



# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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#### 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 2pm Tuesday for Wednesday pickup

SEE PAGE 8 FOR MORE INFORMATION

# Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

## Regular Legislative Meeting April 7, 2014

### Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items: - Approved

1. Fence Permit Application: 4909 Somerset Road; construction of a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 2)
2. Carnival Permit Request for Taylor and Sons Inc.- Riverdale Park Lions Club Fundraiser (Ward 4)
3. Motion to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with M-NCPPC regarding a Dog Park (Ward 2)
4. Closure of Town Center from 2:00 a.m. on May 3, 2014, until 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2014, to support the Arts Fest
5. Authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with Lindsey and Associates for FY 15 audit services
6. Minutes from the March 4, 2014 Legislative Meeting
7. Minutes from the March 24, 2014 Special Legislative Meeting
8. Minutes from the March 31, 2014 Special Legislative Meeting

### Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to waive bid requirements and award a contract to Bates for refuse collection- Approved

## Town of Riverdale Park Fair Summary of Emergency Ordinance 2014-OR-02

This is to give notice that on March 24, 2014, the Riverdale Park Town Council adopted Emergency Ordinance 2014-OR-02.

Emergency Ordinance 2014-OR-02 extends for a limited period of time a certain cable television franchise held by Comcast of Maryland, Inc.

Emergency Ordinance 2014-OR-02 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.

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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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# Riverdale Park Police Department

By Lt. Col. Patrick Timmons

On March 31, 2014, at the Town Worksession, Corporal Larry Hayes was recognized for fifteen years of service with the Riverdale Park Police Department.

Corporal Hayes, who is originally from Texas, joined the RPPD after serving in the United States Marine Corps, and the University of Maryland at Baltimore Police Department.

Please join me in congratulating Corporal Hayes for his service. Hayes is pictured below with Mayor Vernon Archer, and Chief David Morris.



## Riversdale Events

### MEET CAROLINE ABBOTT AT RIVERSDALE

Caroline Abbott is the newest addition to American Girl's historic doll and book series. On **Sunday, June 15, at 1:30 pm**, Riversdale House Museum will host Kathleen Ernst, author of the *Caroline* series. Guests ages 6 & up are invited to bring their dolls as they step back into 1812 and participate in a program with Ms. Ernst, enjoy refreshments, and introduce their dolls to new friends at Riversdale. Period attire encouraged! The cost is \$18 for residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties and \$22 for non-residents. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Capacity is limited and registration is required by June 2.

### MOTHER'S DAY IN THE GARDEN

Rosalie Stier Calvert bore nine children during her life here at Riversdale. Five of these children lived to adulthood, including Charles Benedict Calvert, founder of the University of Maryland. Celebrate the special mothers, mothers-in-law, grandmothers, and other ladies in your life with a free guided tour of the historic house and garden on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th!

Produce from the bountiful garden will be used in the Seasonal Selections cooking demonstration in the dependency kitchen. Members of the Riversdale Kitchen Guild will be preparing various Mother's Day Delights from noon-3:30pm.

Tours of the Riversdale House Museum occur every half hour, on the quarter hour beginning at 12:15 and ending at 3:15. This offer is limited to one free tour per paid admission. Admission is \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/\$1students/FREE children 4 & under.

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.

# Mayor's Report

By Vernon Archer

It is both a pleasure and a bit daunting to report to you on the major projects happening in town right now. A pleasure, in that the projects are longstanding and much anticipated projects that will be significant additions to our community, but at the same time growth usually means some growing pains too.

## Town Hall Renovation Youth and Community Wing

On May 5, at 8 PM at our regularly scheduled council meeting the architectural design firm the town has contracted, McInturff Architects, will give its first presentation and report to the Town and Council. While the Council had already set general design parameters and goals the design firm is now working to fine-tune our options and more accurately predict the cost of those design options as we move forward.

