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**The Approved
Budget for the
Town of Riverdale
Park Will Be
Published in the
July/August
Edition of the
Town Crier.**

Town of Riverdale Park

Election Results

May 4, 2009

The following data is the May 4, 2009 Riverdale Park final election results as reported by Chief Judge Kay Marcos. Congratulations to all! We would like to thank the Election Judges and Poll Workers for all of their hard work. The recently elected Mayor & Council will be sworn into office at the regular Legislative Meeting on June 1, 2009, 8:00p.m.

Votes Received

Mayoral Candidate

Vernon Archer **183**

Ward 1 Candidate

Alice Ewen Walker **61**

Ward 2 Candidate

Alan Thompson **47**

Ward 3 Candidate

David Lingua **43**

Ward 4 Candidate

Christopher Henry **38**

Ward 5 Candidate

Raymond Rivas **19**

Ward 6 Candidate

Keelah Allen-Smith **4**

Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

Regular Legislative Meeting May 4, 2009

1. **Approved**-Results for the election held on May 4, 2009 for Mayor & Council Members

Special Legislative Meeting April 27, 2009

1. **Approved**- New fuel pump system for the Public Works Department.
2. **Failed**- A permit requested by Raul and Elizabeth Ozorio to hold a Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Sunday, May 3, 2009, 10:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.on the Alamo parking lot at Kenilworth Ave.

Code Corner

By Colleen Ferguson

Town Code 66-2 Height of hedges and shrubbery:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any premises within the town to permit any hedge or shrubbery within three (3) feet of any public sidewalk or public path to grow to a height of more than three (3) feet, measured from the surface of the sidewalk grade or path.
- (b) On any corner lot in any residential zone there shall be no fence, hedge, wall terrace, structure, shrubbery, planting or other obstruction to vision having a height greater than three (3) feet above the curb level for a distance of twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of the front and side street lines.

Violations of the above-mentioned code are declared to be municipal infractions, the penalty for which shall be one-hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense.

You can view the Town Charter and Code in its entirety on the Town's Website: www.riverdaleparkmd.info

Compliance is the ultimate goal of the Code Enforcement Department. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please call: 240-898-2500 or email: coderiverdalepk@comcast.net.

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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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911 or 301-927-4343

Which Number Should I Use?

Teresa C. Chambers, Chief of Police

When you see a crime in progress or have a police-related emergency, which phone number should you call? Should you call the well-known emergency number, “911,” or should you call “301-927-4343,” the primary phone number for the Riverdale Park Police Department? Both have benefits depending upon the circumstances.

When you dial “911,” your call is answered by an employee of the Prince George's County Public Safety Communications Center who then must ascertain whether you need police service within the Town of Riverdale Park. If so, your call must be transferred to us. To what phone number is your call redirected? The 911 taker transfers your call to our main number, 301-927-4343. By calling our number from the start, you skip a step in the process and speak directly with our dispatcher who, if need be, can dispatch an officer to your location while you are still on the phone providing additional information.

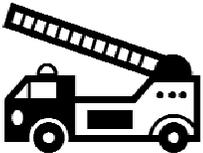
How will you be able to remember our number? We recommend that you lock it into a prominent or priority “speed dial” location on your cell phone and home phone. That way, we can be reached by pushing only a few buttons on your phone.

However, for a small child who needs an ambulance or police officer, for a person who can only dial the number but can't speak due to injury or some other reason, or for a person who needs only an ambulance or the Fire Department, 911 is clearly the best choice. The 911 system provides Automatic Number Identification and Automatic Location Identification (ANI / ALI) if the call is made from a “hard line,” which could be the key to saving your life. While a cell phone won't provide your exact location, it can be used to help locate you if you are in harm's way and have called “911.” Despite the extra “step” if the 911 operator has to call us for a police-related incident in our Town, the benefits of 911 during these crises cannot be overstated.

To summarize, when you have the ability to call us directly for a police-related matter, we recommend you do so. Lock in and/or memorize our main number – 301-927-4343 – as a means to talk directly to our dispatcher. But, when you have a medical or fire-related emergency or the only number you can remember or can call is “911,” don't hesitate to do so. Either way, help will soon be on its way.



