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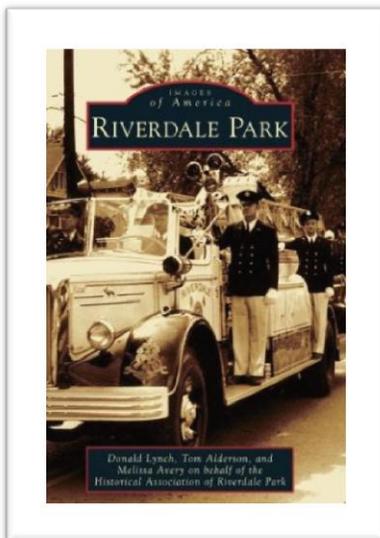
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## **IMPORTANT!**

**Bulk Trash Collection  
WEDNESDAYS**

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**Contact Bates Trucking and  
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Tuesday.**



## **New Book Release**

### Images of America: Riverdale Park

From the day in 1800 when George Calvert, father of University of Maryland founder Charles Benedict Calvert, saw the land that would become the heart of Riverdale Park along the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, this territory has drawn a fascinating array of people and industries that continues to inspire visitors and residents alike. A small town of beautiful historical houses and thriving businesses grew up around the trolley car and railroad lines. Prominent politicians, war heroes, a Nobel Prize-winning poet, and a pioneer of the bluegrass banjo have all called Riverdale home. The memory of an innovative airplane manufacturing company that helped the United States win World War II still hovers like a ghost over the original factory at the north end of town. All of this is documented in the photographs and recollections gathered in *Images of America: Riverdale Park*.

#### *About the Authors:*

Donald Lynch is curator of the world's largest collection of physics demonstrations at the University of Maryland and serves as general manager of the Historical Association of Riverdale Park. Tom Alderson is a novelist and editor, as well as a bluegrass and old-time musician. Melissa Avery is a regional musicologist, local historian, and president of the Historical Association of Riverdale Park.

# Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

## Regular Legislative Meeting November 7, 2011

1. **Approved-** A letter of support with conditions for a variance request at 6308 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue (Ward 2)
2. **Approved-** Traffic calming at the 5400 block of Jefferson Street (Ward 6)
3. **Approved-** Traffic calming at the 5500 and 5600 blocks of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Ward 6)
4. **Approved-** A letter regarding the Cafritz project
5. **Approved-** A letter of support for CB-53-2011 and CD-68-2011
6. **Approved-** Resolution 2011-R-25, a resolution regarding ATHA membership dues.
7. **Approved-** A MOU with M-NCPPC for hiker/biker trail.
8. **Approved-** A request for a waiver of bid requirements to use a piggyback bid to purchase emergency equipment (lights, sirens, ect.) from Breckford, to be installed in new police vehicles.
9. **Approved-** To support Town's CDBG Program Year (PY) 38 grant application.
10. **Motion to postpone indefinitely-** Minutes for the regular legislative meeting on October 3, 2011
11. **Approved-** Minutes for the special legislative meeting on October 13, 2011.

### New Business

1. **Tabled-** Resolution 2011-R-26
2. **Approved-** Resolution 2011-R-27

## Riversdale House Museum Events

### Enjoy Breakfast with Sint Niklaas at Riversdale

The forerunner of our modern Santa Claus, Sint Niklaas, brings excitement to Flemish children on his feast day in early December. The gift-giving, kindly bishop will arrive for breakfast at Riversdale on Saturday, December 3, 2011. Choose the 9 am or 11 am seating. Children, ages 3 to 10, along with their parents, are invited to enjoy a Belgian-inspired breakfast as Sint Niklaas makes his rounds. Participants will receive a gift bag. Tickets are \$9 per child and \$5 per attending adult for residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties and \$11 per child and \$7 per attending adult for non-residents. Advance reservations are required by November 23rd. We are sorry, but walk-ins cannot be accommodated. Register early to ensure a spot!

Riversdale celebrates this holiday in honor of Rosalie Stier Calvert, mistress of Riversdale in the early 19th century and a Flemish immigrant, who kept her homeland customs for her own nine children.

