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Riverdale Park Day 2016

October 1, 2016; 12 noon to 5:00 p.m.
Riverside Neighborhood Park

Join us in honoring the First Responders of Riverdale Park! We will have lots of activities, vendors, good music and great food! Bring a blanket or a lawn chair to **5801 Riverside Drive** and spend the day having fun with your neighbors and honoring the heroes of our community!



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301-927-6381

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Police Department

5004 Queensbury Road
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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. Tues., for Wed. pickup**

William Wirt Boys Soccer Wins County Soccer Tournament

The William Wirt Boys Soccer Team won the 2016 Prince George's County Middle School Soccer Tournament. Coached by Juliana Ocampos-Barry and Craig Tupper, the team has worked extremely hard and shown exceptional dedication both on and off the field. The team ended the 2016 season with an overall record of 10-0-1. The Town of Riverdale Park's Mayor and Council declared July 6, 2016 Jaguar Day in honor of their achievements. Congratulations to the players and coaches!



Mayor Archer presents a proclamation to the William Wirt Boy's Soccer Team, winners of the 2016 Prince George's County Middle School Soccer Tournament.



Council Actions

July 5, 2016 Legislative Meeting

Consent Agenda

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

1. Street closure request for 5000 block of Queensbury Road on August 2, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for National Night Out (Ward 2)
2. Minutes from May 31, 2016, Constant Yield Public Hearing
3. Minutes from June 6, 2016, Legislative Meeting
4. Minutes from June 14, 2016, Special Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to approve a temporary business license and waiver from section 42-13(b)(1) and 42-13(b)(4) of the Town Code for JASO, Inc. to operate a flea market at 5413 Riverdale Road on Saturdays and Sundays until December 24, 2016 (Ward 4) – **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize Town staff to contact Neighborhood Design Center regarding beautification options for end of 47th Avenue to Town Center – **Approved**
3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-OR-04 regarding Jey’s Auto – Repeal of Authorization for Acquisition by Eminent Domain – **Approved**
4. Motion to waive bid requirements and authorize the Acting Town Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of 5 police vehicles from Hertrich and outfitted by Breckford to ride bids from State of Maryland and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George’s and St. Mary’s Counties – **Approved**
5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-11 regarding Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) Zone – **Approved**
6. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-12 regarding the use of Roberts Rules of Order – **Approved**
7. Motion to select Novak Consulting Firm as the Executive Search firm to select a Town Manager and authorize the Acting Town Manager to enter into a contract with the firm to provide Executive Search services, the cost to be not more than \$22,500 – **Approved**
8. Motion to send letter of support for Food Truck Hub for University of Maryland Venture District – **Approved**
- ~~9. Motion to approve Mayor’s nomination to fill vacant Ethics Commission seat~~
10. Motion to appoint Leonard Addison as Acting Town Manager from August 2, 2016, until Town Manager is appointed

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Unfinished Business:

1. Motion to install a crosswalk from the northeast corner of Lafayette Avenue and Queensbury Road to the northeast corner of Lafayette Avenue and Queensbury Road – **Postponed until September 6, 2016 Legislative Meeting.**

New Business:

1. Motion to fly the Star Spangled Banner in lieu of the Stars and Stripes from August 22nd to September 19th in commemoration of the Battle of Bladensburg and the Battle of Baltimore – **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize CM Thompson to speak on behalf of Town Council at the July 28th mandatory referral hearing – **Approved**
3. Motion to allocate \$100 to assist with the Ward 4 National Night Out event – **Approved**

Mayor's Report

By Mayor Vernon Archer

Ethics Commission Volunteers Needed

Maryland and all of its locally chartered governments has strict and rigorously established standards of ethics. The requirements laid down by state law are taken very seriously by your town government as well. Central to upholding the ethics requirements is having a volunteer staffed commission that works in league with the town attorney to insure that all reporting requirements are submitted correctly and reviewed. On occasion the commission must also consider complaints against elected officials or town staff.