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911 ó 301-927-4343

¿Cuál número usará usted?

Teresa C. Chambers, Jefa de la Policia

Cuando usted vea un crimen en progreso o tenga una emergencia relacionada con la policía, ¿Cuál teléfono debe de llamar? Puede usted llamar el conocido número de emergencia “911” o debería de llamar al “301-927-4343” este es el número de teléfono principal del Departamento de la Policía de Riverdale Park. Ambos números tienen beneficios dependiendo de la circunstancias.

Al marcar “911”, su llamada es respondida por un empleado del condado de Prince George's Centro de Comunicaciones de Seguridad Pública, el cual entonces deben determinar si usted necesita servicio de policía de la ciudad de Riverdale. Si es así, la llamada debe ser transferida a nosotros. ¿En qué número de teléfono su llamada es re-direccionada? El operador del 911 transferirá su llamada a nuestro número principal. Por eso llamando nuestro número de teléfono desde el principio, usted elimina un paso en el proceso para hablar con el operador directamente y de ser necesario enviar a un policía al lugar mientras usted está en el teléfono dando información adicional.

¿Cómo puede usted recordar ese número? Nosotros le recomendamos que usted anote esté número como un número de prioridad “marcación rápida” en su teléfono celular en el teléfono de la casa. De esta manera con tan solo marcar pocos números se puede comunicar con nosotros.

Sin embargo, para un niño pequeño que necesita una ambulancia o policía, o una persona que solo puede marcar el número, pero no puede hablar debido a la lesión o alguna otra razón, o para una persona que solamente necesita al Departamento de Bomberos, entonces el 911 es claramente la mejor opción. El sistema del 911 provee un Número Automático de Identificación y Identificación de Lugar Automático (ANI/ALI) si usted hace la llamada al 911 desde una línea telefónica “hard line” el cual esto sería un detalle importante para salvarle su vida, haciendo la llamada desde el celular no nos puede dar la localización exacta, esto puede ayudarnos para que pueda ser usted encontrado fácilmente. A pesar de los pasos la operadora nos llamará a nosotros para cualquier incidente ocurrido en nuestra ciudad, los beneficios del 911 durante estas crisis no pueden ser exageradas.

En resumen, cuando usted tenga la habilidad de llamarnos directamente para asuntos relacionados con la policía, nosotros le recomendamos que así lo haga. Escriba el número o memorícelo – 301-927-4343 – como un medio para hablar directamente a nuestra operadora. Pero, cuando usted tenga una emergencia médica o una emergencia relacionada con fuego o el único número que usted se acuerde es el “911” entonces no dude en llamar. De cualquier manera, la ayuda estará de camino.

Riversdale Events

Free Summer “Jazz on the Portico” Series Kicks Off

Riverdale Park, MD - As the sun sets, bring a blanket or lawn chair to Riversdale’s beautiful grounds and enjoy the grass under your toes and the jazz wafting through the air. Bring a picnic basket or, if you like, purchase dinner on the grounds courtesy of the Calvert House Inn. The concerts are FREE. The following performers will appear from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on these dates:

Sandra Johnson Quintet

Wednesday June 24

Jazz standards by all the greats; come enjoy Sandra’s classy, smooth, vocal styling!

Apothecary

Wednesday July 29

Instrumentals featuring an electric violin with inspiration from folk, jazz, classical jam-rock and Celtic music. Come on and enjoy the ride!

MSG – The Acoustic Blues Trio

Wednesday August 26

A stripped down blues combo that plays songs with meaning, fullness of heart, and sometimes, humor. Featuring Riverdale Park’s own Miles Spicer!

The concerts take place rain or shine. In the event of rain, everything moves inside.

RIVERSDALE CELEBRATES 375th MARYLAND CHARTER DAY

Riverdale Park, MD - According to the terms of agreement between Charles I of England and Cecil Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore and Lord Proprietor of Maryland, the rent for the colony was “two Indian Arrows of these Parts, to be delivered at the said Castle of Windsor, every Year...And also the fifth Part of all Gold and Silver Ore, which shall happen from Time to Time, to be found within the aforesaid Limits.”