### Town of Riverdale Park

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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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## **The Calverts by Candlelight at Riversdale**

The doors of the stately 200-year-old mansion open. Rosalie Stier Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, welcomes you into her home as the smells of 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 our candlelit evening on Friday, December 30. The house will be festooned with seasonal greens, and period music will play as 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, 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.

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.

## **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 January 14, 2012. This National Historic Landmark mansion provides a sparkling setting for dancing to live music by Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts. This year, we will also be featuring the lively sounds of fiddler Andrea Hoag. Dancing begins at 8:00 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 \$30 for residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties and \$36 for non-residents. Advance registration is required by January 4, and capacity is limited.

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

Riversdale, a historic house museum of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, Maryland.

# **Ward and Committee Reports**

## **Ward One Report**

By Council Member Jonathan W. Ebbeler  
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It has been a rewarding yet exhausting month. There have been numerous meetings regarding the Cafritz rezoning question that many ran close to midnight. The town has been actively negotiating conditions required for support of the zoning. The comments are due to MNCPPC (Park and Planning) no later than 11/28 for consideration as part of the public record. I encourage any of you to register as a person of

record for the application so you are allowed to give your personal comments at the hearing (if you do not know how feel free to contact me and I will help you with that).

Joe and Kate Kelly were kind enough to sponsor an open house for constituents in the NW neighborhood that borders the Cafritz property. I hope the residents in attendance enjoyed the evening as much as I did. It was a great opportunity to get one-on-one time and ask direct questions in regards to the development project. I feel lucky to have such an engaged constituency.

The Town Council continues to support the Dumm's application for their build out of the grocery store. In addition there are future plans to knock out the dividing wall between the market and Pizza buildings to

offer a larger restaurant. I am looking forward to wine on the new patio and another restaurant that I can walk to. I hope everyone recognizes the dedication the Spiropoulos has shown to our town over the last 23 years and their daily personal efforts to maintain one of the cornerstone commercial properties in our town.

At the last legislative meeting the Council passed a Resolution to send out another letter to the owners of Jey's Auto giving a 30-day deadline to respond to our request to engage in negotiations for the sale of the property. I continue to remain hopeful that the owners will either bring their property into code compliance or realize that they no longer hold a vested interest in being part of our commercial fabric.

I have presented legislation that, if passed, will provide a letter of intent to become Certified Maryland Sustainable. This opens up numerous grant opportunities that complement revitalization efforts with Town Center. I have identified two members of Ward One that will be the citizen leaders of the "Green Team." To that end I wanted to give a special thanks to Ashley Wilburn and Adrienne Allegretti. If there are others that want to join up to support our town's sustainable efforts, please contact me – I am the required elected official sponsor of the team.

Many of you have asked about efforts concerning Town Center. Jim Coleman was kind enough to put me in contact with the current leasing agent for Douglas Development. I sat down with Abe Sitt and Matt Jemal (Doug Jemal's son) to bring them up to speed with what is going on with the town. I had a productive conversation and expect more to come. It is important to keep this property on their radar as we move forward.

I share in the frustration in getting the spaces full of viable commercial tenants, but I think it is important to realize that the town has a degree of responsibility in this effort. I am confident that when the property is marketed in a proper light that developers will see the potential that we all know exists.

As the holidays quickly approach, please remember to drive safely and put Dec 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the Holiday Market at Town Center.

## **Ward Two Report**

By Council Member Alan K. Thompson  
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While it seems that almost all of my activities on the Town Council this month have revolved around the

Cafritz development, I'll talk about the few other things first.

I had a fabulous Halloween at my house. I drew the straw to stay home while my wife took our younger son around trick-or-treating, and with the help of my older son I think we gave out several million calories of candy to happy trick-or-treaters. My favorite group of kids was two young ladies and a young gentleman; the young ladies were dressed as butterflies, and the young gentleman as the angel of death!

I was honored to attend the town's Veteran's Day observation again this year. The ceremony was well-attended, the weather pleasant, and the speeches (and bagpipe music) moving. I encourage everyone in our community to honor veterans every day, as they have put their lives on the line to protect our freedom.

The rest of the month has been taken up with meetings and discussions on the Cafritz development. Though we have not yet voted, I believe the council will vote to recommend rezoning with conditions (though the conditions are not yet fully determined). In the rest of my report I'll focus on the decisions that will impact Ward 2 most.

