

The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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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

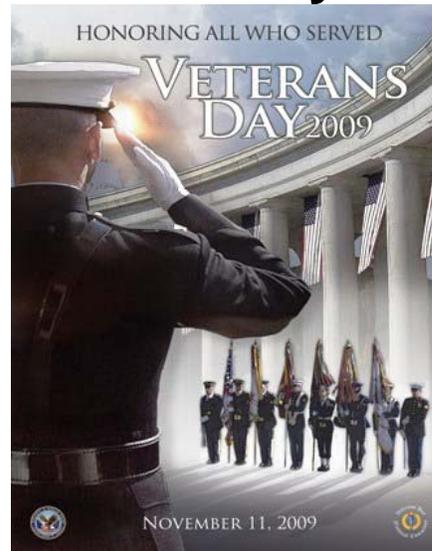
Saturday drop-off

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Metal Pickup (town wide)

Every Thursday by the Department of Public Work

Veterans Day 2009



Veterans Day Memorial Service

On Veterans Day, Wednesday November 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. a brief service honoring our veterans will be held at the Veterans Memorial across from the MARC train Station in the Town Center. There will be a reception afterwards at the Town Hall with light refreshments. Please join us to honor all of Riverdale Park's veterans past and present.

School Zone Speed Cameras in Riverdale Park

By Captain Patrick Timmons

With the passing of 2009-OR-02, Town Council has authorized the placement of speed cameras in designated school zones throughout the Town of Riverdale Park. The school zone speed camera 30 day warning period will begin on October 26, 2009.

The mobile speed trailer will be temporarily located on Taylor Road just prior to Queensbury Road. It will be relocated in the second week of November, to the west - bound side of East-West Highway just prior to Taylor Road.

Residents that spoke at the public hearing in September were very supportive of school zone speed enforcement and Town Council's efforts to make Riverdale Park a pedestrian safe community. For a detailed listing of school zones in Riverdale Park, please visit the Town of Riverdale Park website at www.riverdaleparkmd.info.

Riversdale Events

RIVERSDALE KITCHEN GUILD KEEPS THE HOME FIRES BURNING

Riverdale Park, MD - The *Seasonal Selections* program, instituted in the fall, will continue to offer special monthly cooking events with a different topic each month. Holidays, the schedule of seasonal fresh produce, and/or the traditional cycles of an early 19th century farm will inspire each month's *Seasonal Selection*. These foodways programs are sponsored in part by Giant Food.

November's *Seasonal Selection* is *Preparing for Winter*. It is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 2009, from 12 noon – 3:30 pm. Late fall was slaughtering time and the Kitchen Guild readies the larder for winter by preparing sausages and mincemeat.

Please visit Riversdale on Fridays and Sundays, from 12 noon – 3:30 pm. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for students (ages 5 -18), and free for those under 5. The *Seasonal Selections* program is included in the Sunday admission price. Purchase tickets at the Visitor Center.

A REGENCY LADIES' DAY IN THE COUNTRY AT RIVERSDALE

Riverdale Park, MD - Step back in time and enjoy a leisurely day at Riversdale House Museum as you experience and take part in a variety of nineteenth century pastimes and entertainments. Ladies are invited, in period costume if you like, to the c. 1807 home of Rosalie Stier Calvert and her husband, George Calvert, on Saturday, November 14, 2009. Participants will create a period commonplace, or scrapbook, gather inspiration from the garden with floral-based activities, blend perfume, use natural dyes to make icings, and more! In addition, a presentation on Regency hairstyles will be given. The afternoon will end with a tea service accompanied by a reading on Rosalie Stier Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, and her gardens.

This Regency Ladies' Day runs from 10am – 4:30pm. Admission is \$50 for residents of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties and \$60 for non-residents. Advance payment is required by November 6.

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale Park, Maryland.

Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com to make a reservation.

This facility is owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

Thanksgiving Dinner Cancelled

It is with deep regret that we announce that the annual **Alamo Thanksgiving Dinner**, previously sponsored by The Alamo and Christian Life Center, **has been cancelled**.