Charles lost his head and if the gold ore were here, Maryland might still be an English colony. But even without royal patronage, the state of Maryland continues to thrive. Riversdale House Museum will celebrate Maryland Charter Day to commemorate the 375th anniversary of the date the King of England issued the charter for Maryland to the 2nd Lord Baltimore. Admission to Charter Day is free and includes live musical entertainment, children’s crafts, and refreshments. There is a small fee for tours of the historic house. This is a public event; reservations are not necessary.

Maryland Charter Day runs on Sunday, June 21, 2009 from 1pm – 3pm.

For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544 or email riversdale@pgparks.com.
Website: www.pgparks.com.

The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Please contact the facility at least two weeks in advance of the program start date to request an accommodation (i.e. sign language interpreter, support staff, etc.).

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale Park, Maryland.



Mayor's Report

By Mayor Vernon Archer

Thank You

June 1 marks the beginning of my third term in office and I wish to thank you the residents for the support and cooperation you have shown me over the last four years. We have made substantial strides forward in the last few years, and I am confident that together we will successfully face the challenges that lie ahead. The fact that we have a strong and competent council too increases my confidence as I look to the coming term.

Community Center for Our Town

One way of looking at the jobs of mayor and council members is to see us as providing the space and resources for residents and staff to do good work for the town. Whether we are talking about providing offices, equipment and training for our police to keep us safe, or providing the ground, traffic changes and loaned equipment for our recent arts festival, the principal is the same—the mayor and council oversee providing space and resources to accomplish the things that residents agree are good for our community.

In keeping with this, the council several years ago set aside \$200,000 as seed money to create a community center for us all. This money was envisioned as being used in tandem with other town resources—such as two building lots that currently has a very dilapidated town building on it on 51st Street—to then leverage state and county money to provide a building for all of us to use.

As I look around our town I believe that the need for such a facility has only increased over the last several years. A wide variety of community based organizations with interests ranging from youth athletics to visual arts, from musical groups to family counseling, from environmental activists to holiday celebrations, are regularly needing space that we are often only able to supply under conditions that are temporary. There are other needs that simply go unmet and to the detriment of our town.

It is my intention to bring this matter back into the public discussion. In particular we will ask that interested parties and stake holders begin meeting this summer to lay the ground work for what is needed in the facility, where the best location for such a facility is and what other regional institutions we can team with to make the project affordable.

Furthermore, I now challenge myself and the council to have a course of action laid out within one year that will lead to a community center. Such a time frame will test us, but both the idea and capital resources have set dormant for too long and it is time to move forward.

Our first public meeting will be held on Wednesday July 22 at 7:30 PM in Town Hall.

Increasing Energy Efficiency and Reducing Energy Consumption in Town Government

One of the financial challenges that we currently face is the volatility of energy prices and supplies that has been highlighted over the last year and half. In town government we feel an increased urgency to find ways to reduce our energy consumption. There are a number of things we are doing to conserve, and let me share a few with you.

One of our most successful efforts has been to make our vehicle fleet more energy efficient. It may surprise you to learn that in switching our basic police car from the Ford Crown Victoria to the Dodge Charger we are effectively increasing our fuel efficiency by 50%! We hope to have this change over completed next year.

In other areas we are working to create a fleet that more correctly matches the use a vehicle has to the needs of the job, so that we don't waste energy and create unnecessary wear and tear on our vehicles. For example, we aim to make sure that heavy duty pickups in public works are used for short trips, that require hauling and not for long distance traveling that is basically only transporting passengers.

Also, we are looking at 0 fuel-use options that work as well, or sometimes even better than motor vehicle options. A well known example is for the police to use bicycle and foot patrols, and we are working to increase these. But we are also looking at utilizing bike transport for short trips for other town officers. For example, Public Works is experimenting with bike transportation for community inspection (for trips near town offices bikes are actually proving to be just as fast door-to-door as motor vehicles!)

In our buildings infrastructure we are also working to increase energy efficiency and save money. We have changed to almost 100% florescent lighting inside and are replacing our existing street lamps with more efficient ones. Automatic light and heating/cooling regulation is in the process of being installed throughout our buildings.

