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Riverdale Park Day 2015



October 3, 2015

12 noon to 5 p.m.

**Riverside Neighborhood Park
5801 Riverside Drive**

Music, food, vendors and family friendly activities! If you are interested in participating, please contact Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information

Town Hall

5008 Queensbury Road
301-927-6381

Department of Public Works

5012 Queensbury Road
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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*



The First Annual Riverdale Fire Department 5K Run for Recovery and 1K Fun Run/Walk to benefit the DC Firefighters Burn Foundation and the Riverdale Fire Department will be held Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am in Riverdale Park, Maryland.

The D.C. Firefighters Burn Foundation is dedicated to assisting in the recovery and rehabilitation of injured firefighters and burn patients in the D.C. Metropolitan Area. The Riverdale Fire Department is a 100% VOLUNTEER, non-profit 501 (c) (4) organization dedicated to "Protecting and Preserving Life and Property" in Riverdale Park, Maryland and the surrounding communities.

The event will start and end at Veteran Memorial near the MARC train station, following a course through Riverdale Park streets and parklands.

Register online at www.dcroadrunners.org/sign-up/riverdale.

Council Actions

Special Legislative Meeting
June 22, 2015

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to approve a street closure request on June 27, 2015, from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. for the 4900 block of Sheridan Street - **Approved**
2. Motion to authorize Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Wells & Associates for \$13,500 for a study of the intersection of Madison Street, Cleveland Avenue and Route 1 - **Approved**

Legislative Meeting
July 6, 2015

Consent Agenda

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

1. Street closure request for 5000 block of Queensbury Road on August 4, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for National Night Out (Ward 2)
2. Minutes from May 16, 2015 Public Hearing for FY 16 Budget
3. Minutes from May 26, 2015 Public Hearing for Constant Yield
4. Minutes from June 1, 2015 Legislative Meeting

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion regarding Fence Permit Application for 5305 Quintana Street, a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 4) - **Approved**
2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-11 regarding 7 Eleven project, SP-150003 (Ward 1) - **Adopted**
3. Motion to approve the Mayor's nominations for committee assignments - **Approved**

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

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Submit all copies to
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Mayor's Report

By Mayor Vernon Archer

Toward a QUIETER Town Center

It has long been a goal of Riverdale Park to obtain the designation as a “quiet zone” along the CSX Rail Line so that trains passing through our town will not have to blow their horns as a simple matter of passing over the Queensbury Road interchange. Several years ago we were able to get CSX to install the four-arm crossing guard that was the most significant requirement for a quiet zone and town staff has chipped away at the numerous bureaucratic requirements to complete the request. We anticipate achieving the designation in September. That is the good news.

The bad news—from the quiet perspective—is that while we went through the process of getting the quiet zone for the road crossing we discovered that the commuter rail station is considered an entirely separate pedestrian crossing, and there is no “quiet zone” designation available for pedestrian crossings. Even if there were such a designation the fact that there has been 3 pedestrian fatalities near that station in recent years would mean we would be unlikely to get such a designation.

So what does all this mean in practical terms? A vehicular crossing requires a train to blow its horn two long blasts, followed by a short one, and then a final long blast; but a pedestrian crossing simply requires one short horn blast. Therefore we will have a quieter, but not quiet zone in the near future.

Also, there will be an adjustment period as the various rail conductors will have to get accustomed to on blowing their horn once, when previously their jobs required a much more extended series of horn blasts. This is of course not what we originally sought, but after careful consideration it seems clear that a quieter zone will be a noticeable improvement for all of us and still worth the effort to see it completed.

Riverdale Park Dog Park

Another long-term goal of the town is about to come to pass. Park and Planning expects to begin construction by October of the dog park we have been asking for and should be completed by late this calendar year. The park will be located in the corner of Riverdale Community Park adjacent to the intersection of Tuckerman and 51st Avenue.

The park is planned to have two separate areas; one will be for large dogs and another smaller ones. The park will be accessible both from 51st Avenue and by a short trail from the parking area that currently serves the ball fields and picnic area.

On a related though sad note, one of the leaders of the effort to see that the dog park becomes a reality Judy Glaes passed away last April. The town is working with her surviving friends and loved ones to find a way to appropriately commemorate her determined service to our community in league with the completion of the park.