We currently are in need of a volunteer to fill one empty seat on the commission, as well as a willing alternate member who would serve in the absence of one of the three sitting members. Volunteers need to have a background in some form of compliance, enforcement or legal profession. If you qualify and are willing to fulfill this service to our community please either contact me by email at varcher@riverdaleparkmd.gov, or direct mail at 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737.

Honoring Our First Responders at Riverdale Park Day

This year we are planning a very special addition to Riverdale Park Day. The planning committee is working with both our police department and our volunteer fire department recognize the dedication and service of all those who work to keep the rest of us safe. The actual activities will be announced soon, but I want to let you know now this will happen in order to encourage all residents to attend this year's celebration.

You might recall that the vision that guides me as Mayor is that town government is here to keep our town safe, clean and beautiful. The order of the three goals is not accidental; safety comes first. I believe most all will agree that if we don't feel safe in your day-to-day lives, then not much else matters. The men and women of our police and fire company work diligently and dedicate themselves to keeping us safe. They are there to respond quickly and vigorously to re-establish safe conditions when crime, emergency medical issues or fire threaten us. Each of the entities is being recognized in part because of significant achievement and dedication that sets them apart from many of their peers.

Our Fire House has operated solely by Volunteer Company 7 staff without any coverage assistance from paid county fire fighters for the last four years. Volunteers have kept the ambulance in particular running 24 hours per day, 7 days per week even through the most difficult times to staff. This is not the norm in Prince George's County; either paid staff plays a significant roll in operations, or volunteer houses tend to not operate during significant stretches of the week—particularly those hours most of us think of as normal business hours. Many of the volunteers have taken their own personal leave from regular employment to insure that we are safe! I look forward to taking the upcoming opportunity to thank them along with the whole town!

Our police department has achieved a level of professionalism and recognition by their peers that is rarely equaled by medium sized departments such as ours. In my report next month, I will have great deal more to say, but let me give a few examples. Our Department is in the process of training its forth active service officer at the FBI's National Academy; this number of officers in a department the size of ours is rare, indeed. We also have three graduates from the Northwest University School of Police Staff and Command. From such highly trained leaders we in turn have a police force that is trained and operates at such a high level that we can all rest a good bit better knowing they are looking out for us. Again, I look forward to the opportunity to recognize our officers in front of our whole town.

Storm Water Improvements for Longfellow Street MOU Signed

Residents of Longfellow Street, I am happy to announce that we have finally been able to work out an MOU with the county to connect your area to the county's storm water management system. While there is still much to be done before construction can start, the signing of the MOU indicates that we are clearly going to achieve our goal of significantly improving control of runoff in your area.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward One Report

By Council Member Marsha Dixon
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Thank You!

As this is my first report since being elected, let me first say thank you to all of the Ward 1 residents who elected me into office. I am honored and humbled to be elected as your Councilmember. The outpour of voters for a special election was a testament to the civic engagement of our residents. I want to first thank Dan Behrend, who contributed in getting an unprecedented number of Ward 1 residents to the polls. I would also like to thank all those who supported my candidacy by tirelessly lending your time and energy to help me garner votes. I will work to attain the confidence and support of those who did not vote for me.

Transparency and Accountability

As I serve our community, the theme that I hope to develop throughout my tenure is my effort to ensure that the community feels that the Council is transparent in its decision-making. During the Council's August work session, I plan to propose the creation of an ad hoc Communications Advisory Committee that will be responsible for providing guidance to the Council on ways that the Council can improve our communication with residents. I *strongly* encourage members to attend Council meetings. However, you may tune into channels 78 (Comcast) and 12 (Verizon) to watch and/or listen in. You may also obtain a copy of previously recorded meetings from Town Hall staff. As I learn to adapt to our era of technology, I've not only created a website (www.marsha4ward1.com) for residents to find

certain Town information, I also have a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/marsha4ward1) and Twitter handle (@marshaward1) where you can follow me and receive a variety of information.

Economic Development

Like me, many of you were sad to see S&J's close its doors. We all want to see businesses coming (not leaving) the area, and we are ready to see a reinvigoration of our town center which is long overdue. I have been in touch with business owners to find ways to revitalize our town center and improve the Town's economic growth. I hope to announce the arrival of new businesses soon — stay tuned!