However, Christian Life Center, located at 5600 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, MD., will be giving away food baskets and clothing on November 21, 2009 at 10:00 AM, **WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**.

Cena de Acción de Gracias Cancelada

Es con una pena profunda que anunciamos que la **Cena Anual de Acción de Gracias** previamente patrocinada por El Alamo y la Iglesia Cristiana Life Center, **ha sido cancelada**.

Sin embargo, La Iglesia Cristiana Life Center, localizada en el 5600 Riverdale Road, MD estará dando canastas con comida y ropa el 21 de Noviembre del 2009 a la 10:00 a.m. **MIENTRAS DURE**.

Mayor's Report

By Vernon Archer

Welcome to Our New Town Administrator, Sara Imhulse.

I'm happy to make it official and welcome Sara Imhulse as our new Town Administrator. I nominated her, and the council unanimously approved her in September. As of this writing, she will begin work on October 26.

I assume most of you have not had the pleasure of meeting her yet so let me give you a quick introduction. Sara has most recently worked as the Assistant to the City Manager of College Park where she has been for five years. Prior to that, she worked in progressively more responsible positions for the City of Milford, in her native state of Ohio. She has a strong educational foundation, first earning a bachelors degree from DePauw University and then a Masters degree in public administration from Northern Kentucky University.

Sara has extensive experience working on development projects, coordinating municipal goals with county and state legislative programs, along with writing and administering grants. While employed by our northern neighbor she became intimately familiar with the University of Maryland as a co-stakeholder in the community, which will be important to us as we increasingly must do business with the University as the M-Square project grows. Sara also developed a reputation of insuring that council and constituency requests are addressed and followed through to completion.

We are looking forward to having a long and productive relationship with Sara, and please do welcome her when you get the chance in the upcoming months.

Wells Run—and Storm Water Management

As I have reported to you several times in the past, it is an important long term priority that Riverdale Park work with and pressure the County and other regional players to redesign and rebuild the storm water management system that serves our town. As the primary owner of the system, Prince George's County is the responsible party; however, the county will need state and probably Federal help to get the job done. The agency that will do the work is the Department of Public Works and it has recently placed the Wells Run system onto its capital projects list. Now we must concentrate on getting a positive outcome through a redesigned project, not just a rebuilt one.

There have been several recent developments to report. First, we are in the process of creating a Memorandum of Understanding with the upstream jurisdictions of University Park and Hyattsville to formalize the Wells Run Working Group. This committee will help the three communities coordinate actions to improve the creek and insure that it mitigates the danger of flooding. The three towns will also be able to work to make sure the upcoming changes improve the water quality and help to restore the Northeast Branch, Anacostia and ultimately help the Chesapeake Bay.

Furthermore, the County's Department of Environmental Resources has agreed to work with us to insure that we get more than simply a replacement of the concrete lined creek we currently have. While there are of course major constraints on what is possible, it is clear that we can get a more environmentally friendly system that does as good or an even better job of controlling flooding.

Thanks to Volunteers for Landscaping Town Hall

I wish to give a special thanks to the eighteen volunteers from the Ipaltecos Auentes organization and especially Mario Hernandez of Mario's Landscaping for providing the labor and tools to landscape the north side of Town Hall. They got the work done with a little help from myself, Councilman Thompson, Pat Prangle, and Leonard Addison. Next time you drive past Town Hall on East-West Highway notice how great the property looks.



Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
twacks@gmail.com

Finance Committee Report

I had the honor and pleasure of attending Patrick Prangley's retirement party this month. The party was held at the Calvert House Inn, which was specially decorated for the event. Dozens of well-wishers attended, including current and former elected officials from Riverdale Park, nearby towns, the county, and the state, representatives of the local Army Reserve, officials of the Maryland Municipal League, and our future Town Administrator Sara Imhulse. The entire event was orchestrated by former Police Chief Evans, who didn't miss any opportunities to rib Mr. Prangley. Mayor Archer, former Mayor Michael Herman, and former Mayor Tiberio, among others, spoke about their experiences working with Pat over the years. It was a nice send-off for Pat, who seemed pleased at all of the attention. I think we all wish him the best of luck at the Kennedy School and in other future adventures.