Residents and all stakeholders are encouraged to join us and be part of the process of renovating and expanding OUR town hall! We will work to keep our town website updated too so that you can follow what is happening that way as well.

## Cafritz/Whole Foods Development

Most all of us have noticed the significant work going forward on the east side of Route One in the site that will soon be Prince George's County's first and only Whole Foods Market. The project's construction has begun with rough grading of the site to prepare for the first buildings and the infrastructure for the project as a whole. While the buildings will come over a six to eight year building schedule, the majority of the streets, sidewalks, utility and storm-water management systems will have to be in place for even the first buildings to be occupied and used. Therefore, most of the site is being graded at this early stage.

The town receives a bi-weekly update from the contractor on the construction activities that are expected to take place in the coming weeks. In particular the report gives warning of planned lane disruption around the project so that we can all cooperate in minimizing traffic disruption around the project. The town is currently posting this report directly onto our Town-Talk email list and our website.

## Water and Main Replacement Work

WSSC water main replacement in Ward 2 has proceeded slightly ahead of schedule. There is still significant work to be done in the most difficult areas to work along East-West Highway, Taylor Road and Queensbury. Thus the contractor is unlikely to finish earlier than its scheduled completion in December of this year. Permanent street and sidewalk repair will then proceed next spring and summer.

Public Works is keeping an inventory of the project and we are determined that our town infrastructure will be brought back into a state of repair that is at least as good as WSSC found it prior to the street work. Please do help us in noting any street, sidewalk, curb or gutter damage that seems overlooked. You can either contact Public Works directly, your councilman, or myself.

## Intersection Improvements at Route 1 and Maryland 410

This State Highway project to add second left-hand turn lanes on Route 1 resumed work on April 15. Weather permitting the project is supposed to be completed by June 30. While we all look forward to the completion of the project, unfortunately the most disruptive part of the project is about to commence. The contractor will complete the change in curb, sidewalks and islands, then repair the sub-surface of the street, pave the surface and stripe it. All of this will be quite disruptive and cause significant delays in the next two months.

Our Public Works and Police Departments will continue to work with State Highway to mitigate the disruptions and insure safety comes first during this challenging time. As for residents, I suggest you join me in avoiding that intersection as much as possible until the work is completed.

## Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

By the time you are reading this report I will have submitted my budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year to the council and it should also be posted on the town website. The first public meeting to discuss the budget is scheduled for 10 AM Saturday May 10 at Town Hall. This meeting is under the Council's Finance Committee and Chaired by Councilman Alan Thompson. All residents are welcome and encouraged to participate in the process of creating this most important policy document of our government.

# Ward and Committee Reports

## Ward One Report

By Council Member Jonathan Ebbeler  
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### Economic Development Committee Report

First I would like to say welcome to the many new neighbors that have moved in over the last few months. The wonderful thing is that many have immediately become involved with Town Committees. As my colleague from Ward 3 often remarks, "the secret of small town living is to get involved." So first, welcome to town, and second, thank you for your volunteer spirit. The actions of the few are enjoyed by the many.

We are at the halfway point in this legislative term and I think it is time for an assessment of where we are at. From an economic development standpoint, the town is moving full steam ahead. Here are a few of the major ED activities that have happened over the last year:

- 1) Cafritz/Whole Foods is through the re-zoning, building permitting process, and legal challenges. Grading the site has commenced and is on track to open the Whole Foods in 2015/16
- 2) In-fill development including Ivy Lounge Salon, Divine Beauty, Shine Massage Studio, Vida Saludable in the M-U-TC zone are through construction and open for business
- 3) Re-opening of Rinaldi Lanes after being significantly damaged by the 2012 Derecho storm

- 4) Bikram Yoga is open at Town Center! Honey Bun Bakery anticipated opening in late 2014
- 5) Signage/leasehold grant awards to Bikram Yoga and Town Center Market

The trolley trail just had asphalt poured from Queensbury down to EYA. We are anticipating Phase II (Town Center to Tuckerman) to be poured in 2014/2015. Phase III (Tuckerman to College Park) will be completed as part of the Cafritz build-out in 2014/2015. This is a project that has many people to thank who helped push it forward over the last 10+ years. It is a reminder that even if you cannot get a project completed during your term it is important to keep making incremental efforts towards the end goal.