"On the Agenda"

Once a month, prior to each Legislative Council Meeting, I hold an "On the Agenda" with Councilwoman Dixon event. "On the Agenda" is a very informal gathering where residents and I can discuss any upcoming Council agenda items as well as any other concerns raised by residents. I hope that these meetings will serve as a way for residents to casually meet each other as well as provide residents who are unable to attend council meetings with an opportunity to express their thoughts. Although the gatherings are geared toward keeping Ward 1 residents informed, it is open to anyone. During the prior two meetings held on June 18th and July 5th, residents asked great questions and I enjoyed all of the feedback. ***The next meeting will be held at Town Center Market on Saturday, September 3rd at 10:30am.***

My Recent Events

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer. Although the Council was in recess, July was a busy month for me. On July 18th, Mayor Archer and I attended an inter-municipal bikeways working group meeting. We received an update on bringing bikeshare to Prince George's County. Although nothing has been

finalized, the goal remains to bring bikeshare to our community within 1-2 years.

Stories surrounding the tragic deaths of police officers and citizens have spurred a national conversation around community-police relationship. On July 23rd, Councilmembers from College Park, Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and University Park came together at University Town Center for a moment of silence for the loss of lives and to begin a dialogue about the concerns, if any, that we have in our own communities.

On July 29th, I took part in a ride-along with a Riverdale Park police sergeant. I drove around responding to calls from 8:00pm until close to midnight. Needless to say, it was a very eye-opening experience. I encourage everyone to get a first-hand glimpse of what it is like to serve as a police officer in our community. Ride-alongs are open to any Town resident.

On July 30th, I continued the dialogue at Town Hall where Council members, residents and Police Chief Morris gathered to share our thoughts. Many residents expressed their appreciation for an open dialogue. It was only the beginning of our discussion, so if you weren't able to attend, stay tuned for more details on the next event.

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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Town Manager Search

The Town Manager search is moving forward at full speed. I hope that everyone responded to the online survey of residents about your priorities for the Town, the characteristics you would like the Town Manager to have, and any advice you want to share with him or her. If you didn't have a chance to fill it out, please feel free to contact me to let me know your thoughts. I'll do my best to make sure your input is considered during the search and hiring process. (My e-mail address is the best way to contact me:

akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov). The Town Council will be working over the next 4-6 weeks to select the best candidate, and we plan to make an offer in late October or early November.

Park at Tuckerman and Lafayette (“Field of Dreams”)

With the bridge construction underway, we need to decide how to remake the green space at the corner of Lafayette and Tuckerman, currently known as the “Field of Dreams.” I would like to have a community meeting to discuss options for this green space in mid-October. Details will appear in the October Town Crier, both in the calendar and in my article.

Dog Park

Waggertail Dog Park is now open and operating! By the agreement we have with Parks and Recreation, we must register users of the park. The details of how to do this are being worked out by the group *Friends of Waggertail Park*, which will interface between the Town and users of the park. Please contact Town Hall at 301-927-6381 to find out more about registration or the Friends of Waggertail Park.

Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes are out in force, but there are things you can do to help reduce their numbers. First try to eliminate any standing water on your property. Places where water gathers regularly (like the low point in a gutter on the edge of the roof) can be inoculated against mosquito infestation with products like Mosquito Dunks that contain a microbe that kills mosquito larvae, but has no effect on humans, animals, or most other insects. Most mosquitoes live their life within about a mile of their larval habitat, so everyone in town will appreciate your efforts to reduce the mosquito population in your yard.

Farmers’ Market

The Farmers' Market is in full swing with the summer! 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, scallions, white and sweet potatoes, summer squash, lettuces, berries, eggplants, mushrooms, free-range hen eggs, roasted coffee, tomatoes, and green peppers. I hope to see you at the market!

Ward Three Report

By Council Member David Lingua
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With September, our search for a town manger continues on to the next phases. I would encourage residents to participate when possible, be that with questionnaires online or at any related meetings. Your input is important to the process and the eventual decision made on hiring. Be sure to check regularly for postings to the Town Announce list serve as well as the Town website.