Over the next year we plan on identifying additional ways to save and then act on such knowledge. I also expect to work with the council to set clearly stated goals for greater energy efficiency—and saving money!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Kate Sharpe
katherinesharpe@yahoo.com

Finance Committee Report

This will be my final report as the Ward Two Councilwoman, and I wanted to take the opportunity to thank my fellow Councilmembers, Mayor, and Town staff for a great two years of collaboration and friendship. The Town has an excellent leadership team, and I expect great progress over the next two years. Speaking of great leadership, our new councilmember, Alan Thompson, is a stellar choice for Ward Two. It's likely that you know and love him already, but if not, you will find a dedicated champion for your issues and concerns. I feel so relieved to be leaving Ward Two in such capable hands.

Pete, Caleb and I will be leaving in early July for Sant Carles de la Rapita, a small town on the Mediterranean coast of Spain. Pete has a post-doctoral position conducting wetlands research for the Spanish government, and we will be gone for about a year. We have many wonderful neighbors who will be greatly missed during our time away! I hope you'll welcome Pete's cousin Jerry, wife Kazuko and their two little girls, who will be making our home their own for the next year.

When I ran for office in 2007, I promised to work to maintain a clean and safe community, spur economic development, and encourage community spirit and outreach to new neighbors. I believe that the town has made substantial progress toward these goals, and that there is still more work to be done. I encourage the new Council and residents to strongly support the Cool Cities program, and seek out ways to improve our use of energy and conservation of finite resources. And although the current national economy is challenging, the Town should keep plugging away on our economic development goals, to position us for the recovery. The Cafritz development represents an immense opportunity, if residents and the Council take an active role in guiding the development to fit our Town character.

As the outgoing Finance chair, I am currently conducting budget meetings for the FY 2009-2010 budget. By the time you read this, I will have developed recommendations with the input of the Council to leave for the incoming Finance chair. The new Council will vote on the budget when they take office in June. Although it's early in the process, I feel confident that this will be an easy year to reach consensus. The Town is lucky to be facing increased revenue in spite of the lousy

economy. We should be able to fund our most important priorities, while saving a bit for a rainy day.

Most importantly, I want to thank all of you for your support and kind words over the past two years. You've made this work a very rewarding experience, and you make our Town a wonderful place to live.

Ward Three Report

By Council Member David Lingua
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Public Works Report

To those who braved the elements on May 4th, thank you for voting. It is an honor and a pleasure to represent such a great ward. My overall goal remains the same: to be a fair and capable voice on the Council for our ward and to our ward with regards to the Council's conduct of the town's affairs. I will strive to serve well.

During the past two years we have seen changes in leadership at both the Police and Public Works Departments. Chief Chambers and Director Addison have been welcomed additions to the town, both being great individuals to work with towards making Riverdale Park safer and cleaner. With both of them, I am looking forward to building on the recent progress made in the departments and the town as well.

I am committed to seeing the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Steering Committee move forward to create a Community Development Corporation in order to bring greater economic development to the area. Recently I was able to attend the presentation to the Steering Committee of CKAR being recognized as the Neighborhood Design Center's 2008 Project of the year. Congratulations to all involved.

I share the mayor's opinion regarding a community center. I feel it is imperative that we work to move this project along. Please do become involved with the planning of what is another important step forward for our town.

On April 27, I had the privilege of attending the building dedication ceremony of the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) at the University of Maryland Research Park in what was billed as College Park. Situated squarely in Ri-

verdale Park, the assembled heard remarks from Dr C. D. Mote, Jr. of the University of Maryland, Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair, Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, as well as Maryland Congressmen Steny H. Hoyer, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, and New Jersey Congressman Rush Holt. The M Square development is well on the way to becoming a top research park in the region, if not the nation. The continued development of this research park is something we can all look forward to.

With summer approaching, M-NCPPC and Prince Georges County Department of Parks and Recreation are offering their X-treme teens Safe Summer Program from June 22 to August 22. At more than twenty-five locations, open late from 10 to midnight, Monday thru Saturday, county residents ages 12 to 24 are invited to have fun and be safe. Information is at www.pgsafesummer.com.

