



# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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**Town of Riverdale Park Contact Information**

**Town Hall 5008 Queensbury Rd  
301-927-6381**

**Services:** park permits, personal property taxes, finances

**Department of Public Works 5012  
Queensbury Rd 301-864-1803**

**Services:** litter pickup, tree maintenance, leaf collection, street maintenance, snow & ice removal, landscaping, parks & playgrounds used motor oil, street lights (on black metal poles only), metal collection, sign posting

**Police Department 5004  
Queensbury Rd 301-927-4343**

**Services:** traffic violations, payment of tickets received, records management, fingerprinting, background checks, report criminal activity.

**Bulk Trash Collection 301-773-2069**

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
Bates Trucking and Trash  
Collections

Residents must call by 2 pm Tuesday for Wednesday pickup

## **Riversdale Chamber Music Society Concerts**

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WHERE: Riversdale House Museum

WHEN: **Sundays, March 30 and April 27, from 2:30-3:30 pm.**

COST: Concerts are **FREE**.

*See page 3 for more information*

## **Field of Greens Community Garden**

In the spring of 2014 there will be a new addition to the community of Riverdale—a community garden! University of Maryland Extension is spearheading coordination of the project, thanks to a Community Impact Grant from Prince George's County Redevelopment Authority that is helping to fund capital improvements.

An old sports field, located at 6200 Tuckerman St. between the Center for Educational Partnership and William Wirt Middle School, will be transformed into a flourishing garden providing community members with access to land and fresh, healthy produce. The garden will consist of individual plots rented out for the purpose of food production, as well as communal space for workshops and the promotion of gardening, nutrition and food preparation education. Youth garden space will also provide an opportunity for student involvement.

The Neighborhood Design Center is helping to establish a landscape design, but the project is still in the process of development and all community engagement and partnership is welcomed!

Whether you are interested in participating, providing feedback, or would just like to learn more, please contact Esther Gray, the AmeriCorps VISTA serving with Extension to coordinate the project's implementation. She can be reached at 301-779-2806 x706 or [estherg@umd.edu](mailto:estherg@umd.edu).

# Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

Regular Legislative Meeting  
February 3, 2014

## Consent Agenda

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

1. Request for a temporary license and waiver from section 42-14(b)(1), 42-14(b)(4), and 42-14(b)(5) of the Town Code for Teresa's Garden Center to sell flowers at 6111 Kenilworth Avenue February 12-14, 2014 and May 9-11, 2014 (Ward 4)
2. Fence Permit Application: Formal Associates, LLC; 5802 Cleveland Avenue; replaced existing fence with 6 foot wood fence (Ward 1)
3. Motion to send a letter of support regarding HB 325 and SB 358, Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 - Prince George's County - Riverdale Park Town Hall Expansion
4. Minutes from the January 6, 2014 Legislative Meeting

## Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-01 regarding William Wirt Middle School - **Adopted**
2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-02 endorsing Funding Request in County Budget for Welcome Center - **Adopted**

## Drive Safely This St. Patrick's Day!

*"As Americans around the country prepare to mark the St. Patrick's Day holiday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is reminding drivers not to get behind the wheel if they've had too much to drink. NHTSA analyses show alcohol-impaired crashes claimed a life every 51 minutes in 2010. On St Patrick's Day alone, 32 percent of fatalities from motor vehicle crashes were connected to drunk driving." – NHTSA Press Release, March 2012*



## Town of Riverdale Park

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### Council Members

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Fire Department - Emergency 911

Information - 301-927-0356

Brian Carpio, **Fire Chief**

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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.

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# Riversdale Events

## RIVERSDALE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERTS

The Riversdale Chamber Music Society is the University of Maryland's newest classical chamber music organization. The society celebrates the connection between Maryland and Riversdale House Museum, where the university's founder, Charles Benedict Calvert, was born in 1808. Its mission is to provide a diverse chamber music experience by featuring University of Maryland, School of Music students and faculty, as well as collaborations with musicians from military and local ensembles in the region.

The Spring Concert Series takes place at Riversdale House Museum on **Sundays, March 30 and April 27, from 2:30-3:30 pm**. Concerts are **FREE**. Make it an afternoon at Riversdale with a tour of the historic home prior to performances. Tour admission is \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/\$1 students/FREE children 4 & under and tours begin at the Visitor Center at 12:15, 12:45, and 1:15 pm.

**Concert No. 3 - March 30, 2014, 2:30 pm** – Riversdale Woodwind Trio. Join us for an afternoon of woodwind trios featuring works of Ibert, Mozart, Joplin and more. You are sure to hear some familiar and new music with this lively mix of bassoon, clarinet and oboe. Emily Tsai, oboe and Terri Fenlon, bassoon join Artistic Director and clarinetist, Robert DiLutis in the first concert of the spring series.

**Concert No. 4 - April 27, 2014, 2:30 pm** – US Army Strings with Guest Robert DiLutis, clarinet Mozart's famous Clarinet Quintet will be the focal point of this fourth and final concert of the session. Featuring University of Maryland Clarinet Prof. Robert DiLutis, with the US Army String Quartet, this debut collaboration is sure to be a wonderful experience. Don't miss one of Mozart's greatest works.

## RIVERSDALE KITCHEN GUILD OPEN HOUSE

Curious about joining the Riversdale Kitchen Guild? Guild member invite you to an **Open House** on **Sunday, March 16, from 3:30 – 5 pm**, where guests will be welcome to sample soups, assorted breads, and other dishes prepared over the open hearth. If you have ever thought about volunteering in the open hearth kitchen, this is the perfect opportunity to learn a bit more!

Kitchen Guild members prepare seasonal foods using 19th century recipes and demonstrate open hearth cooking techniques on Sunday afternoons and during special events. This program is **FREE** and open to the public. Registration required by **March 14**.

## SPENCER WEEKEND AT RIVERSDALE

In 1808, Jane Austen wrote, "My kerseymere spencer is quite the comfort of our evening walks." Come to Riversdale the weekend of **Friday, March 7 – Sunday, March 9** and make your own spencer, the short jacket that Regency/Federal era ladies wore for warmth and fashion. We will use a commercial pattern as a starting point, with a discussion of ways to vary the look by changing style lines and adding trims. Sessions will be from **6:00 to 9:00 pm Friday, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Saturday, and noon to 3:30 pm Sunday**. The weekend is designed for those with intermediate to advance sewing skills. Participants will bring their own sewing machines, and pre-program guidelines, including pattern, fabric, and notions suggestions, will be sent. The cost is \$60.00, with a discounted rate of \$50.00 for residents of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Registration is required by February 28.

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale Park, Maryland. It is owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; or email at [riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:riversdale@pgparks.com).

# Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

**Saturday Drop Off** – The next scheduled dates for drop off of bulk trash on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, are as follows, **March 16**, April 20, May 18 and June 15.

**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, 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).

**Leaf Collection** - The deadline for fall leaf collection service was **January 15, 2014**. Therefore, curbside leaf vacuum services are no longer in effect. Bates Trucking Company will continue to collect LEAVES weekly on Wednesdays in accordance with the new yard waste collection conditions as described above. Please do not include tree branches, wood or other debris in the bags.

**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 pick up appointment 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, or to the Prince George's County Landfill, 16111 White House Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 301-952-7630.**

## Community Circles

### 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) 927-0560.

**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)