Major Infrastructure Work: Water Lines, Street Resurfacing and Soon a Bridge

As I review all of the infrastructure work that is going on in town it seems almost staggering in scope and effect. My reports for the last three years have frequently addressed the main-line

replacement efforts WSSC and Washington Gas have been engaged in. As you probably know we have also had significant water main breaks in and near town with the lines that had not been replaced. At the beginning of this summer the bulk of the planned work has been completed and the utilities have brought in their contractors to repair and resurface out streets.

From my perspective, both as mayor and a resident who daily uses our streets and sidewalks, I'm very pleased to see the work progressing as it has. The utilities and their contractors have cooperated well with Town Administrator Sara Imhulse and Public Works Director Leonard Addison. There have been few avoidable problems during construction and based on the information available to me the inconvenience and mess has been kept to a minimum for us residents and the people who visit and pass through our town.

I wish I could honestly say that "the work just about done" and that will be that, but we all know that living in an older town the work never really stops. We received information just a few weeks ago there will be sewer line repairs beginning this fall. While much of this work will be done without disturbing our streets, we were warned that some excavation through our streets would undoubtedly be necessary.

In a final note construction will soon commence on the bridge to connect the Cafritz/Whole Foods development to Rivertech Court/River Road. This bridge will, when complete, mitigate traffic to that project and provide an alternate east-west route through Riverdale Park. But like all projects that make life better in the long run there will be the construction phase that brings short-term inconvenience. Clearly the widely used cut through along Lafayette, across old NOAA parking lot to River Road will have to be closed during construction. We do not have an exact date for the closing, but it will be sometime this fall. I'll keep you informed.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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I honestly don't know where the summer went, but here we are in September!

Building Permits

There have been a lot of problems this spring and summer in Ward 2 with residents renovating their properties without proper permits. While there are many things you can build without a building permit, there are a lot of things

that do require a permit (and if you need one, one is required from both Prince George's County and the Town). A complete list is available at <http://goo.gl/Vh9E6x> (or <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/DPIE/Permits/TypesofPermits/Pages/default.aspx> if you want to type it out), but the issues that have come up most are (1) driveways (you can spread gravel/bluestone without a permit, but "permanent" driveways require a permit), (2) six-foot fences (anything over 48" requires a permit and approval from the Town Council), (3) patios, and (4)

electrical work. Please get needed permits before you start work – a stop work order can cost days or weeks of delay, and fines for doing work without a permit can be hefty.

Dog Park

I thought back in June that dog park construction would have started by now, but it has been delayed for a little while – I now believe, based on reports from M-NCPPC, that it will start in October. Mayor Archer has formed a group that is seeking input on the rules of the park – please contact him, send e-mail to RiverdaleMDDogPark@gmail.com, or put comments in a collection box in the lobby of Town Hall (5008 Queensbury) as quickly as possible if you want to have the rules reflect your comments. The due date for comments is August 29, but there may be a *little bit* of flexibility in that due date given the construction delay.

M-U-TC/7-11

At the July 6 Legislative meeting the Town Council recommended denial of the application to build a 7-11 store at 6315 Baltimore Avenue (“Route 1”) in the Mixed-Use Town Center zone. The Prince George’s County Planning Board was scheduled to review the application on July 30, but the applicant requested a continuance, which means the hearing and vote will happen on September 10. You can submit written comments at this time, or testify on September 10 if you become a “person of record” on the case. The application number is SP-150003. Contact Ward 1 Council Representative Jonathan Ebbeler or me if you want to testify and can’t figure out how to register (you can register on-line at http://www.pgplanning.org/Resources/Pers_on_of_Record.htm -- you’ll need the application number above to do so).

Farmers’ Market

Summer is wrapping up but that means the fall harvest (apples!) is on its way. The Farmers’ Market is still 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, corn, potatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe, cabbage, turnips, assorted berries, 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. There are some new farmers and vendors at the market this year, including a vendor with fantastic wild Alaskan salmon. I hope to see you at the market!

Ward Three Report

By Council Member David Lingua
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There is no time like the present to begin planning for future events to commemorate the past. More on this, later in the report.