While many cautioned me against spending time and energy towards getting tenants into Town Center I knew it was important to renew the conversations. Now several years later it is exciting to see people walking into the building with yoga mats tucked under the arms. This was an important win for the town and the sessions at Bikram are well-attended.

Town leadership is aware that we cannot rest on our laurels – we need additional stores and restaurants to make the Town Center truly viable. To that end the Mayor and the Economic Development Committee have discussed tax strategies for employing tax incentive strategies to get entrepreneurs off the fence and investing in our community.

The Riverdale Park Arts Council is busy preparing for Arts Fest this year (May 4<sup>th</sup> @Town Center 11-5) and the Call for Artists for the Riverdale Park Public Arts Initiative. JD Williams has volunteered land in front of his building at the NE corner of East West Highway and Route 1 to be the first pad site.

Across the street the Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee is busy coordinating efforts towards improving Beale Circle. These corners are the gateways to our town and 50k drivers a day pass by. I think it is time we create the visual landmarks and reminders that better represent the quality and character of the town than an empty field with rusty unused flagpoles and commend the RPSC for taking this project on.

RPSC is also busy working on their paperwork in preparation for the June filing deadline to make Riverdale Park a Sustainable Maryland Certified municipality. This status opens up opportunities for state grants that we would otherwise not qualify for. These grants can help offset sustainability efforts that are part of the new Community Youth Wing build-out.

Enjoy the spring weather and I hope to see many of you out on the trails, at the Farmer's Market, or at this year's Jazz at the Mansion events that are once again planned to be twice a month.

## Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson  
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### Finance Committee Report

**Dog Park:** The Memorandum of Understanding governing the operation of the long-discussed dog park was approved by the Town Council in April. Parks and Planning will be developing final plans and getting permits over the months ahead. The rules governing the park will be developed by Mayor Archer in coordination with Parks and Planning during this time as well – contact him or me if you are interested in helping determine these rules.

**Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee will meet on Saturday, May 10, at 10 am to discuss the budget for the upcoming fiscal year (which runs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015). The meeting will last several hours, and if we cannot resolve all issues by 4 pm we may have to have other meetings later in the month. The starting point for the discussion will be Mayor Archer's proposed budget, which will be introduced at the May Legislative session on May 5. The budget will be adopted no earlier than the June 2, 2014, Legislative meeting. All members of the public are invited to attend all of these meetings and learn about how the operations of the Town are funded.

## 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: May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20.

**Holiday Trash Collection** – Regular trash **will NOT** be collected on Monday, May 26, 2014, in recognition of Memorial Day. The next trash collection will be on Thursday, May 29, 2014.

**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.

**Mosquito Control Program** – The Town will once again participate in the State/County

Mosquito Larviciding/Adulticiding Mosquito Control Program. The program will begin spring larviciding in April and continue into early September.

Adulticiding will begin June 2, 2014, and run through September 24, 2014. They will visit every three weeks, but will not spray if the sprayer encounters too many people on the night of spraying.

In order to reduce the presence of mosquitos, residents must keep their property free of mosquito breeding containers, stagnant water, bird baths, wading pools, pet watering dishes, tin cans, old tires, clogged gutters or flower pots. Other water holding containers should be stored upside down.

Complaints about mosquitos can be faxed to the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 301-422-0502 or call 301-422-5080 with questions or concerns.