I also enjoyed a well-attended Riverdale Park Day. There was a good variety of live music, and delicious food prepared by the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department and a Salvadorean Cafe (I especially enjoyed their fried plantain). My kids kept busy and happy with all of the activities for them, each taking home a good supply of pens, pads, bags, stickers, hats, and toys from Parks and Planning, the Riverdale Business Association, the Riverdale Park Arts Council, the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department, and the Riverdale Park Police Department. It was great to see everyone there. I would like to thank Council Member Raymond Rivas and the other members of the Recreation Board, as well as all other participants, for putting together a great event!

On more mundane topics, I attended a public hearing on the Purple Line, which, under the current plan, will have a station on the northern edge of Ward 2 near the intersection of River Road and Rivertech Court, an easy walk from most of Ward 2. Staff from the State Department of Transportation had done a good job of integrating the requests of the Town Council in their plans. Planning will continue for another few years, with construction starting (assuming available funds) in 2016. There are a lot of economic development possibilities tied to this project, especially at the stop located at the corner of East-West Highway and Kenilworth Avenue. I've also been keeping a careful eye on the budget, which seems

to be staying comfortably within spending limits at the end of the first quarter. I expect to have updated information on the very important property tax revenue soon.

Finally, though it may seem early, I'd like to recommend that everyone begin thinking about **SNOW**. This winter is predicted to be cold and snowy, so I encourage all residents to find their snow shovels and lay in any other needed supplies during November.

Ward Five Report

By Council Member Raymond Rivas
rayray2448@comcast.net

Community Affairs Report

Due to the tremendous participation on October 3, 2009 at the Riversdale Park Day, we believe that the residents of The Town of Riverdale Park had plenty of fun and action. With the assistance of all the Department heads and the various agencies, we believe they went the extra mile to make sure that this event was a success. We thank everyone who was able to lend a helping hand; the entire Town of Riverdale Park acknowledges, appreciates and cherishes the much needed contributions. This shows that the various community wards can all rise up and, if only for a short period of time, can have fun together. We thank you for the great and peaceful gathering. Please be assured we did not forget the little ones who bravely and excitedly went thru all the various tents and vendors (Pony rides, petting zoo, arts and crafts, soil petting, police department, fire department, boys & girls club etc....). The most precious highlight of the event was the strategic efforts in the dismantling of the piñatas. We give special thanks to all the music groups, mic announcer, soundman and the multi talented Mandy the Clown. We look forward in doing this fabulous event once again next year.

It has been a very wet month this October. Under the shadow of the rain drops are criminals lurking and violating unsuspecting victims. Please be careful when leaving your vehicle and check your surroundings. If you see something suspicious in your area, please do not be afraid to call on you friendly neighborhood police department (301)927-4343 or 911. Try not to put yourself in harm's way by exiting your building or vehicle if there is someone acting suspiciously. These cowardly hoodlums are looking for any opportunity to have the upper hand by exposing your weaknesses. For precautions, have your keys out readily in your hand when exiting your vehicle to gain access to your home in a quick and orderly fashion.

If you need to contact your Ward 5 Councilman, please call (301) 625-9435.

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

LEAF COLLECTION—As part of our fall leaf collection services, leaves will be collected from November 15th through January 15th. DPW will vacuum leaves from Town streets following our old trash collection schedule, please see below.

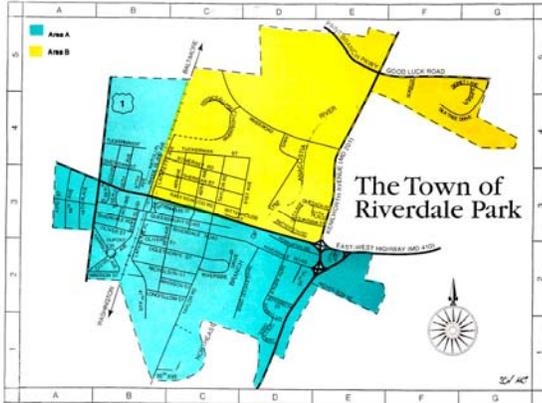
Monday – **AREA A** residents – leaf vacuum service