First of all, a very appreciative thank you to the voters who cast ballots in May’s municipal election. I consider it an honor, a privilege, and a pleasure to serve for Ward Three and Riverdale Park. As well I appreciate the time taken to share with me your thoughts and concerns; ranging from working with M-NCPPC towards reevaluating commons management at Riverside Neighborhood Park, to working with DPIE towards allowing town input on new home construction and remodeling, to

permit parking, speed humps, ‘California stops’, on-street auto repairs, unregistered rentals, as well as the tree canopy and storm-water management. Through and with the mayor, as well as my fellow council members, the effort will be made, working with staff, towards addressing them.

In the July/August 2015 edition of the Town Crier, there was an article about the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization (CKAR) Community Development Corporation’s achievement with M-NCPPC on the greater Riverdale Area being designated a Sustainable Community. CKAR will use the new designation to apply for grants to improve the area in part by partnering with stakeholders such as the University of Maryland, or various county departments.

This summer will see the relocation of the offices for the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area from the third floor of the Hyattsville City Hall to the Arcade Building, which will also be the new home for Pyramid Atlantic. Located at the corner of Route One and Gallatin Street, the site will be home to the Neighborhood Design Center as well. With the bicentennial of the Battle of Bladensburg concluded, ATHA will be directing its efforts to promote bike tourism in the heritage area. As part of their effort, ATHA has been working with the town towards the installment of “share-rows” along streets connecting trails towards town center, Riversdale, and Kenilworth Avenue. As well ATHA looks to update signage that has been previously installed.

In case you were unaware, Community Forklift, located in Hyattsville, is holding an open house on the first Friday of each month into the fall, the next being September 4th. Community Forklift is a non-profit organization established to address the construction waste stream through

recycling and reuse. It is an ideal organization to consider when planning a home improvement project: be it by donating what is being taken out (Yes, schedule it and they will pick up.) or purchasing supplies and materials at reduced prices. Their next open house will be July 3 from 6 to 8 pm. For more information: communityforklift.org.

As to events past and future in town, a big hand for the Police Department for hosting a very well attended National Night Out at Riverdale Elementary School on August 4th. Mark your calendars, Saturday October 3rd, for Riverdale Park Day, to be celebrated at Riverside Neighborhood Park. As always, volunteers to help with the event are needed and appreciated greatly. Please contact Jessica Barnes at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov or call 301-927-6381.

Now, back to the future. Sunday June 14 marked our town’s 95th anniversary. Our town’s centennial will be here before we know it; so no time like the present to begin planning for future events to celebrate the past. The last town-wide celebration was for the 75th anniversary in 1995 with a parade, a large party and a book publication. What’s in store for the centennial? Let’s work on that together.

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: **September 19**, October 17, November 21 and December 19.

Office Closing – In observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7th, Town offices will be closed. There will be no **regular trash collection on Monday, September 7th. The next collection day will be on Thursday, September 10th.**

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.

Mosquito Control Program – The State/County Mosquito Larviciding/Adulticiding Mosquito Control Program ends on **September 17, 2015**.

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 notice

animal cruelty, animals in a trap or sick, sick, 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

Wow! Two months have passed since the last edition of the Crier, and Troop 252 has been busy, separately and together.

Eneida Martínez-Brown (MHB) and I worked the Archaeological Dig at Biggs-Ford, near Frederick, per our plan. AJ Jarquin and Michael, Joseph Elliott, MHB and I successfully completed the History of Scouting Trek in D.C., on about 10 miles of concrete in a blistering hot Saturday, that 23rd of May, earning the highly-coveted HOST medal, to be presented at our next Court of Honor.

We didn't make it to the Pony Penning in Chincoteague; first time we've missed in it years. It's always the last Wednesday in July.

To assist in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Order of the Arrow (O/A), Scouting's Honor Society, I joined a group of five Boy Scouts and another

Scouter from BSA's Northeast Region of the U.S., drove a box truck for 31 days (5,000 miles), camping out in Boy Scout camps in every state in New England except Rhode Island. We set up and took down five tents and a 35' tall inflatable Boy Scout every day, presenting a program, branding belts, caps, silk-screening shirts, selling patches commemorating the anniversary. We also presented a time capsule to each O/A Lodge, with notes from local Arrowmen, to be unsealed and the notes read in 50 years. There were three other groups, from Southeast, Central and Western U.S., doing the same thing (Google Arrowtour for the rest of the story, videos and photos).