September also has school back in full swing. Please plan departures from home and work accordingly. Allow for the extra traffic, school crossings, walking students, and school buses. As a friendly reminder, a California roll is a sushi item and not an acceptable way to stop at a stop sign. As for that smartphone, don't be the dummy; it can wait.

Coming back before Council is the immediate issue of establishing a crosswalk from the west corner of Mabel Munch Park to the west corner of Town Center Market, across Queensbury Road. I say an immediate issue as there will be a great deal to consider and weigh in the coming months regarding the pedestrian and automotive interaction in the greater Town Center area. Again, these longer-term issues are those which pubic input will be encouraged and appreciated. For now, the installation of a

crosswalk at this location makes imminent sense.

On July 30, a public meeting and discussion was held at Town Hall to reflect upon the current relationship between our community and our Police Department. It was done so in light of recent nationwide events involving local police departments in which the suspects met with what many consider as untimely deaths. It is with great appreciation to CM Marsha Dixon for organizing this event as well to CM Alan Thompson and Chief David Morris for their attendance and participation that I hope this was one of several of which will follow in promoting a constructive dialogue. For any residents looking to become more active in promoting constructive police-community relations, Chief Morris has an already standing Citizen's Advisory Committee. To find out more, please contact the department.

The public safety walk for Ward Three will be held this November. I intend to stay with the approach taken last year of providing a list of items to staff, beforehand. This year will allow us to follow up on last year's items while reviewing and observing any new issues to address. Please let me know if there is something that you have come across which should be addressed.

The new home of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Center is located inside the newly renovated Arcade Building. Just off Route One, on Gallatin Street, the building is also home to the returning Pyramid Atlantic as well as the relocated Neighborhood Design Center. The ATHA office and center will provide informational displays on the area's sites and events. On a related note, in recognition of the efforts made by ATHA in previous years to mark events in our country's history, which are local to us, we are flying the Star Spangled Banner of 1814 outside of Town Hall. Gallantly streaming since August 22nd, the flag will wave until September 19th; marking the anniversaries of the Battle of Bladensburg and the Battle of Baltimore. ATHA continues to build on heritage tourism with its current efforts in bike tourism and way finding. A continued effort to mark

events into which a considerable amount of time and money, be that state, county, and municipal, was committed and made through ATHA can serve programs past and present to each other's benefit.

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Back to School

Please drive slower and watch out for children and other pedestrians.



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: **September 17**, October 15, November 19, and December 17.

Waggertail Dog Park Opening

On July 25, 2016, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Riverdale Park Waggertail Dog Park, located at 51st Avenue and Haig Street in Riverdale Park. The event was very well attended by the Mayor and Council members, Acting Town Manager, RPPD Chief of Police, Town staff, Prince George's County government officials, residents, and dog owners.

We were thrilled to have Jeanne Latham and her family from Solomon's Island attend the event in honor of her sister Judy Glaes, in whose memory the dog park was dedicated. Mayor Archer presented Jeanne with a lovely live bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Town. She was quite pleased to receive the flowers and see that such a great site had been selected for the dog park.

Users of the dog park are urged to follow the rules posted on site and to strictly adhere to the rule to clean up after your pet. A committee has been formed to monitor and plan activities at the park. Anyone wanting to attend the meetings or get additional information on how and when to register your

pet, is asked to call Jessica Barnes, 301-927-6381 or Janice Euell, 301-864-1803.

Office Closing

In observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 5th, Town offices will be closed. ***There will be no regular trash collection on Monday, September 5th. The next collection day will be on Thursday, September 8th.*** Trash collection on Thursday may be somewhat delayed because Bates will be collecting for two days, instead of one.



Riverside Neighborhood Park Soccer Field Renovation

Starting August 15, 2016, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will close Riverside Neighborhood Park in Riverdale Park for much needed repairs. The soccer field is projected to reopen August 12, 2017. As alternatives, the M-NCPPC is offering to overlay a smaller size soccer field where the softball field is now. In addition, the soccer/football field at Riverdale Recreation Park will be available for use. Reservations for that field can be made through the M-NCPPC's Sports Office. Please contact Teresa Robinson, Field Permitting Supervisor, at 301-446-6823, for reservations.

