



# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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#### Bates Trucking and Trash Collection

Bulk Trash Collection  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
301-773-2069

*Residents must call by 2 p.m.  
Tuesday for Wednesday pickup*

## Riverdale Park Holiday Events

### ☐ Children's Holiday Party

December 13, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road

Please plan to join us for Donuts with Santa before heading over to the Holiday Market at Town Center! This event will be held at Town Hall for children 12 years and under accompanied by an adult. Plan to bring your camera or cellphone for "selfies with Santa"!

### ☐ Riverdale Park Holiday Market

Saturday, December 13, 2014, 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

Town Center across from the MARC train station

There will be face painting, model railroaders, games, singing with the elves on our way to Riversdale Mansion and our neighborhoods, great live music, dessert bake-off, great food and craft vendors. Santa will be there too! Volunteers are needed so please call Jim Coleman at (301) 586-5973.

### ☐ Festival of Lights

Saturday, December 13, 2014, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Admission for the neighborhood trolley tour is free with a donation of canned food for needy families in our area.

### ☐ Senior's Holiday Luncheon

December 17, 2014, 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Crescent Cities Center, 4409 East West Highway

All senior residents are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to (301) 927-6381.

### ☐ Hats and Gloves Collection

The Town of Riverdale Park will be collecting new hats and gloves to decorate the tree at Town Hall. The hats and gloves will be donated to organizations in our community.

### ☐ Toys for Tots

The Town will also be participating in Toys for Tots again this year. If you would like to help families in our community, please deliver new and unwrapped toys to Town Hall by Friday, December 19.



# Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

## Special Legislative Meeting October 27, 2014

### Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to approve CDBG PY 41 application for the 6100 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Wards 2 & 4) – **Approved**

## Regular Legislative Meeting November 3, 2014

### Consent Agenda

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

1. Street closing of Natoli Place from Queensbury Road to Lafayette Avenue at Veteran's Memorial Park from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on November 11, 2014 for annual Veteran's Day Ceremony (Ward 1)
2. Street closing of Town Center parking lot from midnight December 12, 2014 to 9:00 p.m. on December 13, 2014 for Holiday Market and Festival of Lights (Ward 1)
3. Minutes from the October 6, 2014 Legislative Meeting
4. Minutes from the October 27, 2014 Special Legislative Meeting

### Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion regarding a permit application for a 4 foot wood and bamboo fence at 6203 East Beale Circle (Ward 1) – **Approved with Conditions**
2. Motion to send a letter to the Planning Board regarding DSP-13009-03 and SA-130001-01 for the Cafritz project (Ward 1) - **Approved**
3. Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a MOU with State Highway Administration Motor Carrier Division regarding Commercial Vehicle Safety grant funding - **Approved**
4. Introduction of Ordinance 2014-OR-09 regarding fences - **Introduced**

## Town of Riverdale Park

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### Council Members

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# Riverdale Park Police Department

By Lt.Col. Patrick Timmons

## Community Policing: Building a Community Partnership

On October 18<sup>th</sup> in Ward 1 and on November 8<sup>th</sup> in Ward 3 Mayor Vernon Archer, members of the Town Council, and residents joined Chief David Morris and staff for the Public Safety Community Walks. Everyone met at the Town Center Market, and headed out to walk the neighborhood. These walks allow those who participate the opportunity to interact with the community and to note any issues of concern, whether they are related to public safety or code.



On October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Christian Life Center and on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Alamo Restaurant, Police Chief David Morris presented Community forum/Community Roll Call. This open discussion style meeting covers all aspects of law enforcement. Chief Morris' goal for these events is to facilitate



discussions that will contribute to trustworthy bonds between citizens and our police department.-Learn more about your constitutional rights -Gain insight into how to communicate effectively with law enforcement \*\*Youth – Understand how to respond if you're stop or arrested by the police. This is a family event. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Also, on the calendar for the month of December Chief David Morris, and the men and women of the Riverdale Park Police Department will be partnering with Riverdale Park Fire Department Company 7 to distribute holiday food baskets to in-need residents. Food baskets are donated by the Prince George's County Public Safety Department.

Chief David Morris, the men and women of the Riverdale Park Police Department and volunteers from Co. 7 Riverdale Park Fire Department will also be accompanying Santa to deliver toys to in-need resident children. Toys distributed are from donations made by Residents, Mayor and Council, and the Toys for Tots campaign.



Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Keep Riverdale Park safe, clean, and beautiful. Happy New Year 2015!

## Town of Riverdale Park Fair Summary of Ordinance 2014-OR-09

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2014-OR-09.