On more local notes, the new pick up and drop off zone is in effect for Riverdale Elementary School and early reports are that it is working. As always, please plan your travels accordingly.

Thank you to the Arts Council for thumbing their noses at the rain and putting on a great event under the East West Highway overpass. When I commented to longtime resident Robert Fuerst this maybe the one good reason to have such a thruway, he paused and replied, "The only one."

Ward Four Report

By Council Member Christopher Henry
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Public Safety Report

Voting is a way to let your voice be heard, let your objections be known and your joys be sung. I sincerely thank all residents that exercised their right and their privilege and Voted at the Town Elections. You let your voices be heard. Thank you. I will represent Riverdale Park Residents and Ward 4 residents the best that I can. I will continue to strive for a high quality of life for all Riverdale Park residents. I will continue to move towards making Safe, Clean and beautiful Riverdale Park not just our motto, but our lifestyle. During Police Week 5-13--5-19, we will remember all our sworn personnel that risk their lives to save the lives of strangers; I thank every member of the Riverdale Park Police Department for their outstanding service to this community. Job well done. Thank you

Memorial Day was on May 25th. Thank you to all who have served and those who currently serve this country.

For an update on crimes happening in our area and surrounding areas visit www.crimereports.com If you see suspicious activity contact the Riverdale Park Police Department 301-927-4343.

Ward Six Report

By Council Member Keelah Allen-Smith
Keelahd@yahoo.com

Community Affairs Report

I would like to thank the Ward 6 residents that came out on a cold rainy day to vote at the Town elections. I will be the voice of the Ward 6 residents for another two years. I would like to encourage all residents to contact me should you have any suggestions, comments or complaints: keelahd@yahoo.com

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Second Annual ArtsFest – The Department of Public Works assisted the Riverdale Park Arts Council in assuring that the ArtsFest was a successful event this year.

Saturday Drop Off of Bulk Items – Residents are reminded that certain bulk items can be dropped off at the Department of Public Works on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The following items will NOT be accepted: construction materials, bricks, concrete, porcelain, drywall, toilets, paint cans (unless paint is dried), hazardous waste. This service is provided for Town of Riverdale residents, proper identification required.

Street Lights – The Department of Public Works (DPW) has had numerous inquiries about when the lights under East/West Highway at Lafayette would be replaced. In cooperation with the State Highway Administration, the lights are now in working order.

Beautification - In an ongoing effort to keep the Town of Riverdale Park clean and beautiful for our residents and tourists in our area, the DPW has painted the Train Station and the cannon at DuPont Circle to enhance the beauty of the square. In addition, our staff has mowed grass, planted flowers, cleaned curbs and drains, cut weeds, collected leaves and yard waste and trimmed trees.

Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Bob Killen



A short update on the latest activities, performed and projected, of Troop 252 - During Spring Break, the Scouts took a break from Scouting, too, achieving only minimal progress on advancement and Merit Badges. Friday evening, 17 April, the Scouts decided not to attend the Religious Retreat at the Archdiocese of Washington's Retreat Center, Mattaponi, in Croom. Scoutmaster Killen went, set up our tipi Friday afternoon, slept in it Friday and Saturday nights, and took it down Sunday after the 200+ Scouts and Scouters had departed. He took advantage of the opportunity to be re-certified by the Archdiocese as a Catholic Religious Award Counselor, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

The weather could not have been better, and the spirit and attitude of the attendees was high. We had classes Saturday and a bonfire Saturday evening, the flames of which reached 50 feet high, keeping everybody warm and able to see the music despite the darkness. The youth band was from Mt. Oak United Methodist Church, and all of us made a "Joyful Noise" when we sang.

We warn the Scouts that they get busier each year, and they are discovering that we are right. Scouting regularly gets in the way of school homework, dating girls, getting a drivers license, ROTC, sports, family, church - you name it. Yet we continue to go Scouting.

Our Scouts have determined that we are doing a Service Project in Virginia May 22-23 and a Boating outing at Jug Bay May 29-30. We're going to try again to bicycle the 60 miles from Cumberland to Hancock on the C&O Canal Towpath June 5-6, and try to fit in some schoolwork between trips.