I am happy to report that the council, at least, believes that the proposed bridge over the CSX railroad tracks should connect on the Ward 2 side of the tracks behind the ERCO building, which will minimize the impact on our neighborhood. Under this proposal, traffic heading into the Cafritz development will come in off of Rivertech Court and turn right (north) before the ERCO building. The current road that connects with Lafayette will go forward, with possible traffic controls to minimize cut-through traffic.

Speaking of traffic, another part of our likely request is for a comprehensive traffic study which will include all major streets that go through Town Center, including Lafayette Avenue. This traffic study will inform the council of ways to manage and control the extra traffic generated by the development.

A third item of great interest to many residents in Ward 2 is the fact that we will be asking the developers to manage stormwater to a very high degree, to make sure the quantity and quality of water in Wells Run and Gosling Pond will not be made worse.

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me with thoughts and ideas about how to shape this project. Though I have not responded to many of you individually, I am thinking and working to implement your ideas and goals. While we will be completing a major milestone (the county Planning Board rezoning meeting) in mid-December, the project will continue to evolve, so keep tuned in and let me know where you want to see it go.

Before I sign off for the next few months, I would like to wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season, and a happy new year.

## Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

**Saturday Drop Off** – The schedule for drop off of bulk trash (rear of DPW yard) is the third Saturday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, of each month. Drop off dates for the next six months are scheduled for: **January 21<sup>st</sup>**, February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Holiday Trash Collections – Our offices will be closed on the following holidays. There will be NO trash collected on:**

- **Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Christmas holiday.** The next collection day will be Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of New Year's Day** – The next collection day will be Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Dr. Martin L. King's Birthday** – The next collection day will be Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Leaf Collection** - Our fall leaf collection services ends on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Bates Trucking Company will continue to collect **BAGGED LEAVES weekly on Wednesdays**. Please do not include tree branches, wood or other debris in the bags.

### **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, 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).



### **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, MD. 301-925-8100.**

## Boy Scout's Troop 252

**By Robert Killen**

I just returned from the Boy Scouts "Four Rivers Hunter's Moon Pow-Wow," where some 180+ Boy Scouts and Scouters spent the weekend having fun camping out on the west side of Downs Memorial Park in Pasadena, MD. The weather was cold, so we kept the campfires burning around the clock.

The boys (11-17) all participated in nine stations, run by qualified adults:

1. Tomahawk throwing - sticking a tomahawk in a target from a distance
  2. Lacrosse - hitting a target
  3. Games - arm wrestling, leg wrestling, jousting, improving eye-hand coordination
  4. Fire-starting - starting a fire with flint and steel (with Magnesium shavings) and burning through a string 6" off the ground
  5. Reporting on East Coast Tribes (Accohanock, Assateague, Catawba, Chickahominy, Croatan, Delaware, Erie, Mattaponi, Munsee, Nanticoke, Oneida, Piscataway, Pocomoke, Powhatan, Rappahanock, Seneca, Susquehannock, Tuscarora, Youghigheny, Yuchi and Menominee. (The Scouts had done their homework –WOW—, and were proud to make their reports, which were very informative and interesting.)
  6. Leathercraft
  7. Navajo Code Talking
  8. Spear Throwing
  9. Lacrosse Relay; Tie-breaker Finale; Tomahawk Throw - lacrosse throw; Spear Throw; fire-starting
- Friday night the temp (plus wind chill) dropped to about 28 degrees; I slept in my backpacker's tent, very comfortably. One of the troops had a professional chef (one of the dads) who is a GREAT cook. We ate very well!

The Boy Scouts were all very well-behaved the entire time (I was pleasantly surprised). At the Opening Ceremony Friday evening, as one of the Commissioners of the Maryland Governor's Commission on Indian Affairs, I read the Governor's Proclamation at

the request of Len Morgan, the gentleman running the Powwow.

Saturday morning, we were all up before dawn, with the bright, nearly-full moon lighting our activities. Jupiter set, the sun rose, and the moon set, all as we ate our breakfast.

