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TRASH COLLECTION

Regular Trash Collection Days

Monday and Thursday

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 Work

Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation OPEN HOUSE

Date: February 4, 2010; 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Pollo Fiesta

6408 Kenilworth Avenue

Riverdale, Maryland 20737

(additional parking available at the adjacent church)

Light appetizers will be provided.

Please come join the residents and businesses of Eastpines, Riverdale, Riverdale Park, Riverdale Heights, Riverdale Hills and Crestwood, and Templeton Knolls, as well as County Councilman Eric Olson and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) as they launch the new Central Kenilworth Avenue Community Development Corporation (CKAR/CDC).

CKAR/CDC is looking for residents and businesses to participate on its board and volunteer to help improve the corridor. Upcoming projects include beautifying the corridor, business facade improvement, business improvement district, youth mural project, new website, and other initiatives.

Come by and find out more about this exciting new organization.

Revitalización del Sector Central de la Avenida Kenilworth Corporación de Desarrollo Comunitario ABIERTO AL PUBLICO

Fecha: 4 de Febrero, 2010; 6 a 8 de la noche

Place: Pollo Fiesta

6408 Kenilworth Avenue

Riverdale, Maryland 20737

(Estacionamiento adicional en el lote de la Iglesia adyacente)

Se servirá comida liviana.

Únase a los vecinos y comerciantes de Eastpines, Riverdale, Riverdale Park, Riverdale Heights, Riverdale Hills y Crestwood, y Templeton Knolls, como también al Concejal del Condado Eric Olson y a la Comisión Nacional de Parques y Planeamiento de Maryland (M-NCPPC) para el evento de la fundación de la nueva Corporación de Desarrollo Comunitario del Sector Central de la Avenida Kenilworth (CKAR/CDC).

CKAR/CDC está buscando residentes y comerciantes interesados en participar como miembros del directorio y como voluntarios para ayudar en el mejoramiento del área designada. Futuros proyectos incluyen el embellecimiento de la zona, mejoras en las fachadas de los negocios, mejoras en el distrito comercial, proyecto de un mural por un grupo juvenil, un nuevo sitio web, y otras iniciativas.

Venga a conocer más sobre esta nueva e interesante organización.

Council Actions

By Waverly Politt

Regular Legislative Meeting

December 7, 2009

1. **Approved**- Minutes on regular legislative meeting held on November 2, 2009.
2. **Approved** – Minutes on special legislative meeting held on November 30, 2009.
3. **Approved** – Special event permit for Our Lady of Guadalupe feast Celebration to be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 4700 Saint Bernard's Drive.

Special Legislative Meeting

November 30, 2009

1. **Approved**- Re- establishing W. Beal Circle for 2-way traffic.

Code Corner

By Colleen Ferguson

Chapter 64 — VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

§ 64-2. Enforcement.

The Town of Riverdale Park's Code Enforcement Officer and/or Police Department shall be responsible for enforcement of the provisions of Chapter 64.

§ 64-4. Vehicles to be licensed; fire lanes and ceremonial routes.

(a) No vehicle shall remain on or be operated upon any street, alley or public way in the Town of Riverdale Park, unless such vehicle bears the appropriate license for the current year if such license be required by the state, county or municipal law.

(b) No vehicle shall be operated within any fire line established by the Fire

Department, or in or upon any street, alley or public way or portion thereof from which traffic is excluded by the Mayor and Council for public ceremonies or because of a public emergency. The Police Department is authorized and directed to enforce such temporary traffic regulations.

§ 64-16. Junked motor vehicles. [Added 3-6-95, effective 3-26-95.]

(a) Definitions. "Junked motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is in wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled condition, or from which the wheels, engine, transmission, or any substantial parts thereof have been removed, or which for any reason is incapable of operation on its own power, or is unlicensed or bearing expired license tags.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to junk any motor vehicle at any place within the town, nor shall any owner or lessee permit any junked motor vehicle to remain on property within the town except in an enclosed garage.

(c) Exempt properties. Properties exempt from this section are licensed motor vehicle

dealers, motor vehicle mechanical or body repair facilities, and towing storage compounds. Such vehicles must be stored on the licensed property.

(d) Notice of intent to impound. The Code Enforcement Officer or his designee may

impound a junked motor vehicle after first attaching a notice on the presumed junked vehicle that shall state, in part, "This vehicle is presumed junked. If not removed within seventy-two (72) hours of the date of this notice, this vehicle shall be impounded and sent to a scrap processor."

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: code-riverdalepk@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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Submission deadline: 15th of each month.