Ordinance 2014-OR-09 would alter the maximum allowable height of certain fences and walls constructed in the Town without the need for a permit from the Mayor and Council; and generally relate to regulating the construction of fences and walls in the Town.

Ordinance 2014-OR-09 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# Mayor's Report

By Mayor Vernon Archer

## **Pedestrian Safety at Riverdale Road, East-West Highway and 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Most of you will remember the fatal accident that occurred this past Memorial Day, when a young mother was killed crossing East-West Highway from Riverdale Road to 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The accident occurred when she was fully within the crosswalk; her three-year-old daughter was also struck by the same automobile, though luckily the toddler survived. This whole incident was particularly upsetting to me as I had asked the State Highway Administration (SHA) to act to make this crossing safer for pedestrians after another pedestrian was hit in the crosswalk only 20 months earlier. SHA's response in March 2013 was to do almost nothing, stating there was not enough justification to take any major steps like adding a traffic light.

Immediately after learning the circumstances of the Memorial Day incident I reached out straight to our State Legislative Delegation Senator Paul Pinsky, and Delegates, Tawana Gaines, Anne Healy and Alonzo Washington to help us in Riverdale Park force State Highway to re-evaluate this dangerous crossing and put in a system that will provide greater protection for pedestrians. I also looked to our County Councilman Eric Olson, and our incoming Councilwoman Dannielle Glaros to help and their office promptly initiated a new working group for pedestrian safety in the area near the intersection of Kenilworth and East-West Highway. This working group brought together all the significant stakeholders from the community, town government, county and state government in a meeting held September 29.

To shorten a long story, SHA has come back from a new review (and under a lot of pressure from the many leaders I reached out to!) with a plan to do substantial improvements to this dangerous intersection. On November 10, SHA revealed to the working group a plan for the following changes:

- A traffic light will be installed at MD 410 and 58th Avenue
- The speed limit on MD 410 will be reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph.

The light will unfortunately take some time to engineer and install, but the speed reduction should happen relatively quickly, certainly by the end of this calendar year. The light we were told could take up to 18 months, but rest assured that I and many others will be watching to make sure that it is completed as fast as is compatible with good design standards and quality installation. The initial design is due out in early 2015.

There are of course many other safety issues for pedestrians in this area and the only good thing that came from the tragedy of Memorial Day past is that leaders from throughout our area are galvanized to address pedestrian safety through this working group. It is my hope and conviction that my future reports will be about the continued improvement to safety and not about any more tragedies that were preventable.

## **Thanks for the Contributions**

I've reached out asking others to join with me in contributing to two special funds this fall. The first was for the survivors of Thelma Flores, the young mother killed in the traffic accident on Memorial Day, called "The Frida and Isabella Fund". The second was for contributions for coats and a Thanksgiving dinner in our annual partnership with the Christian Life Center and Alamo Restaurant.

Simply put, thanks to all who contributed money, time or in kind!

# Riversdale Events

## Twelfth Night Ball at Riversdale

Bring the holiday season to a close in style at the Riversdale House Museum's Regency-style Twelfth Night Ball on Saturday, January 17, 2015. This National Historic Landmark mansion provides a sparkling setting for dancing to live music by Karen Ashbrook, Paul Oorts, and fiddler Andrea Hoag. Dancing begins at 7:30 pm. An elegant ball supper will be served with additional dance sets to follow. Following tradition, a king and queen will be crowned. Come dressed in your finest Regency attire or black tie. The cost is \$40 for residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties and \$48 for non-residents. Advance registration is required by January 4, and capacity is limited.

For more information or to register, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; email [Riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:Riversdale@pgparks.com); or visit our website: [history.pgparks.com](http://history.pgparks.com).

## Visit the Calverts by Candlelight at Riversdale

The doors of the stately 200-year-old mansion open. George Calvert and his wife, Rosalie Stier Calvert, welcome you into their home as the smells of gingerbread, spices and pine and the sounds of festive music waft through the air.

Riversdale House Museum invites you to relax during this busy season in the warm glow of The Calverts by Candlelight on Saturday, December 27, from 6-9pm. The house will be festooned with seasonal greens and costumed interpreters representing family, friends, and servants of the house interact with visitors on their self-guided tours of the illuminated mansion. Cooking over an open hearth fire in the kitchen, children's activities, live music, and warming refreshments are all part of the spirit of the evening.

Admission for the event is \$5.00 for adults and free for accompanying children 12 and under. No reservations are necessary. The house is open 6:00-9:00 p.m. and refreshments are provided with admission, as supplies last.