DPW Intern Program

The Town of Riverdale Park sponsored its summer intern program for high school students again this year. Participating in the DPW's program were Tyler Lilja, Cesar Roveira-Gonzalez, Cristian Roveria-Gonzalez, Nicholas DuBose, and Elijah Aniya. As they return to their respective high schools, we all wish them much success in completing another year leading toward a future filled with promise and hope.



Mosquito Control Program

The Town is, once again, participating in the State/County Mosquito Larviciding/Adulticiding Mosquito Control Program.

Adulticiding began May 31, 2016, and will 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.

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

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 no later than the week following the time at which the request was made.

Riverdale Park Business Association

By Audrey Bragg

The Riverdale Park Business Association is busy planning their annual dinner to take place at Crescent Cities Center on October 12, 2016. Julia Gaston is planning the Silent Auction which is our fundraiser for the year. We are working on our Speakers List and are pleased to have CM Dixon as one of the speakers this year.

We will soon have a web site up and running and members will be able to link their businesses to it. Sally Mendoza of Shine Massage Studios is working on this.

Bruce Wernek is working with the Mayor and Jey's Auto. We hope to have this corner developed in the near future.

We are very pleased to see that the dead trees have been removed from Beale Circle. Eric Peratino of Ernie's Lock will continue with his clean-up efforts. We are hoping to beautify the park as soon as the WSSC gets finished with its work.

We will have a presentation by the Law firm of Myers, Rodbell & Rosenbaum of Riverdale Park at our Sept. 14th meeting. The meeting will be held at Town Hall at 5:30 pm. The subject of the presentation is "The Purple Line – Taking and Condemnations." If you are interested, please come to our meeting, even if you are not a member.

Some of our members will be participating in Town Day on October 1. Please stop and say hello.

Here are some great offers from our local Business Members:

Shine Massage and Wellness Center has 20% off a massage if you mention this article. Call 240-487-9427.

Robert Harper Books is located in Town Center offers Used Books, T-shirts, C-D's, Art Work and Monthly events. Visit www.robertharperbooks.com for information on specials.

Town Center Market has 10% off any growler fill when you mention this article.

Ernie's Lock is sponsoring a Body Building Show at UM on Sept 10, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 5 pm at the Hoff Theater at the Student Union Building. The fee is \$25.

Bikram Yoga is located in Town Center and is now offering Hot Pilates as well as 30 yoga classes for \$30. Time to get fit!

Riverdale Park Animal Hospital has a special in which first time/new clients can get a free office visit on Wellness Wednesday between 2-3 p.m. This is first come, first served. There are multi-pet, senior citizen, veterans, police officer and teacher discounts as well as a 15% discount on Dental prophylaxis.

Thank you for supporting our local businesses.

Boy Scouts Troop 252

July 1 Meeting Notes

Hello everyone, I hope everyone is having a good day. We will start of with the list of people who attended this Friday's meeting: Anthony and Lizandro Juarez, Ms. Tolson, Ms. Brown, Ms. Juarez, Mr. Killen, Mr. Aquilino and myself.

Lizandro and Anthony used most of the meeting time to complete requirements for Scout rank. These requirements were 1b, 1c,1d and 2b. As for myself, I finished my Cooking Merit Badge, which completed all the requirements for First Class Scout, had my

Scoutmaster's Conference and Board of Review, and now I am officially a First Class Scout.

Now, for reminders: Bladimer and Bryan, please (and Ms. Brown means "please") arrive for our next meeting so that both of you can have your Scoutmaster's conference and Board of Review.

July 8 Meeting Notes

Mr. Jarquin, Ms. Martinez, the twins (Anthony and Lizandro) and I attended. We managed to teach taut line and two-half hitches and square knot and everyone got the hang of it. Let's see if everyone can remember it for the Board of Review and Scoutmaster Conference!