Our Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Joseph Elliot, went to California for the summer. Senior Patrol Leader, Guillian Cañete, stayed locally, working on advancement (he said), and Scribe Michael Jarquin and family went to Mexico for a month.

Our Scouts needed a "long-term camping" experience before being eligible to be elected into the O/A, so they went camping for a week in Brandywine - this week! We'll forward the details when we sort them out, but judging from initial reports, they had a grand time; at the closing ceremony they held two Boards of Review - Michael Jarquin is now a Tenderfoot Scout (soon to be a Second Class Scout, I'm certain) and Guillian Cañete is now a Star Scout, soon to be a Life Scout, I'm just as certain).

Next month we'll have updates on bicycle trips (one we're doing next weekend) hikes, swimming and powwows; I'm in another Wood Badge course this fall, so will be reporting on that, too.

To get yourself (or your young men) involved, please call me (301) 483-8455, Eneida Martínez-Brown (301) 864-0059, or

Sandra Tolson (301) 927-2275, for information.

Masquerade—A Benefit Performance

By William Leary

The Multiple DC Metro Theatre Arts 'Best of 2014' Honoree, Masquerade-One Family's Story of Suicide is showing for one night only on Wednesday September 9th at Joe's Movement Emporium.

The event will benefit Community Crisis Services and Metro DC PFLAG. The night includes a pre-show reception, a staged reading featuring the original six cast members: Community Crisis Services Executive Director Timothy Jansen as Stephen, Lauren Giglio as Janet, Sarah K. Scott as Kelli, DC Metro Theatre Arts 'Best of 2014' Supporting Actress Kelly Richards as Pastor Diana, DC Metro Theatre Arts 'Best of 2014' Supporting Actress Carol V. Calhoun as Emma, and DC Metro Theatre Arts Scene Stealer of the Week Alie Kamara as Kyle.

It is written and directed by Community Crisis Services Development Coordinator William Leary and has been honored for Best Show (Play), Best Direction of a Play, Best Supporting Actresses in a Play (2) and a Scene Stealer of the Week.

There will be a post Show Q & A. Tickets may be purchased at: <https://woflpacktheatrecompany.webconnex.com/Masquerade>.

Preschool Shyness Study

By Dani Novick

Many children feel nervous when meeting new people or facing new

situations. However, some children are so shy that making new, meaningful friendships and participating in class or activities can become very difficult. In addition, these social fears can worsen with age.

Drs. Andrea Chronis-Tuscano and Kenneth Rubin at the University of Maryland-College Park are conducting a National Institute of Mental Health-funded study examining early intervention programs for shy children ages 45 to 64 months and their parents. In prior research, these programs resulted in improvements in child anxiety at home and school.

After completing an initial assessment with your child, your family may be eligible to receive one of two *free* programs! Each program takes 8 weeks to complete and both programs are expected to help your child feel more comfortable in social situations. Compensation for participation will be provided.

For more information email us at [littleturtles@umd.edu](mailto:little turtles@umd.edu) or call us at 301-405-5227. We look forward to hearing from you!

Prince George's County New Voting System

On October 30, 2014, the members of the State Board of Elections unanimously selected and certified Maryland's new voting system for 2016 – Election Systems & Software's (ES&S) EVS 5.2.0.0. The contract to lease the equipment was approved by the Board of Public Works on December 17, 2014.

The new voting system features the following pieces of equipment:

[DS200 Precinct Scanner and](#)

[Tabulator](#): Tabulates ballots marked either by hand or by the ballot-marking device.

[ExpressVote Ballot Marking](#)

[Device](#): Produces a voter verifiable paper record and allows voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

[ExpressPass Printer](#): Prints activation card to activate the ExpressVote ballot-marking device.

[DS850 High Speed Central County](#)

[Scanner](#): Tabulates absentee and provisional ballots

Maryland's new voting system produces a voter-verifiable paper record – a “paper trail” – of each voter's selections. This was mandated in legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2007, however funding for a new system was not available until now.

In 2016, your voting options will vary between early voting and Election Day. This arrangement is the result of balancing logistics and equipment costs.