For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; email [Riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:Riversdale@pgparks.com); or visit our website: [www.history.pgparks.com](http://www.history.pgparks.com).

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale Park, Maryland. This facility is owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

# Ward and Committee Reports

## Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson  
[akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

### Finance Committee Report

I hope that all residents of Town had a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

I am happy to report that the dog park agreement between the Town and the

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission has been finalized, and permitting for construction can now begin. While I don't have a firm schedule, I think it is likely that construction will start next summer. I am grateful to Sara Imhulse and her staff for their hard work in bringing this agreement to a conclusion.

The Town has also been working with the State Highway Administration (SHA) to

insure the safety of the intersection where Riverdale Road merges with East-West Highway. On Labor Day 2014, a woman was killed and her daughter severely injured when a vehicle did not yield to her in the crosswalk at that intersection. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, SHA agreed to install a traffic light and reconfigure the intersection. The new intersection will have signaled left turn lanes for westbound traffic turning from East-West highway onto Riverdale Road and eastbound traffic turning north onto 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. In addition, there will be pedestrian-triggered cross walk signals, and lanes will be narrowed to calm traffic. There are many more details to be worked out, but I am pleased that the SHA has agreed to install signals at the intersection as the Town recommended.

On December 3 at 7:30 pm in Town Hall (5008 Queensbury) the Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center (MUTC) Local Design Review Committee will be considering a controversial proposal to put a 7-11 at the southeast corner of Sheridan Street and Baltimore Avenue (Route 1). Because convenience stores are allowed in the M-UTC zone, the Committee cannot reject the proposal on the basis of the proposed use alone. That said, we will work to insure that the proposed building meets the goals and design guidelines of the M-UTC zone. The Committee's oversight is limited to the building's use and compliance with the M-UTC standards; please attend this meeting if you are interested in commenting on these issues.

The Farmer's Market will be outside through December 18, after which time it will move to be in Town Center Market. Please come support the vendors; you can get some fabulous fresh and prepared foods, not to mention coffee and crafts. The holiday market is also scheduled for Saturday, December 13 from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m., and is a great place to get holiday gifts.

In closing, I would like to express my hope that everyone reading this report has a joyous and safe winter holiday season, and a happy and prosperous New Year. I'll see you here again in February!

# Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

## Saturday Drop Off

The next scheduled date for 2014 for drop off of bulk trash on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, is: December 20. **In 2015:** January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 20.

## Tree Infrastructural Management Plan

- **Tree Tags**

Timberline Tree Company will be in the Town for the next 45 days at different times to replace or re-install any tree # tags as necessary.

- **Fall Planting**

It's That Time Again! During the fall season one thinks of falling leaves, upcoming holidays, and snow. Here in Public Works, we also think of fall planting season. It is a time of the year when we have our last opportunity to plant trees before the winter frost sets in. During the last five (5) years, the department has installed over 250 trees in the Town of Riverdale Park. We have only had to remove about 80 trees from the Town's overall canopy.

Although the department looks upon its current program as a successful one, we understand the need to improve on how we manage the 800 plus mature trees in our Town. Previously, our primary goal was to remove the damaged and dangerous trees from our inventory, which has resulted in a dramatic decrease in large fallen limbs or trees within town limits, i.e. only one large tree branch fell





during the damaging winds of November 2, 2014. Now that those goals have been reached, we can now focus on promoting the

health of our mature trees and nurturing the growth of the newly planted trees.

The department looks forward to working with the community in assuring the health and growth of our growing canopy.

**Donated Trees to the Town of Riverdale Park**

The Department of Public Works would like to thank Mario’s Landscaping Service on behalf of the Town of Riverdale Park for the two (2) Crepe Myrtles they donated and planted in front of the train station at Town Center



**Holiday Trash Collections**

- Regular trash was not collected on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving, but will resume on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Regular trash will not be collected on Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, in recognition of the Christmas holiday. The next scheduled collection will be on Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Regular trash will not be collected on New Year’s Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015. The next scheduled collection will be on Monday, January 5, 2015.
- Regular trash will be collected on

Monday, January 19, 2015, which is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday.

**Office Closings**

- Town offices will be closed Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.
- Offices will also be closed on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and.
- Closed on New Year’s Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015.
- Town offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2015, in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s birthday.