Submit all copies to
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Riversdale Events

HANDS-ON HISTORY: THE CHEF'S APPRENTICE

Riversdale Park – Prepare to step back in time! Spend the school holiday, Friday, February 12, at Riversdale House Museum. The program runs from 10 am – 3 pm and is open to children ages 8 – 12. In the early 19th century, young people learned crafts and trades through apprenticeship. Riversdale continues its series of hands-on apprenticeship programs with the trade of the chef. Participants will prepare an entire meal using 19th century recipes and equipment and cook the meal in the open hearth dependency kitchen.

The fee is \$15 for residents of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties and \$18 for non-residents. Capacity is limited. Advanced registration and payment are required by Friday, February 5.

SEASONAL SELECTIONS – THE PLUMMERS' KITCHEN

Riversdale Park - Join the Riversdale Kitchen Guild for their monthly Seasonal Selections program on Sunday, February 21, 2009, from noon to 3:30pm in the dependency kitchen at Riversdale House Museum. Watch as they recreate early-to-mid 19th century traditional African-American foods. Participants will be able to view these dishes being made on the open hearth by costumed interpreters using period cookware. Seasonality of garden produce will also be discussed in reference to Plummer's profit-generating produce sales.

Riversdale, completed in 1807, was home to Rosalie and George Calvert, descendant of the fifth Lord Baltimore. The Calverts owned several slaves, including Adam Plummer. Plummer arrived at Riversdale as a child. Upon George's death, ownership of the estate and slaves passed to his son, Charles Benedict. His new master allowed Plummer to keep the profits from produce he grew on a part of the estate. Eventually, Plummer married an enslaved woman, Emily Saunders, from Three Sisters Plantation in Lanham, MD. Plummer continued to live at Riversdale apart from his wife. However, after Maryland abolished slavery, Adam Plummer, reunited with his wife and family, remained at Riversdale as a paid overseer.

Regular admission fees apply and include a tour of the house. \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/students 5-18, FREE ages 4 & under.

Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com for more information. Riversdale, a historic house museum of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is located at 4811 Riversdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, Maryland.



Riverdale Park Police Report

By Chief Teresa C. Chambers and Sergeant Brian Slattery

Thanks to Federal stimulus dollars and our successful bid for a community policing grant, the Riverdale Park Police Department hired a new officer in January. With the addition of Officer Germaine Green to our ranks, we now have 19 police officers in Riverdale Park.

Germaine Green grew up in Prince George's County and attended DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville. Germaine then attended St. Petersburg College in Florida before returning to the area to work at the United States Department of State. Germaine then left the Department of State to pursue his dream of becoming a police officer. He enrolled and paid his own way through the Prince George's County Municipal Police Academy where he graduated with honors in August of 2009.



With Germaine's appointment as the newest member of the Riverdale Park Police Department, he is continuing a Green family tradition and following in the footsteps of both of his brothers who have entered into law enforcement in Prince George's County. Germaine's brother Randy is a police officer for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and his brother Fred is a deputy sheriff with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office.

Please welcome Officer Green to the Town of Riverdale Park when you see him. He is looking forward to meeting you and to serving our community.

Mayor's Report

By Vernon Archer

As we start not only a new year but a new decade too there is a lot to report going on in and around our town. This report will focus on the new property tax assessments and what is happening with public safety and our police department.

New Tax Assessments. All residential property owners should have received their new tri-annual property tax assessment by now. For almost all residential property owners the assessments should have gone down noticeably. This will have a mixed impact both on individual residents and on the town tax revenues.

For many of us the so called "Homestead Tax Credit" has kept the actual taxable portion of our assessments below our full assessed value. This credit insures that the taxable rate does not increase more than a set percent (10% for state and municipal taxes and ???% for county taxes) Thus, even though our new assessments are lower, it will have minimal effect on many of our tax bills, since the Homestead had already kept our rates lower than the full high rates we saw come in during the last assessment 3 years ago.

One group of people who will likely see some relief from the new assessments are those who bought their houses during the relatively high assessment period between two and four years ago.

One important concern for most residential tax payers who have claimed the Homestead Tax Credit is the state is requiring us all to submit a one-time application to continue (or establish) eligibility for this credit. The credit application should have been included with your tax assessment and can also be found online at www.dat.state.md.us and the clicking on the "Homestead Eligibility Application" link.

The credit is designed for owner-occupants of their homes. It seems that the number persons continued to fraudulently claim the credit after they began renting their houses to others, so this is a way of pressuring the landlords to not claim a credit that is clearly not intended for them. The rest of us should definitely claim our right through this program.