#### **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 Scouts Troop 252**

By Robert Killen

On March 28-29, nine brave Scouts and three of us Scouters (including Troop 252's Scoutmaster, Bob Killen), camped out at Jug Bay - remember, the Weather prognosticators promised plenty of precipitation for that entire weekend- Well, we slept dry and tight Friday night (no rain!), got up, packed our (almost dry) gear into our vehicles, ate breakfast, then the older (tougher) Scouts and Scouters rode about eight miles on the muddy, rutted horse trails in the misty morning. The smarter (younger) Scouts and a Scouter rode on the macadam road to the Merkle Wildlife Preserve, and on the way (through the spy-glasses on the top of the platform on the wooden bridge) observed an Osprey in her nest; they continued, climbed the three-story open-structured observation tower, and surveyed the bay (shaped like a jug) and the canals in which we will canoe and kayak the weekend of April 25-27. The heaviest and hardest rain of the weekend came as we were unloading the bicycles at the church from Mr. Killen's trailer - the bicycles became somewhat clean, but the (still muddy and now VERY wet) Scouts had to sit on towels in their folks' cars for the ride home.

Troop 252's Committee Chair Eneida Martínez-Brown {MHB}, First Class Scout and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Guillian Canéte, Second Class Scout and Patrol Leader Joseph Elliott, Life Scout and Senior Patrol Leader Samir Saleh, and Tenderfoot Michael Jarquin) helped staff the Prince George's District Spring Camporee the weekend of April 4-6. Approximately 100 Scouts and 50 adults/sibs attended and participated.

Our Scouts ran the sling shot station, assisting the participants shoot dog pellets (biodegradable) at the targets, away from the Prince George's County Police Search and Rescue canines, "Bella" and "Tron." National Capital Park and Planning's

Equestrian officer, "Duke," was a BIG surprise to Cubs, Scouts and Scouters alike.

During the day, Weather and Wilderness Meteorologists de-bunked several weather myths, and opened some adult eyes about camping out, and all learned about Leave No Trace, survival techniques and how to get found after getting lost - and how to follow a compass's directions during an exciting Scavenger Hunt.

Toward the end of the Camporee, our Scouts assisted Monsignor Brady set up for Catholic Mass; afterwards, broke down everything, and stored the 40 chairs, attended the campfire, skits and all - and a Callout by the Order of the Arrow.

On Tuesday, April 8, Scoutmaster Killen attended NSA's presentation to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian a plaque honoring the Native American Code Talkers, now in NSA's Hall of Fame.

On April 12, Scouts from Troop 252 responded to the request from the National Capital Area Council's International Committee and assisted at the 54th Annual Sakura Matsuri Cherry Blossom Festival; Mr. Jarquin and Michael, Joseph Elliott and Ben Mooney attended. They directed pedestrian traffic at 12th St. and Penna. Ave. from 9-noon, and generally "Did a Good Turn," while having a grand time enjoying the weather, Cherry Blossoms, the Festival, food and observing the 100,000+ people from all over the world who attended (Ben speaks Chinese Mandarin, the Jarquins speak Spanish), and stopped to share their own personal experiences in World-wide Scouting.

We were planning to attend the Annual Protestant-Catholic Religious Retreat at College Park on April 25-27, when MHB remembered a conflict in our schedules, and the Scouts decided to go boating at Jug Bay instead.

We're planning on going to Jefferson-Patterson Park for the Archaeology Merit Badge dig on May 23-24 - that'll be a roll-up-your-sleeves-get-dirty-up-to-your-elbows, work-on-your-knees weekend. We're also planning on attending the 89th Pony Penning at Chincoteague on July 30. Remember reading or having heard about Marguerite Henry's books, Misty of Chincoteague and Stormy,

Misty's Foal? We intend to attend the crossing. Call us to find out the schedule, and maybe you would like to come with us. Contact Eneida Martinez-Brown, (301) 864-0059, Sandra Tolson (301) 927-2275, or Bob Killen (301) 483-8455 for more information about Troop 252.