I ran the "Games" station, and as each Tribe arrived, I learned the history of the 20 reporting tribes from the Scouts (no prompting from the adults!) We then got to work - The Scouts (nine sets of them, some doubling up) had great attitudes, were very competitive, and had a lot of fun. We had to hurry some of the troops, because in their enjoyment of one game, they wanted to finish it before we started with another game. We were really busy the entire day, and **NOBODY GOT HURT!**

After supper, we held the campfire, where skits, weird recipes, and Native American stories and legends were shared. Again, I was truly impressed by the good behavior of the Scouts. We held an Order of the Arrow "Brotherhood Ceremony" after the conclusion of the campfire, and bedded down around 11:30, bathed in moonlight.

This morning, we rose, ate breakfast, held our "Scout's Own religious service, then broke down the campsite, leaving no trace of our having been there.

I can't get this smile off my face!

In cheerful service,

Bob Killen

## **Doll Club Hosts Real Tea Party at Riversdale**

**By Emily Fanning**

Dolls and doll-making have been part of society and culture since the beginning of time. Historians have traced the use of dolls as toys to 100 AD.

They have played a role in religious and magic rituals from their earliest days and reflect the status of a generation. Locally, their history is rich and deep, and the growing interest in them was celebrated recently with a tea party at the Riversdale House Museum.

Hosted by the Riverdale Park Arts Council's Doll Club, the Oct. 15 event brought together nearly a dozen Riverdale Park youths who have been enjoying my weekly doll-making classes, and nine members of the Dollology Club of Washington, DC, a chapter of the United Federation of Doll Clubs.

In fact, the Dollology Club, which aims to educate the public about the role of dolls and doll-making in our history, used the occasion to donate \$4,000 to the mansion for the interpretation of the children's nursery.

The funding was used to furnish the nursery "in order to provide a better sense of the presence of the nine Calvert children who lived in the house," notes Ann Wass, the history/museum specialist at Riversdale. She said the bulk of the money was used to buy two reproduction bed kits which were assembled by museum docent, Mel Kornspan. The grant also funded installation of 3M ultra-violet-filtering film on the windows to help protect the contents of the room from degradation by sunlight.

"We rounded out the exhibit with other furnishings we already had in our collection and some donations of both antique and reproduction toys," said Dr. Wass. "All this has become part of our permanent collection and so is on display all the time. Right now, we have added some actual period children's clothing that will be on display through the end of the year."

Some of my students, many of whom were making their first visit to Riversdale, were clearly awe struck by the stately mansion, built 200 years ago by George and Rosalie Calvert. Add to the mix that all of the youngsters were dressed in their Sunday best and seated with a number of seniors with whom they had never met and it was enough to still their chatter for a time. But their tensions quickly thawed over bites of tiny tea sandwiches made of food combinations new to them such as raw apple and cheese atop crust-less slices of bread. They loved the tiny doll-size tarts and sweets that arrived on tiered plates and were served by little sterling silver tongs. They were offered hot tea in fancy cups with saucers but some of the youngsters declined, saying they only drank tea when they are sick. The youngsters were pleased to discover that mansion staffers Maria Grenchik and Samantha Ferris planned ahead and quickly offered them juice to pour into their cups. Gobbled and gone the fastest were the Dr. Wass-baked scones, a recipe she refuses to divulge.

Since the beginning of summer, I had been busy at my sewing machine making 30 multiple piece outfits for my students' dolls: five jungle picnics for the boys' dolls, a handful of wooden clothes racks with coat hangers for the girls table centerpieces, and five miniature doll scenes for table centerpieces for our guests to win. Each of the girls' dolls had a black umbrella with bead trim, black cape, black purse with lace hankie, a winter flannel nightgown with night cap, a blanket to wrap in, accompanied by a doll-sized

teddy bear. The boys' dolls sported black stretch pants and a red tie-dyed shirt with stretch knit black hat.

Each of the students crafted their doll's body and head from what was generally available during the Regency period – the timeframe which the Calverts occupied Riversdale. In those days, a family's economic status could be determined by the materials used for a doll – a bedpost for the wealthy, a sapling filled out with spare cloth by those lower on the economic ladder. My students also drew the faces on their dolls and capped the heads with wigs made not of goat or horse hair as was done yesteryear, but with dynel or synthetic mohair so they can play with the dolls it as toys.