Grants Help Improve Police Department in Tight Economic Times. It is a truism in government that all services can be improved, with more money. During difficult economic times like we are currently experiencing, more money is rarely found. I am happy to report that we have been lucky enough to win several significant grants over the last few months that will help us to continue to improve public safety through better policing.

As was reported recently, we were awarded a COPS Grant that will pay for an additional police officer for three years. We were able to fill that position in January and will now become a force of 19 sworn officers. This addition is important not just because of the additional officer, but because it will allow our department to redeploy its experienced forces.

The Riverdale Park Police Department has begun to transform into a community policing / problem-oriented policing / intelligence-led policing agency. Many of our officers have received hands-on problem-solving training (entirely funded through grants) and are working with the community to identify long-term problems, examine root causes, and develop and implement abatement strategies.

What does this mean to you? It means that, instead of our officers simply responding to calls for service and waiting for the next incident in town, identified “problems” are tracked by the Police Department and incorporated into regular briefings, ensuring that sufficient attention and resources are devoted to bring resolution to these matters. “Relentless follow-up,” is the key component to achieving long term results.

Two of our officers, Corporal Roland Alexander, who serves as our Neighborhood Resource Officer, and Private First Class Clay Alford (whose expertise is in the area of traffic enforcement), have been designated as fulltime community police officers. These community police officers, combined with all sworn and civilian personnel, will guide the police department in its analysis of crime and intelligence data so that resources can be deployed in the most effective manner possible and in a manner to achieve the greatest and most permanent results.

Another grant we were recently awarded – a substantial grant for technology enhancements – will allow us to make better use of available resources and to share information instantaneously with one another and with other law enforcement entities.

To ensure that long term results are realized, we must work hand in hand with other law enforcement agencies. The most recent grant we received will allow our officers, for the first time in the history of policing in Prince George’s County, to talk directly and immediately with Prince George’s County police officers and with officers from other municipalities. This grant will allow us and other municipalities to purchase for each officer a portable police radio that is compatible with the new communications system Prince George’s County has recently established.

We know that, working together, we can continue to drive crime out of our communities. In 2009, Riverdale Park experienced 28 percent fewer major crimes than in 2008 and 37 percent fewer crimes than in both 2007 and 2006. Working together is making a positive difference and is making our communities safer. Embracing community policing and problem-oriented policing, involving all stakeholders, and utilizing technology to facilitate immediate communication with neighboring police agencies will keep our town on the road of success.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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Finance Committee Report

I discovered recently that the phone number listed for me in the Town Crier has been incorrect for several months. My correct number, which should appear in this and all future editions, is 301-927-7407. Please leave a message if you don't reach me.

Homeowners in Ward 2 should have recently received an Assessment Notice from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Included in this packet is a form to apply for Homestead Tax Credit Eligibility (it has inch-high red letters that say "**IMPORTANT**" on it). If you don't fill this out and send it in (or file the same information electronically), **your real estate taxes could go way, way up** (depending on the previous and current assessed value).

I hope that everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. I took advantage of many of the activities sponsored or coordinated by the town, including the Holiday Market, Festival of Lights (winners of the "Best Decorated House" include Ward 2's own Alma Larios at 4804 Queensbury Road), and the Children's Holiday Party. I'd like to thank everyone who helped make these events happen, especially coordinators James Coleman and Ward 5 Council Member Raymond Rivas.

From some discussions I had with people in the street, and on electronic mail, I know that many people were disappointed in the Town's response to the December 19 blizzard. Mayor Archer addressed it well in a report posted to the Town Announce e-mail list, but I think it is important to realize that although the amount of snow that fell during this storm was similar to recent storms (2003 and 1996), this snow fell over a little more than a day, while the previous storms were spread out over several days. This high rate of snowfall made clean-up much more difficult. In addition, Public Works' priority was in assuring emergency service to every residence in the town — if called to do so, they

could have quickly had a clear path to any home or apartment. That said, all of us in Town Government are actively looking for ways to improve snow removal during future storms.

At the December 21 work session, the Council discussed upcoming M Square development, most of which will be in Ward 2. Residents nearest the closest future building (a proton therapy cancer treatment center, which will be just north of Gosling Pond) were sent notices of this meeting in the mail. The Town is currently negotiating with the University of Maryland to make sure that development maintains or improves the quality of life of residents. Particular items under discussion include (1) that there will be no new roads into the neighborhood from Rivertech Court, (2) there will be a landscaping buffer that visually screens the therapy center from Gosling Pond, (3) the existing roadway from Rivertech Court to Lafayette Avenue will remain open and in approximately the same location, (4) the developer will create a network of walkable trails throughout the development, and (5) the University will agree to the Town's stated position that the Riverdale Park Purple Line station will be at the intersection of Rivertech Court and River Road. If there are any other items that you think should be included please contact me.