On August 3, Scouters from Troop 252 began assisting volunteers with the recovery effort following the flood in Ellicott City. More to follow.

On August 5, the twins (Anthony and Lizandro) passed their Scoutmaster's Conference and Board of Review, so they both have achieved Scout Rank.

On August 9, Scoutmaster Killen, Commissioner on Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, attended the Poplar Island Tour sponsored by the Maryland Governor's staff. The weather was beautiful, he made cheerful acquaintances, and it was a great learning experience, overall! Poplar Island is growing. The Army Corps of Engineers is creating more land area using sludge from the Chesapeake Bay because the new super tankers need the Chesapeake Bay shipping channel deepened. We will have more on this project to come, as well.

On August 11, Scoutmaster Killen taught a dozen Native American youths how to encrypt messages, and got them interested in several types of secret writing. Stay tuned for more on this.

July 9 Bicycle Trip

We bicycled at Jug Bay (near Croom Airport Road) and arrived at 9:00 AM. Upon arrival, we were all surprised that there was a medieval reenactment. Actors were seen with foam swords, spears, shields and many more

weaponry.

Our biking trip began a little late, due to some of our scouts having problems with their bikes, which Mr. Killen fixed. While on our trip, we encountered birds, turtles, fishes, and lizards. We only biked five miles due to some of our Scouts and guest having a lack of energy and strength. On our way back, we decided to stop at the Indian village to rest a bit. Upon our arrival back to the cars, we were all happy and glad to be done with the bicycling trip, and we managed to bring back a piece of shed snakeskin. Since the reenactment hadn't begun by the time we returned, we decided to relax for a bit and battle each other with the weapons available.

At last, it was time for the big fight! "Warriors" were standing ready to attack from afar and up close. A few minutes later, the war had ended. We saw "dead" bodies on the floor, listened to victory cheers everywhere, and got together to take a photo. We left the area as good as new, but with hungry stomachs, and decided to eat at our favorite restaurant, Bo-Jangles!

That concludes everything that happened last week. Until next meeting notes, this is Michael, signing off.

Notes from Scoutmaster Killen

We plan to compete in the 40th Annual Baltimore Area Council **Maryland Scout Orienteering Day on Sat., Oct. 29** at Patuxent River Park near Upper Marlboro.

Our continued challenges are two in number - The Scouts have to have a current (annual) Health and Safety form available (as do the adults - Eneida, Sandra and I have ours - nobody else does) and the adults have to have recorded their successful annual completion of the Youth Protection Program. All of our veteran Scouters have ours on record, but the newer Scouters don't. There is certainly an opportunity for improvement!

By now, you should know our email addresses and phone numbers, but here they are, anyway.

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[2275](#); Eneida Martínez-Brown e.martinezbrown@gmail.com 301-864-0059; Bob Killen rkillen@yahoo.com 301-483-8455. See you on the trail, and remember, "*Scouting without outing is Sc.*"

Riverdale Park Arts Council: 2016 Summer Patio Concert Series

The 2016 Summer Patio Concert Series is held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on the patio of the Town Center Market (TCM) located at 4705 Queensbury Rd, Riverdale Park, MD 20737.

The concerts will be held from 7 - 8 p.m., every Wednesday until September 21.

Please join us for another summer of great music. Be sure to enjoy the wide variety of craft beer TCM offers during the performances.

If you have any questions, please contact Samuel Williams, Jr. at (909) 380-4231 or via email at scribenoir@gmail.com.



RFP: Call for Artists for Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative

This RFP seeks five (5) sculptures of various styles and sizes to display for a one yearlong placement, at pre-determined, publicly accessible sites within the Town of Riverdale Park.

As part of The Town's plan to create an engaging, publically accessible outdoor sculpture gallery across its many neighborhoods, we seek site-appropriate sculptural work fitting of each chosen location. All sites have an installed concrete footer/pad, specifically designed to accommodate a range of sizes of work and a variety of bases.

The deadline to apply is Friday, September 23, 2016. Learn more online at <http://hycdc.org/rppai>.

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.