Tuesday - **AREA B** residents – leaf vacuum service

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

Thursday – **AREA A** residents – leaf vacuum service

Friday – **AREA B** residents – leaf vacuum service



Area A (blue):

Area B (yellow):

TRASH COLLECTION REMINDER: There will be no trash collected on Thanksgiving, November 26, 2009. Therefore, the next trash collection day will be on Monday, November 30th.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS – The Department of Public Works will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. Our offices will also be closed for Thanksgiving on November 26th and 27th.

GUIDE TO PUBLIC WORKS – A guide to assist our residents as they ponder questions about what should be done with their trash, yard waste and other disposable items has been created by the DPW staff. The first copies of the Guide were distributed to residents at Riverdale Day Community event on Saturday, October 3rd. Residents can obtain copies in the lobby at Town Hall to use as a handy reference guide.

DPW WEBSITE UPDATE – The Department is updating its pages on the Town of Riverdale Park's website to assist residents in their search for information on Town and County resources that address some of their

questions regarding available services. While the site is still under construction, residents can still find answers to most of their questions concerning public works services. Please visit the Town's website at www.riverdaleparkmd.org, for additional information on public works and other important services.

GORGEOUS PRINCE GEORGE'S DAY TREE PLANTING - The Town of Riverdale once again participated in the 7th Annual Gorgeous Prince George's Day event. New trees and shrubs have been planted in the Town to assure that when spring arrives, our community will blossom to promote healthy and green neighborhoods.

Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Bob Killen

We set up our tipi Friday evening for the Merit Badge Weekend at the Naval Academy, 9-11 October, as well as my backpacker (Solitaire) tent. SM Killen taught the Emergency Preparation Merit Badge Saturday morning to the class of 15 Scouts from seven troops; the Scouts regurgitated the information, with a little tooth-pulling and arm-twisting, after a delicious lunch at the Bluejacket Inn. After we felt that most of the Scouts understood most of the info (a LOT!) we played a game, "Stump the Chump," in which Scouts quizzed other Scouts on the trivial points brought up in the class. We all had fun, and unanimously declared that there were no chumps in the group - only CHAMPS! The Scouts remembered much more than the parents. Big point! It is better to call 911 and not need the Fire/EMS team than not call, and need them. That would be a bad decision, making a bad day worse!

Three of our older Scouts are working diligently on their Eagle Projects, which are as diverse as the Scouts, themselves. We should have three new Eagle Scouts by next summer.

We're preparing for the Orienteering Competition at Camp Oest, Broad Creek, MD, on 6-8 November, and we're doing Cubs for Jesus on 5 December at St. Mary's RC Church in Landover Hills, and 11-13 December, we're going skiing again. Tired of just reading about us? Join the fun! Contact Bob Killen (rfkille@yahoo.com) and MHB (301) 864-0059.

Riverdale Park Business Association

By Audrey Bragg

The Riverdale Park Business Association participated in town day on October 3, 2009. Thank you to all businesses who donated items for our

raffle. The Dental Group, Dumm's Corner Sub Shop, Calvert House Restaurant, Aunt Emily's Dolls, Riverdale Park Arts Council, Artist Gerald King, Anacostia Water Shed Society, Town of Riverdale Park, Riverdale Park Farmers Market, and Gerrety and Bragg Real Estate.

The celebration for the 10th Anniversary for Crescent Cities Center in Riverdale Park takes place on October 22, 2009.

The Business Association has formed a new committee chaired by J. D. Williams to find a solution to the Town Center and encourage businesses to locate here.

We have developed a Welcome Package for new residents moving into the community and have passed out 6 packages in October. These packages contain valuable information about our community, business flyers, trash schedule magnets, police magnets, code books and more. We have had a very positive response to this service we are providing to the community of Riverdale Park.

If you would like to join our association, please call Audrey Bragg 301-351-4222cell or Carol Patsel 301-864-5200.