The Finance Committee met in November. We discussed the current status of the budget and how to deal with the shortfall of funding from the state (a combination of careful spending and revenue from red light and speed cameras, to be revisited in future meetings). Town Administrator Imhulse presented several ideas she has for improving financial processes, including adding projections of spending to the Council's monthly financial statements, a new "pooled cash" method for managing town funds that would improve staff efficiency, better ways to include long-term obligations and capital improvements in the budget process, and finding new accounting software to monitor and manage spending. At future meetings we will continue these discussions and start a comprehensive benefits review for all town staff.

Ward Five Report

By Council Member Raymond Rivas
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Community Affairs Report

Hello to all the great residents of Ward 5. I just wanted to give a shout out to the newly recruited recreational committee persons, Gabriel, Elvis, Michael, Antonio and Eric. We appreciated all your help during the Holiday and Festival of lights gathering on December 12, 2009. Jim Coleman had out shined himself this year with all the additional vendors. It was a great to see everyone mingling among each other from all sides of Riverdale area. This shows that we are bridging the gap from across the River (East-West) and developing some common goals that interest all.

With regards to the confusion about what to do in case of a fire, please take the following advice: If you see a fire or see smoke billowing out of any area of a building, please pull a fire alarm if one is present. Otherwise, please call 911 or your local Fire Department 301-927-0356. These fire alarm pull stations are meant for emergency purposes only. With this being the case, it is a serious offense if the alarm is pulled falsely.

Once again the children are back in school after the long holiday break. In this same period, I am aware there have been some outstanding individuals that have upgraded their progress report. Please accept my congratulations at this time for all you hard efforts and accomplishments. Sure enough, Chico does notice those that have increased their grade point average and will reward them accordingly.

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

PRESIDENT'S DAY - TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, which is President's Day.

LEAF COLLECTION – Vacuum leaf collection by the Department of Public works **ended on January 15th**. Residents may continue to bag leaves for pickup on Wednesdays by Bates Trucking.

BULK TRASH – Reminder to all residents that Bulk Trash is picked up on Wednesdays by appointment **only**. Please contact Bates Trucking at (301) 773-2069 before

2:00 PM on Tuesdays. Failure to put out bulk trash items on the designated day will result in the issuance of code violations and fines. Residents may continue to bring bulk items on Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Be prepared to show identification as proof of residency.

Blizzard of "09"



On December 19th, a record-breaking snowstorm dumped over 16 inches of snow in our area and December isn't our average heaviest snow month, February is (heaven help us!!). With that in mind, please remember and follow the information indicated below during the next snow event:

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

By following the above-mentioned guidelines you will be helping us help you, thank you.

Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Bob Killen

Troop 252 is back at it! Our Xmas vacation was just that. The Scouts (boy leaders, not adults) didn't plan anything, so we didn't do anything. The Scouts were going to plan a ski trip, the weather cooperated, but they didn't plan. They were going to plan a bicycle trip, and the weather cooperated, but they didn't plan. And so

on. They got the message. "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." Your readers can join us at any time...and we will succeed.

Our plans now include skiing, bicycling, snow tubing (I did it last week with my grandsons and neighborhood kids), river tubing on the Potomac and/or Shenandoah rivers, trekking on the C&O Canal Tow Path, boating (we have four {a little leaky} aluminum boats) at Jug Bay, Kiptopeke Beach, and maybe even the Smith Island Lighthouse, where the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean meet. We will camp out at the Protestant/Catholic Religious Retreat in March. We will ?win? the Baltimore Area Council Orienteering competition. We will compete in the Bath County (VA) Triathlon. We will camp out to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts. We will bicycle around the loop and on the footpaths at Watkins Park, **AND THE SCOUTS WILL PLAN THE ENTIRE TRIP - BUDGET, LODGING, FOOD ETC.** Those are our plans so far, subject to change.

Last month (and last year) Samir Salih made Second Class, and is chomping at the bit to make First Class. Michael Delaney has completed all but the "swimming" requirement for his next rank. Charleston Starling is waffling. Yorman Amador's Eagle Project is almost complete (February projection), and Joel Sandoval and Ismael Vallela have selected their respective Eagle Projects and are preparing their presentation to our District Eagle Board rep so they can get to work. Prediction – three new Eagle Scouts by summer! This will give us room for three new Scouts.