After school is out, we have on our agenda to revisit Taylor's Island Family Campground (camping and boating), Kiptopeke Beach (hiking, tubing, beachcombing and swimming), Assateague Island (ponies, mosquitos and horse flies), Wallops Island (NASA's Rocket museum), and bicycle on the WOD (Washington/Old Dominion Rails-to-Trail).

Satellite Office Announcement

The Town of Riverdale Park Code Enforcement Department is now hosting a Satellite Office for the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources and Property Standards Group for the Council District Three.

This office is to assist citizens living in Council District Three with concerns about Housing, Zoning & Commercial Properties.

Resident Walk-ins are welcome. Hours of Operation are Tuesday and Thursdays 9:30-12:30 p.m. at 5008 Queensbury Road.

MACS Achievement Award

David Duffany is a young man who has made a significant contribution to his community as a volunteer throughout the past fourteen years. While working hard to maintain an independent and productive life, he has always strived to help others. For four years, he volunteered with the Christmas in April Program, assisting in rehabilitating the houses of several low-income homeowners. He also found time to lend his services to several high schools in the metropolitan area. He served as a mentor at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, as a volunteer Varsity Football Coach and statistician at Richmond Montgomery High School, and as a part-time statistician for the Varsity Football Team at Albert Einstein High School.

During the past five years, David has served as a Volunteer Firefighter and Chaplain at the Riverdale Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He is responsible for ministering to the spiritual needs of the firefighters in the Department, and when serious injury or loss of life has occurred, he may also provide pastoral care. Since 2007, David has served on the Evangelism and Outreach Ministry Committee of the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, and he has completed courses in the ministry at the Open Bible Church of York, Pennsylvania. For his many exceptional volunteer activities, David is certainly deserving of this Achievement Award recognition.

Community Circles

Upcoming Events

Flea Market

There will be a flea market at Crescent Cities Center on Friday, June 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vendors will be both inside and outside. A \$15.00 fee will be collected in the morning and the lunch sale will be held between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. benefiting Crescent Cities Residents Fund. For more information, please call (301) 699-2000.

Thank You, Gepetto's

The Riverdale Park election team would like to thank Gepetto's for the very generous lunch and dinner they provided on Town Election Day, May 4th. We all agreed that both meals were so delicious that we will highly recommend Gepetto's to everyone. Thank you and yummy!

Farmer's Market Open

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market is now open! Come and stop by every Thursday between 3pm and 7pm. It will be ending on November 19, 2009. Be prepared for exciting new vendors, a new kid zone, model trains, and great live entertainment by members of the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Society. Don't miss it!

Community Food Bank

Please remember that the Christian Life Center houses a community food bank for the Town. Come by and make a donation to help those in need. Non-perishable food and clothing items are accepted, as well as monetary donations. The Christian Life Center is located at 5600 Taylor Road.

Bulk Trash Collection

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please call Bates Trucking and Trash Collections at (301) 773-2069 (residents have up to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday to call Bates for Wednesday pickup)

Recycling

Wednesday

Please call Prince George's County Recycling with questions.

(301)952-763

Yard Waste

Wednesday collected by Bates Trucking and Trash Collections

Saturday drop-off

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Metal Pickup (town wide)

Every Thursday by the Department of Public Works

Town Organizations

Northern County Soccer Alliance: For more information on Soccer Alliance, Inc., and on travel, recreation, home school, and training programs. NCSA@juno.com or (301) 927-0560. PG Soccer League@juno.com

Riverdale Park Girl Scouts: Contact: Charmaine Wilson at (301) 449-5690.

Riverdale Park Boys Scouts – Troop 252—

Contact: Scoutmaster Bob Killen at (202) 282-8302.

Civic Committees

Recreation Board – Contact Anissa Sunday at 301-277-2458 for more information and to volunteer.

Madison Hill Homeowners Association-- For information, call (240) 401-2202 or visit www.madisonhill.org.

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market--Contact Jim Coleman at 301-332-6258.

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

Riverdale Park Business Association—call Audrey Bragg at 301-277-9323 for meeting site.