## ArtsFest 2014: Arts, Music, Food & Fun

By Jeffrey Yorke

Bonsai, stained glass, oil paintings, jewelry, vintage and art vehicles; throw in Sherlock Holmes for a lot rarely uttered in the same breath. Until now when this unique blend of creativity, talent and history are brought together May 4 at ArtsFest2014, next to the MARC Train station in Riverdale Park's Town Center. The event runs 11 am – 5 pm.

Once again, the Riverdale Park Arts Council's seventh annual arts and music festival expects more than 1,000, rain or shine, to enjoy dozens of local artists, authors, food vendors and a free, day-long concert featuring among others \*The Smokin Polecats\* with Dave Sherman and featuring Riverdale Park chanteuse Marianna Previti.

All News WTOP-FM reporter-anchor David Burd will return for his fourth year as emcee of ArtsFest. Joining \*The Smokin Polecats\* is an exciting lineup including - from Nigeria via Hyattsville - drummer Tosin Aribisala or just \*Tosin,\* Fernando Hermoza's \*Hermoza Latin Quartet,\* the \*US Army Field Jazz Combo,\* and members of the \*Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation.\*

The winner of the third annual Gerald King Fine Arts Award will be announced at the event. The award is given by RPAC to an art student who shows great promise in realism and is named in honor of the late Gerald King, a longtime resident of Riverdale Park. The award will be presented by previous King Award winners Malika Bryant and Susanna Fields-Kuehl.

ArtsFest has earned its reputation for depth and diversity; a showcase for both emerging and vintage, local and regional artists who delight

show-goers with details about their art and its creation. Add to that authors happy to discuss their plots and characters and owners of vintage vehicles reeling off details and insights about their rides created long ago, restored with loving care, and kept in tip-top condition.

Riverdale Park resident Ken Laureys will display and sell Bonsai trees lovingly grown and shaped from the tiniest little thing to the cutest little thing. Second generation glass artist Mary Verchery, PhD, of Brentwood, and Landover's renowned oil painter Joseph Sheppard Rogers are among the dozens of artists participating.

Add to that a Writer's Row, featuring local authors such as Carrolyn Prichet, author of \*My Lovely Golden Rose, \*and Samuel Williams, who has returned to live in Riverdale Park after publication of his 2012 historical novel, \*Anomalous: The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. \*Joining the fabled sleuth are boxer Jack Johnson and gangster Alphonse Capone.

Winners of the William Wirt Middle School art competition will offer their works for sale while the Children's Pavilion will be bustling with craft-making and face painting.

Be it preservation, restoration, or re-creation, ArtsFest embraces the art that is the automobile. Hyattsville auto artist Clark Bedford will be coming to ArtsFest 2014; producer of unusual and delightful moving art temples that brings America's gothic metal works, advertising kitch, and Detroit atop a set of tires.

(see <http://www.clarkebedford.com/artcars.html>)

"It's assemblage," grins the artist, a curator at the Smithsonian's Hirshorn Museum, as his hand runs down the side of metal Elk, part of The Hartford Insurance Co. logo welded to the side of a vehicle. "I got this in Maine," Bedford recalls. Then, moving his hand left to the next welded-on artifact, "The moose came from Massachusetts."

Each odd piece of art is a memory and has a story that the artist/storyteller spills out with delight. Double-side doors open to the interior of a rustic cabin in the woods, making it difficult for the average person to remember that all of this

wonderment is affixed to a 1988 Ford van Bedford has named \***Vanadu**\*. The artist gathers unique ornaments from travels along America's blue highways, from flea markets, and occasionally from Community Forklift. It's a sight to behold, not to mention the tales from the artist, and it can all be enjoyed at ArtsFest2014.

Riverdale Park's Brian Boettger, an architect who also consults the Town's MUTC committee on development issues, collects and refurbishes vintage cars. He expects to bring his maroon with black trim 1930 DeSoto CF8 sedan with its original interior. And folks are looking forward to seeing their neighbor, Tony Fotos, who's has agreed to bring up to three entries from his expansive collection of classics rides from the '40s and '50s. Perhaps he'll park one of them next to Jim Rogers of Ravenswood Road who's warming up his 1949 Chevy pickup. When Jim plopped down \$2,000 for the rusting truck seven years ago, "animals were living in it," he remembers. "Whatever you can do to a truck, you name it, I've done it!" Now, hundreds of hours of love later, people are going ape over the sight of it. Now that's a national park!