We re-registered our troop for 2010, and most of us have our new "one-size-fits-all" Health and Safety forms up-to-date, our vehicles are properly insured, and our adult (Scouter) leaders are properly trained, ready for the University of Scouting in February. Now, it's up to our Scouts to do the planning (with our guidance) for our outings. We'll report next month on our collaborative and collective progress, and the results.

Administration Report

By Sara Imhulse
Town Administrator

In my first *Town Crier* article, I would like to thank the Riverdale Park Mayor, Council, staff, and residents for welcoming me as the new Town Administrator. This is an exciting opportunity for me, and I am very pleased to be in Riverdale Park.

One of my first projects as Administrator was to secure a new web domain: www.riverdaleparkmd.gov.

Many municipalities in Maryland have a similar website address. Securing this domain has enabled staff to change their email addresses as well. All Town employees now use an email account that ends in @riverdaleparkmd.gov. Previously, the Town had been using two separate email addresses: @comcast.net and @riverdaleparkpolice.org. The new domain will streamline email communication and professionalize the administration of our Town.

You may notice that this issue of the *Town Crier* includes the new email addresses in the mast head. To contact most employees, use the initial of the first name followed by the last name @riverdaleparkmd.gov. For example, my email address is *simhulse@riverdaleparkmd.gov*. Old Town email addresses will terminate January 31, 2010.

It is a privilege to serve the residents of Riverdale Park in this position, and I thank you for that opportunity.

Thomas H. Schreffler, Natoli Apartments Resident, Dies

By Jeffery Yorke

Longtime Riverdale Park resident Thomas H. Schreffler, died Nov. 20 at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park after a year-long battle with cancer of the bladder. He was 58.

In 1990, he met Linda L. Holliday of New Carrollton. They courted a dozen years and were married in 2002. They lived in the Natoli Place Apartments in Riverdale Park for the past 11½ years. An avid motorcyclist, Mr. Schreffler was also a friend to animals and could often be seen near Town Center walking his beagle, Buddy.

"Tom was a really wonderful dog owner," says Angela Baber, a Natoli Place neighbor and fellow dog owner. "He was always friendly and always had something to say. He was his own kind of guy. A country boy in the city."

Born near Pottsville, PA in December 1950, Mr. Schreffler operated a roofing business as a young man. But he had wanderlust and took up a nomadic lifestyle, taking a series of odd jobs including restaurant and hotel staff positions in a variety of places to pay for his travels across the United States. He had a special knack for recounting tales of his adventures and the people he met along the way. He was especially generous in sug-

gesting interesting travel destinations and offbeat highway routes to make trips more exciting. He also relished getting postcards from spots he had recommended and hearing new stories about the places his friends had seen. In 1989, he and Linda Holliday moved to Texas to start a new life.

They settled in Tomball, a rural area near Houston and the Gulf region. But life was tough and opportunities slim. Within two years Schreffler, with the help of Ms. Holliday's family, sent her back to the Riverdale area and he followed her back by hitchhiking back to Washington.

"It was always an adventure with Tom," Ms. Holliday said Saturday after a memorial service for her husband. "We did a lot of stuff

Community Circles

College Park Aviation Cadets Seek Members

Interested in aviation?

Join the Civil Air Patrol Cadet program!!! Youth from 12 to 18 years of age are eligible to join this outstanding aviation based leadership training program.

Through Civil Air Patrol's Cadet Program, young people develop leadership skills, learn about aviation, and participate in search & rescue missions. Activities include flying, camping, first aid training, and an international Aviation Cadet Exchange!

College Park Squadron meets the first four Wednesdays each month from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Hap Arnold Center (1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive) at the historic College Park Airport, College Park, MD. Learn more at www.MDcap.org or call 1-800-FLY-2338!

Mario's Landscape Service

Notice how great the north side of Riverdale Park Town Hall looks? Well, check it out! And while you're at it, check out Mario's Landscape Service. They are responsible, in large part, for the wonderful new landscaping facing East-West Highway.



together, him and I."

Mr. Schreffler worked as a driver for Quality Auto Parts in Beltsville for nearly five years and then for Olympic Auto Parts in College Park.

More recently, he worked for District Photo Inc. in Beltsville.

In addition to Ms. Holliday, survivors include a sister in the Riverdale Park area, a brother in Baltimore, and four children and several stepchildren.

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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

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