**Leaf Collection**

As part of our fall leaf vacuuming service, leaves will be collected from **November 17<sup>th</sup>** through **January 17<sup>th</sup>**. DPW will vacuum leaves from Town streets following our previous trash collection schedule. To simplify the leaf vacuuming schedule, residents in **Area A - Wards 1, 3, 5, and 6 will be vacuumed on Mondays and Thursdays; residents in Area B – (Wards 2 and 4) will be vacuumed on Tuesdays and Fridays.**

**In order to make this process work as efficiently as possible, residents are encouraged to:**

- Rake leaves to the curb. Pile leaves away from cars and storm drains. The leaf vacuum cannot reach around cars.
- Remove tree limbs, rocks and other debris from leaves to be collected. They can damage the equipment and cause delays.
- Please put bagged leaves out on Wednesdays with the yard waste. **Do not put them out with regular trash.**

*Noise and dust may be noticeable during the leaf vacuuming process. Dry conditions generate more dust. We apologize for any inconvenience.*

**Monday** – AREA A- WARDS 1, 3, 5 AND 6 residents – leaf vacuum service

**Tuesday** - AREA B - (WARDS 2 AND 4) residents – leaf vacuum service

**Wednesday** (yard collection day) – Bates Trucking Company will collect BAGGED LEAVES. Please do not include tree branches, wood or other debris in the bags.

**Thursday** – AREA A – WARDS 1, 3, 5 AND 6 residents – leaf vacuum service

**Friday** – AREA B (WARDS 2 AND 4) residents – leaf vacuum

**Trees:**

- **Trimming** – When trees in the community are to be removed or trimmed, the arborist will be posting “No Parking” signs before they begin trimming trees. Your cooperation is needed to adhere to the times posted by moving your vehicles so that the trees are accessible to the vendor for this service.

**Snow Emergency Conditions**

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

**Laws that apply:**

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

of whether such street has been designated a snow emergency street. Streets with parking restricted on one side are exempt from this section.

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

**Snow and Ice Removal**

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

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

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

**Residential Streets** – i.e., Oliver St., Madison St., Rittenhouse St., 47<sup>th</sup> Ave., Somerset Rd., Sora Ln., etc.

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

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

**What Residents Can Do?**

- Whenever possible, move parked cars off the street so that snowplows can remove the snow from the street from curb to curb.
- If off-street parking is not available, **park on the even side of the street** (*violators will be subject to having*

***their vehicles impounded and fined \$250 – 64-10(b) (c).***

- Be patient during any snow emergency as crews work around the clock to clear the streets.
- Clear sidewalks in front of residence and refrain from depositing snow back on to the roadway (this can potentially cause an accident).

### **Yard Waste Collection**

As a reminder, effective January 1, 2014, the Waste Management Division of the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources (DER), 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. If you have followed the instructions for yard waste collection and your yard waste is not collected, please call the Department of Public Works at 301-864-1803 on the same date that the collection was missed. If the office is closed when you call, please leave your name, telephone and address.

### **Prince George's County Information**

To expedite requests for services provided by Prince George's County's, residents should utilize their information number, **which is 311**. Using that number will enable residents to address county related concerns such as questions, complaints, animal control requests, or other service needs for which the county is responsible.

### **Animal Control**

The Department of Environmental Resources – Animal Management Division handles **all calls** related to animal control in your community. Please contact them if there are animals in a trap, sick, any cruelty to animals, 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 am – 7:30 pm, and Saturday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Closed Sundays and Thursdays.**

**The public can view animals on Monday, Tuesday and Friday 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm and on Saturday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Closed Sundays and Thursdays.**

**The office is located at 3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro 20772.**

### **Bulk Trash Pickups & Special Trash Pickups**

Bulk Trash pickups are scheduled by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. In order to have bulk items picked up on Wednesdays, you must call Bates Trash and Trucking Company at 301-773-2069, before 2:00 PM on Tuesdays.

Items must be at curbside by 7:00 AM on Wednesdays. Bates is not required to pick up more than **THREE (3) bulk items from any one-family dwelling per week**. If you have more than three (3) items, you can make another appointment for the items to be picked up on the following Wednesday.

The following items will not be picked up: building materials, concrete, bricks, roof shingles, stumps, bamboo, pressurized containers, explosives, paint (unless paint is dry in cans), poisons, caustics, construction and demolition debris, asbestos, toilets, free liquids, sewage, sludge. These items can be taken to **Brandywine Sand & Gravel, 5800 Sheriff Road, Capitol Heights, Maryland, or you contact them at 301-925-8100, with inquiries.**

## **Reception for Youth Doll Study Club**

By Emily Fanning

On September 29, the Riverdale Park Mayor and Council held a reception to honor the Doll Club. Everyone was invited to see the dolls and dollhouses and talk to the students.