Administration Report

By Leonard Addison
Acting Town Administrator

Pat Prangley's Farewell Party – Friday Oct. 16, 2009, the Town of Riverdale Park bid Pat farewell at a retirement party at the Calvert House. Family, friends, Current and pass Town, County and State officials, contractors, and residents all attended to show Pat their appreciation for the outstanding service he provided as the Town Administrator for 30 years. From all the employees at Riverdale Park, thank you Pat and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



Empowering Clean Energy Community Grant – The Town of Riverdale Park has received a \$37,000 grant through the State of Maryland Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) from US Department of Energy. This grant will assist the Town of Riverdale Park in implementing **Maryland's**

Smart, Green & Growing Initiative. This is one of the last grants Pat was able to successfully obtain for the Town before he left, thanks Pat for the parting gift!

Town Banners on Route 1 – The long awaiting banners initiated by the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) in 2004 are schedule for November installation on route 1 for Hyattsville to Collage Park. The banners are design to acknowledge the townships historical heritage along the Anacostia River.



Festival of Lights

By Jim Coleman

Our event this year will be better than ever with your help. Please decorate your home (apartment or house) before December 12, 2009. There will be a town wide contest this year for the best Holiday decoration with a cash prize (contact Raymond Rivas @ 301-625-9435). This is our opportunity to show the folks in our area and those who come to visit how great our town is.

What: 2009 Riverdale Park Festival of Lights & Holiday Market

Where: Riverdale Park Town Center, 6200 Rhode Island Ave, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

When: 12:00pm - 8:30pm (currently), w/ trolley tours from 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Sponsors : Town of Riverdale Park, local businesses

Why: Food for the hungry in our area (Donate canned food @ the trolley rides and @ the Holiday Market)

Possible events for this year include model railroads, face painting, tattoos, games, bonfire, singing with the elves on our way to Riversdale and our neighborhoods, great live music, dessert bake-off, great food and craft vendors, Santa visits, etc.

Volunteers are needed to decorate our indoor venue, singing elves for the trolley tours, residents to compete in the dessert bake-off (contact Raymond Rivas @ 301-625-9435), graphic design for signage and posters, raise donations, and work @ the crafts tables. Help us to guarantee that this year's Festival of Lights & Holiday Market on December 12, 2009 will be our best effort yet.

We also need vendors who make their own crafts for the event, as well. Please contact Jim Coleman at 301-332-6258 or email: jcolem3@aol.com for more information.

Farwell Salute to RP Citizens, Town Officials & Staff: "The Best Kept Secret in Maryland"

By Patrick Prangley

From when it was the Town of Riverdale, to the Town of Riverdale Park, I have had the distinct pleasure, honor and privilege to serve as your Town Administrator these past thirty plus years and to work together with our Citizens, Town Officials (elected and appointed), Staff, including our current and past Town Crier Editors and Community Volunteers, Federal, State, County and Local Representatives, Businesses, Business Association, Services, Town and Faith Organizations. There are literally hundreds of people that I have enjoyed immensely working with for the Betterment of the Riverdale Park Community. I want to express my most sincere gratitude for the support and confidence you provided me during my tenure.

Our community grew progressively each year through your COMMITMENT, TEAMWORK, and PRIDE. The goals, objectives and vision you established helped Riverdale Park transform into the GREAT COMMUNITY THAT LIVES AND EXIST TODAY. Throughout the 1980's, 1990's, and into the new century the 2000's, the Town, with a common thread, was constantly Searching and Achieving Excellence in the following areas: General Government, Police, Public Works, Fire and Recreation Departments, Economic Development and Revitalization, New Public Facilities, Municipal Center and Police Headquarters, Financial Management, Education, Preservation of the National Historic Landmark Riversdale and several homes in our Historic District, Transportation and Infrastructure Improvements, Environment, Energy and Green Improvements, Farmer's Market, Arts and Culture Activities, the largest Research Park in the State of Maryland (University of Maryland M-Square) and a Safe, Clean and Beautiful Community that is Livable and Sustainable.