And, a panel of expert judges will again go over each entry and pick winners in a handful of roadster categories. Vehicle entries are accepted through May 1. Get application: [www.rpartscouncil.org](http://www.rpartscouncil.org).

## Pet Waste Disposal

By Dan Behrand

As many of us spend more time outdoors with our pets enjoying the warmer weather, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone to please clean up after your pets. Cleaning up pet waste prevents the spread of disease, keeps contaminants out of our waterways, and is an important part of responsible pet ownership.

It is illegal in Riverdale Park not to pick up pet waste while enjoying our parks or when out walking your pet. Section 10-9 of the Code of the Town of Riverdale Park prohibits people from leaving their pet's waste on public property or,

without the consent of the owner, on private property. The town can fine violators \$50 - \$250.

Please also clean up after your pets in your yard. It will help keep you, your neighbors, and everyone's pets healthy. Pet waste can contain pathogens such as *E. Coli* and parasites like toxoplasmosis that may infect other animals and humans. Properly disposing of pet waste in your garbage also reduces a significant source of water pollution. Pet waste that remains on the ground ends up in our town's stormwater runoff and pollutes our waterways, including the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River that runs through town.

Thank you to everyone for helping to keep our town and waterways clean and healthy!

For more information:

[http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/menuofbmps/index.cfm?action=factsheet\\_results&view=specific&bmp=4](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/menuofbmps/index.cfm?action=factsheet_results&view=specific&bmp=4)

[http://www.epa.gov/safewater/sourcewater/pubs/fs\\_swpp\\_petwaste.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/sourcewater/pubs/fs_swpp_petwaste.pdf)

## Riverdale Park Summer Internship Program

By Sara Imhulse

**Who:** Students between the ages of 16 and 19 who live in the Town of Riverdale Park

**What:** PAID summer internship! Indoor (administrative) and outdoor (laborer) positions are available.

**Where:** Town of Riverdale Park, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park

**When:** Approximately 10 hours a week for 10 weeks (July – August)

**How:** Submit a letter of interest indicating the type of position that you are interested in, your

latest report card, letter of support from a parent or guardian and a completed Town of Riverdale Park job application to Town Administrator, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737. Town of Riverdale Park job applications are available on our website, [www.riverdaleparkmd.info](http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info), or at Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road.

## Weatherize Your Home for Free

Would you like to save money on your energy bills? Would you like to make your home more comfortable? If you answered yes to either of these questions, please apply for the weatherization grant! There are income requirements for homeowners and you need to submit some paperwork, but the benefits are worth a little effort. Over the past two years, the Municipal Collaboration has helped about 150 homeowners in Prince George's County.

For more information, contact:

Alison Miller - (301) 908-4079 English speakers

Monica Buitrago - (240) 630-4160 Spanish speakers

## Easter Egg Hunt Success

Thank you to all of the volunteers that assisted with the Riverdale Park Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, 2014! Special thanks to Event Coordinator Nova Johns and the Riverdale Fire Department! See page 11 for a photo from the event!



# 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) 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  
Werneke 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)

## Mark your calendars!

McInturff Architects will present two schematic design options for the Town Hall Renovation Youth and Community Wing project. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend!

**When:** May 5, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road

## Anoten en sus calendarios!

Los Arquitectos McInturff presentaran dos diseños para la renovación de la Alcaldía incluyendo una sección para los jóvenes y la comunidad. Los residentes están invitados en asistir.

**Cuando:** 5 de Mayo a las 8:00 p.m.

**Lugar:** La Alcaldía (Town Hall), 5008 Queensbury Road

