killen completed Wood Badge training 20+ years ago. The equivalent National Youth Leadership Training course is called "Impeesa" in the National Capital Area Council. Sandra staffed Impeesa once, and Bob 15 times, being the Course Director four times. All of our Scouts who took Impeesa also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award earned by Scouts.

We intend to set up our tipi at Jug Bay the evening of October 16 to have it up for the Seventh Annual American Indian Festival on the 17th, where we will teach Native Crafts and Games, especially Quasimodo Tag. Come and join in the fun - It's free!

We'll also be present and active at Riverdale Day, October 3. Join us there and see what we're doing in Scouting!

December 5 will see us at the Cubs for Jesus day in Virginia and—weather permitting—we will go skiing and snowboarding on 12/12/15. We'll have more to report next month. Stay tuned, and if you need anything Scouting-wise, feel free to call us - Eneida Martinez-Brown @ 301-864-0059; Sandra Tolson 301-927-2275, and Bob Killen 301-483-8455

College & Career Fair on October 13

By CM Dannielle Glaros

On Tuesday, October 13, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Prince George's County Council Member Dannielle Glaros is sponsoring a College & Career Fair at Parkdale High School. This is a free event and everyone is welcome to attend. While College & Career Fairs are often attended by High School Juniors and Seniors, Freshmen and Sophomores are strongly encouraged to attend as well. It's never too early for students to think about the next step after high school.

In addition to representatives from colleges, career certification programs and employers, there will be several 30-minute workshops including topics such as Financial Aid 101, Getting Prepared for College, Smooth Transitions for Special Education Students, Polish Your Resume and Prep for Interviews, and more.

We need your help to make this College & Career Fair a success! Encourage the high school students you know to attend. If you are connected to a college or employer who would like to participate, please send an email to CouncilDistrict3@co.pg.md.us <<mailto:CouncilDistrict3@co.pg.md.us>>.

Please reach out to Prince George's County Council Member Dannielle Glaros at 301-952-3060 or CouncilDistrict3@co.pg.md.us <<mailto:CouncilDistrict3@co.pg.md.us>> anytime. Or use that email address to sign up for her bi-weekly eNewsletter. Follow her on social media www.facebook.com/PGDistrict3 <<http://www.facebook.com/PGDistrict3>> or on Twitter @GlarosCouncil3.

Community Circles

Student Re-branding Competition for Clean Cities Coalition

The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition needs your help! We are looking for teams to design our new logo, letterhead, t-shirt & polo, and website layout!

This competition is open to all undergraduate and graduate students in the Washington Metro Area. Form a team of 3-6 and submit your team's names and designs to info@gwrccc.org or P.O. Box 73402, Washington, D.C. 20059 by **October 12, 2015**. First, second, and third place *cash prizes* will be awarded!

We are looking for energetic and enthusiastic teams – so share your ideas with GWRCCC! This is a great way to be a part of the effort to promote energy efficiency and clean transportation technologies in your community and nationwide!

Visit www.gwrccc.org for more information or info@gwrccc.org with your questions!



Free Prostate Screenings

Prostate cancer is highly curable if detected early. New guidelines from the American Urological Association now recommend that men be offered a prostate specific antigen (PSA) test and digital rectal exam (DRE). Join us to receive free prostate cancer screenings – a PSA blood test and DRE – provided by board-certified urologists. Appointments required, call 301-552-8060.

Thursday, October 15, 2015, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Doctor's Community Hospital
8116 Good Luck Road
Professional Office Building, Suite 210
Lanham, MD 20706

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.

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

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