The Beginners Class made an 1810 type Bed Post doll of cloth and wood with Regency style clothing and a beautiful wood wardrobe box decorated in their own artwork. The Beginners were Kimberly Ramos, Nataye Pindell, Reisha Ellington, Elyse Cary, Terrica Thornton-Fillyaw, Kada Baker, Layla Baker and Lillian Glaros.

The Advanced Class -- Tamryn Thornton-Fillyaw, Tanise Thornton-Fillyaw, Rory Mckeown, Tania Zetino, and Dalena Measho -- each completed their hand-made dollhouse from scratch. This entailed building a two storey house from an unfinished wood kit, finishing the floors, building furniture, creating a small business on the first floor, creating a studio apartment on the second floor and furnishing the attic. The completed dollhouses needed to be ready to move into (in their imagination) and workable as in real life.

These projects imparted important life skills, such as patience, attention to detail, turning mistakes into lemonade, dexterity, problem-solving, decision-making, self-discipline, improved attention span, using constructive communication for group bonding and following directions. The advanced students have been in the Club from 2 ½ years to 4 years.

The three new teachers -- Cynthia Gervais, Liz Laureys and Marilyn Wassmann -- also displayed the dolls they made in the Teachers' Class. One of the teachers, Marilyn Wassmann, hand-painted a picture of the first doll she ever made and read a poem she dedicated to me as her teacher. I gave her a big hug and will treasure this gift forever.

Mayor Archer gave the Advanced Class Certificates of Achievement in Art with the Official Town Gold Seal. It was signed by Mayor Archer, the President of the **\*\*Riverdale\* \*Park\*\*** Art Council, Samuel Williams, and by me, Emily Fanning, Lead Teacher. The students receiving the awards were: Rory Mckeown, Dalena Measho, Tania Zetino, Tanise Thornton-Fillyaw and Tamryn Thornton-Fillyaw.

Delicious cookies and punch were served. People visiting were amazed at all the

tiny items the students made. The girls enjoyed talking to the public and felt all their hard work was worthwhile. The Beginner Students became more motivated to complete everything so they will be honored too. Big thanks to the Council, the Mayor and Jessica Barnes for all their help. Anyone interested in joining the club can contact the Town Hall for further information.

## 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](mailto: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 or [www.madisonhill.biz](http://www.madisonhill.biz).

**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](mailto: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 Jeffrey Yorke at (301) 502-1243 or [yorkedial@gmail.com](mailto:yorkedial@gmail.com)

**The Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP):** Website: [www.riverdaleparkhistory.org](http://www.riverdaleparkhistory.org) E-mail: [harp@riverdaleparkhistory.org](mailto:harp@riverdaleparkhistory.org)

# January 2015-Town of Riverdale Park

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> <b>TH/PW CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Boy Scouts,</b> <b>7-9p, TH</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Doll Club</b> <b>3-6pm</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Regular</b> <b>Legislative</b> <b>Meeting, 8p, TH</b>  <i>Trash Collection</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>MUTC,</b> <b>7:30p, TH</b>  <i>Yard Waste</i> <i>Collection</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Brownie Troop,</b> <b>6:30-8p, TH</b>  <i>Trash Collection</i>	<b>9</b> <b>Boy Scouts,</b> <b>7-9p, TH</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Madison Hill</b> <b>HOA 10:30am</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Doll Club</b> <b>3-6pm</b>	<b>12</b>  <i>Trash Collection</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>RPBA, 5:30, TH</b>  <i>Yard Waste</i> <i>Collection</i>	<b>15</b>  <i>Trash Collection</i>	<b>16</b> <b>Boy Scouts,</b> <b>7-9p, TH</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Doll Club</b> <b>3-6pm</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Dr. Martin Luther</b> <b>King, Jr. Day</b> <b>PW/TH Closed</b>  <i>Trash Collection</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <i>Yard Waste</i> <i>Collection</i>	<b>22</b>  <i>Trash Collection</i>	<b>23</b> <b>Boy Scouts,</b> <b>7-9p, TH</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Doll Club</b> <b>3-6pm</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Work Session, 8p,</b> <b>TH</b>  <i>Trash Collection</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Lion's Club, 7p,</b> <b>TH</b>  <i>Yard Waste</i> <i>Collection</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>Trash Collection</i>	<b>30</b> <b>Boy Scouts,</b> <b>7-9p, TH</b>	<b>31</b>