Growing up in Hyattsville, I had many school friends who resided in the Town of Riverdale and was very fond of this community. After serving two years plus as Town Manager of Berwyn Heights, I was very interested in returning to familiar grounds, the Town of Riverdale, to serve as Town Administrator. I strongly desired to serve a Municipality with the good reputation and help shape it into a great community with delivery of excellent Public Services. Again with the COMMITMENT, TEAMWORK AND PRIDE, I believe it has evolved into not only a great town and community but

"THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN STATE OF MARYLAND".

There is not enough space in this article to recognize the hundreds of people namely Citizens, Past Elected and Appointed Officials and Staff who contributed to the success of Riverdale Park in the past thirty years. However, I would like to recognize the seven Mayors the community elected that I served under during the past seventeen administrations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR VALUABLE WISDOM OF THIS GREAT TOWN AND COMMUNITY.

The following Mayors are: The Honorable Melvin Minor (1977-1979); The Honorable Guy Tiberio (1979-1987); The Honorable Moreland Perkins (1987-1988); The Honorable Edna Wade (1988-1989); The Honorable Anne Ferguson (1989-2001); The Honorable Michael Herman (2001-2003); The Honorable Guy Tiberio (2003-2005); The Honorable Vernon Archer (2005 to present).

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone for the warm and tremendous farewell bestowed for me at the Calvert House Restaurant in Riverdale Park. It was great to celebrate together with my family, friends and our Community, Citizens, Elected and Appointed Leaders of our Community, Federal, State, County and Local Leaders of surrounded Communities including Mayors, Council Members, City and Town Managers/Administrators, Chief's of Police and Public Works Directors and our Staff from our General Government, Police, Code Enforcement and Public Works. You are what make Riverdale Park "the best kept secret in the State of Maryland".

In particular, I would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations; Mayor Vernon Archer and Town Councilmembers Alice Ewen-Walker, Alan Thompson, David Lingua,



Chris Henry, Raymond Rivas, Keelah Allen-Smith for hosting this event,(Sponsors of the event JD Williams, Wei Wu, Riverdale Lions Club, Town of Riverdale Park, Valter Ramos, Douglas Development,), Colleen Ferguson (Coordinator of the event) and her staff Brittany and Rudy, Town staff (Sandy, Waverly, and Verenice), Public Works Director Addison and his Staff, Chief Teresa Chambers and her Staff, and Terry Evans (Deputy Chief of Security for NASA) for being Master of Ceremonies, John P. Lawlor Jr. Lt Colonel Civil Affairs Commanding U.S. Army, 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) and

R. Todd Priest Command Sergeant Major, State Delegate Anne Healey, Chief of Staff Michael Herman for Jack Johnson County Executive for Prince George's County, Scott Hancock Executive Director of Maryland Municipal League and Vice President of the International City and County Management Association, Captain Patrick Timmons of Riverdale Park Police Department, Ilene Redmiles Representing Presidents' Office University Of Maryland, Former Mayor Guy Tiberio, Judith Davis Mayor City of Greenbelt, Former Councilwoman Mary Donaldson, Former Bladensburg's Councilwoman Marion Hoffman, Michael McLaughlin City Manager of City of Greenbelt, David Moran Assistant

City manager City Of Greenbelt and President of the Maryland City and County Management Association, Richard Conti Former City Manager of the City of College Park, Joe Nagro City Manager of College Park and Ben Slye Pastor of Christian Life Center. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

Keep up the great work, and I will continue to support and encourage your achievements and success in delivering excellence in Public Service to The Riverdale Park Community. Congratulations and best wishes for the incoming Town Administrator Sara Imhulse.

Sincerely and God Bless You All!

Community Circles

Upcoming Events

Farmer's Market

Riverdale Park Farmers Market is still up and running. Please join us every Thursday evening from 3-7 pm. For more info, contact Jim Coleman through email, rpkfarmmkt@gmail.com.

Festival of Lights

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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.

Mario's Landscape Services, Inc.
8003 Wingate Dr. Glenn Dale, MD 20769

Phone: 301-464-3242

Cell: 301-370-6652

Fax: 301-464-3249

www.mario-landscape.com

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 301-277-7393 for meeting site