The students' craftiness both stunned and delighted the Dollology Club members who were clearly impressed with the latest generation of doll enthusiasts. Club president Dolly Berg called the event "a big success!" while others said, "Their dolls were beautiful – how did you get these kids to do this?"

Staffers Grenchik and Ferris later led the party on a delightful tour of the house that opened a wide window on the past for the children and Doll Club members alike. They were especially engaged by the display of dolls from the late 18th Century to the mid-19th Century assembled by Riversdale Collections Manager Jennifer Flood and Dr. Wass, comprised of dolls on loan from me and others.

"Not only did we want to include dolls from the time period that the first generation of Calverts lived here, we also wanted to show a selection of the most popular types of dolls of the period made from a variety of materials," Dr. Wass said.

While Dr. Wass is unclear as to whether the doll tea party will become an annual event – staffing and funding are at critical points – one thing for sure is that the dolls will be on display through the end of the year and may be viewed during Riversdale's regular open hours, Fridays and Sundays, noon to 3:30 pm. Fees: \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, and \$1 for students (children 4 & under are free). Fee includes a guided tour of the house and anyone who wants to spend more time just seeing the dolls may do so at the end of the tour. The exhibit will also be on view during the "Calverts by Candlelight" event, scheduled for Dec. 30, 6 to 9 pm. The candlelight fee is \$5 for adults and free for children 12 & under (children must be accompanied by an adult).

*Editor's Note:* Author Emily Fanning, a resident of Riverdale Park for more than five decades, is owner-operator of Emily's Doll House in Riverdale Park's Town Center. She is also the president of the Riverdale Park Arts Council and heads the council's Doll Club.

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## Community Circles

### What's Open Christmas Day?

(via Riverdale Park Patch)

Alamo Restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Rancho Bar and Grill will be open 11 a.m. to midnight. For breakfast, try IHOP open all day. For drinks and bar food try S&J's Restaurant, open at 7a.m. Giant Food will be open from 8a.m. to 5 p.m. on Christmas Day, however CVS, Rite-Aid, Target, Calvert House Inn, and Dumm's Corner Store and Sub Shop will be closed for the holiday.

## Local Organizations

**Lion's Club Meeting:** Every Fourth Wednesday. Contact President Guy Tiberio at (240) 375-8902.

**Northern County Soccer Alliance:** Contact *NCSA@soccer.net* or (301) 927-0560.

**Riverdale Park Daisy Troop #2546:** Contact Danielle Glaros at (301) 779-5915.

**Riverdale Park Boys Scouts Troop 252—** Contact: Scoutmaster Bob Killen at (202) 282-8302.

**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 301-332-6258.

**Riverdale Boys & Girls Club—**Email [riverdaleboysgirlsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdaleboysgirlsclub@yahoo.com) (301) 277-KIDS

**Riverdale Park Business Association—**call Audrey Bragg at 301-277-7393 for meeting site

**Riverdale Park Arts Council—**Contact Emily Fanning at [ourdollmom@aol.com](mailto:ourdollmom@aol.com)

**The Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP)—**Website: [www.harp1920.com](http://www.harp1920.com)  
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# January 2012-Town of Riverdale Park

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>New Year's Day</b> 	2 <b>PW/TH CLOSED</b>	3 Regular Leg. Mtg., 8pm, TH	4 Daisy 6:30-7:30p, TH MUTC 7:30p TH <i>Yard Waste</i>	5 Brownie Troop, 6:30-7:45, TH <i>Town-Wide Trash</i>	6	7 Madison Hill HOA, 10:30a, TH
8	9 <i>Town-Wide Trash</i>	10	11 RPBA, 5:30p, TH <i>Yard Waste</i>	12 <i>Town-Wide Trash</i>	13	14
15 <b>MLK, Jr. Birthday</b> 	16 <b>PW/TH CLOSED</b>	17	18 Daisy Troop, 6:30-7:30p, TH <i>Yard Waste</i>	19 Brownie Troop, 6:30-7:45, TH <i>Town-Wide Trash</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>Town-Wide Trash</i>	24	25 Lion's Club, 7:00p, TH <i>Yard Waste</i>	26 <i>Town-Wide Trash</i>	27	28
29	30 Work Session, 8p, TH <i>Town-Wide Trash</i>	31				