During early voting, all voters will use an ExpressVote ballot-marking device similar to the touchscreen machines Marylanders have used to mark their ballots for a decade. These devices will print voters' selections on a paper ballot card. Voters will then review their ballots and then insert them into the DS200 tabulation device. The ballots automatically drop into the secure ballot box.

On Election Day, Maryland voters will have options. Some voters, including voters with disabilities, will use ExpressVote ballot marking devices to mark and print their ballots while other voters will mark pre-printed paper ballots by hand. All voters will review their marked paper ballots and then insert them into the DS200 tabulation device. The ballots will automatically drop

into the secure ballot box. On Election Day, the number of ExpressVote ballot marking devices available at each polling place will be limited.

This is the first time Prince George's voters will vote on an optical scan system. As a result, the Prince George's County Board of Elections will conduct a massive voter outreach campaign to demonstrate the new equipment. Public demonstrations will take place beginning Fall 2015. For more information on how to schedule a demonstration or to learn more about the new voting system you may contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300. You may also visit our website at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/elections for more information on outreach activities.

Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Assoc. and Ladies Auxiliary Annual Convention

By Nova Johns

Riverdale Fire Department is proud to be the host of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association 2015 Convention, which is scheduled to be held in Riverdale Park, Maryland from September 12 through 19, 2015. This will be the 93rd Annual Convention of the Association and the 85th Annual Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The events for the week are as follows:

Saturday, September 12, 2015

- 1st Annual Riverdale FD 5K Run For Recovery and 1K Fun Run/Walk (see cover page)
- Driver's Rodeo
 - Start Time: 12:00 Noon
 - Location: Lafayette Avenue and Rivertech Court (subject to change)
- Corn Hole Tournament
 - Time: Registration - 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm / Tournament - 4:00 pm (limited to first 20 teams registered - you may register at any time by emailing the convention committee: convention@riverdalevd.org)
 - Location: Riverdale Fire Department - 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD

Sunday, September 13, 2015

- Field Events (Bucket Brigade, Battle of the Bucket, Tug-O-War, etc.)
 - Time: 12:00 Noon
 - Location: Lafayette Avenue & Rivertech Court

Monday, September 14, 2015

- **NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

- Joint Memorial Service
 - Time: 7:00 pm
 - Location: Refreshing Spring Church of God In Christ - 6200 Riverdale Road

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

- Past Presidents Dinner (INVITE ONLY)
 - Time: Cocktails - 6:00 pm / Dinner - 7:00 pm
 - Location: Forestville Fire Dept.

Thursday, September 17, 2015

- Opening Ceremony and Awards followed by 1st Session Meetings

- Time 7:00 pm
- Location: St. Bernard's School - Crystal Room and Emerald Hall

Friday, September 18, 2015

- 2015 Convention BBQ Bash (Sponsored by Mission BBQ)
 - Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 - Location: St. Bernard's School
 - Tickets are on sale for \$10 each
- 2nd Session Meetings and Installation
 - Time: 7:00 pm
 - Location: St. Bernard's School - Crystal Room and Emerald Hall

Saturday, September 19, 2015

- Prayer Breakfast
 - Time: 8:00 am
 - Location: Riverdale Fire Department - 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD
- Convention Parade
 - Time: Line-Up - 9:30 am / Parade Starts 10:00 am
 - Location: Alamo Plaza Parking Lot - 5508 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD
- Hook-Up Competitions
 - Time: 1/2 Hour after conclusion of Parade
 - Location: Rivertech Court
- 3rd Session Meeting and Awards
 - Time: TBD
 - Location: Riverdale Fire Department - 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD
- END OF CONVENTION PARTY
 - Time: 6:00 pm
 - Location: Branchville VFD - 4905 Branchville Road, College Park, MD

To purchase 2015 Convention merchandise, please visit the Department's online store at www.riverdalevfd.org

You may also visit our website for continuous Convention updates.

If you have any questions, concerns, donations or well wishes for Riverdale Fire Department, please email them to convention@riverdalevfd.org

Thank you for your support of the VOLUNTEER firefighters of Prince George's County.

Community Circles

Riverdale Park Arts Council Summer Concert Series 7-8 PM on the Patio of Town Center Market

9-02 – Carol Ann Bosco – Cello and Vocals – Folk/Irish

9-09 – Riversdale Woodwind Trio

9-16 – John Wambach & Alex Galiatsatos Jazz Duo

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