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Gerard 'Gerry' Francis Kiernan 1946—2007



Gerard "Gerry" Francis Kiernan, 61, a senior electrical engineer at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and a member of the Riverdale Town Council for 14 years, died of stomach cancer Oct. 6 at the Magnolia Center in Lanham.

Mr. Kiernan worked on the GOES weather satellite system used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and was considered a technical expert in magnetics, crystals and crystal oscillators.

He began working at Goddard for the old Sperry Corp. in 1970 as an assistant engineer in the test and inspection laboratory. From 1976 to 1990, he worked as an engineer and supervisor in the parts engineering group. He left to run a consulting company for a decade, and then returned to Goddard with the QSS Group and later with MEI Technologies. He wrote numerous technical papers.

Mr. Kiernan, a resident of Riverdale Park for 37 years, was elected to the Town Council in 1991 and was a tireless volunteer, serving on a dozen municipal and county committees. He attended every ceremony at the local veterans' monument since it was established in 1998. He received a Maryland Historic Trust Preservation Award for co-authoring a book about his town. Last month, the Town Council named him an exemplary citizen and a "favorite son" for his work.

He was also a member of the U.S. Power Squadron, a nonprofit recreational boating society. As its squad education officer, he taught introductory boating courses to the public.

Mr. Kiernan was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was a Xaverian Brother from 1963 to 1968, while attending Silver Spring's Xaverian College, an extension school of Catholic University. He graduated in 1970 and received a master's degree in electrical engineering from Catholic University in 1976.

For 12 years, he was an usher at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Riverdale. He had no immediate survivors.

A brief glimpse of photos taken by Gerry can be seen on page 10.

VETERAN'S DAY

Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11, 2007 will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. with a brief ceremony honoring our Veterans at the Veteran's Memorial across from the MARC Station. Please join us to honor all of Riverdale Park's veterans past and present. A reception will follow at Town Hall with refreshments



Don't Forget To Fall Back!

Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at 2:00 a.m. Remember to move your clocks back an hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2007.



Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

October 1, 2007

1. **Approved-** Minutes for September 4, 2007 for regular legislative meeting
2. **Approved-** Minutes for September 11, 2007 for Special legislative meeting.
3. **Approved** – Handicapped parking request for Mr. Rafter on Oliver Street.
4. **Approved-** Pet Halloween event at Town Center
5. **Approved** – 74’ of 6’ high fence, 193’ of 4’ high fence 4721 Riverdale RD for Tammatha R. O’Brien. Ward 1
6. **Introduced and Approved** - Resolution 2007-R-11 affirming Mixed-Use Town Center Development Plan and Zoning map represents official town policy.
7. **Introduced and Approved** – Resolution 2007-R-12 publishing Agendas for meetings of the town council.
8. **Introduced and Approved** – Resolution 2007-R-13 publishing electronic documents on email lists
9. **Withdrawn** – Resolution 2007-R-14 providing newsletters of neighboring Municipalities to the Town Council.
10. **Introduced and Approved** – Resolution 2007- R- 15 Providing Requests for referral to the Town Council.
11. **Introduced and Approved** – Resolution 2007-R-16 supporting expanded MARC Service.
12. **Approved** - Charter Resolution 20007-CR-03 Competitive Bids Section §623 Amended.
13. **Approved** – Authorization for additional 5 street Improvement projects under Street improvement project.
14. **Approved** – to O.K. MOU with State Highway.
15. **Approved** – Handicapped parking for 4900 Madison Street.

Our Town

By Marita A. Novicky

We’re beginning to plan for the annual Festival of Lights, the Children’s Holiday Party, and the annual Holiday Market. This will be the first time these events will be held without the able hands (and many pictures) of Gerry Kiernan. Gerry was a big guy, both figuratively and literally. He was on-hand always to help out with all Town events. He didn’t have children and immediate family of his own, so he made the Town of Riverdale Park, its citizens, and all their children his family. He was always taking pictures or doing a wide assortment of volunteer activities that helped events run smoothly. We became used to his often cantankerous moods, but there was no one that knew the Town and its charter better, and we admired him for that.

I rather like how Roland Walker described Gerry when he notified us of his passing, “Gerry remained his gruff, obstreperous self to the end. He met death bravely and without flinching, carrying the confidence of a man of faith”. And that Gerry was, a man of faith. We won’t soon find this type of character again. Gerry, we were lucky to have known you and have had the benefit of your knowledge and services.

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Mayor's Report

By Vernon Archer



Cafritz Property

Most of you are aware of the series of public meetings and presentations that have taken place over the past months related to the potential development of the Cafritz property (approximately 36 acres on our northern border between Route 1 and the railroad tracks). These meetings represented an unusual “pre-first step” in which the developer/property owners engaged with the public in a dialog prior to having even a draft site plan in place. They took this step at the combined urging from me, the mayor’s of the bordering communities of University Park (John Tabori) and College Park (Steve Brayman), as well as County Councilman Eric Olson. Now that these meetings are complete, it is a good point to take stock of where we are in the process and what the challenges are that lie ahead.

First, the developers want to build a mixed-use type of development that would consist of 1400 + residential units (Townhouses and condominiums) and 100,000 sq. ft. of commercial space—a substantial portion being retail in nature. They mention a desire to include a substantial emphasis on providing components that emphasize green building, arts and amenities. Their first official hurdle would be to get the property rezoned from its current use as single family homes, to some form of mixed use. In order for this rezoning to gain approval from the County Council convened as the “District Council” I believe that the developer will have to have a fully developed site plan with a consensus backing from not just Riverdale Park, but also University Park, and College Park. While some might not like having to deal with the influence of our neighboring Towns, I would like to point out that the concerns and interests that I detect coming from them are very similar to those of Riverdale Park. If we are genuinely happy with a project for this property, our neighbors will come along too.

The Cafritz’s outline that I described above pretty clearly does not have that consensus now, and here are the biggest problems that stand in the way:

- 1) This number of residential units is viewed as quite large. Riverdale Park in its entirety is little more than 2200 units, thus this plan would bring a 60% increase in living units in an area that is actually quite small.
- 2) The proposed commercial space is large too, particularly considering the empty space in Town Center and all of the construction going on, or proposed around Prince George’s Plaza and the East Campus project in College Park. There is a concern that the area may be overbuilding and we could end up with a failed project.
- 3) There would be substantial increase in traffic on Route 1, when the existing intersection at 410 is already a failing interchange.
- 4) The scale of new residential units would likely put substantial new pressure on area schools that are already too crowded.

These issues are presented not to say that they cannot be overcome, but to be clear to everyone that we are very early in the process and a successful project is a long way off. As a community, we must have clear, workable answers to these concerns prior to going forward with any rezoning. Developing this property has the potential to do great things for our Town and region, but if done poorly it can do great harm to our already wonderful little Town. We have to make sure this is done right.

Passing of Former Councilman Gerard “Gerry” Kiernan

It is my sad duty to tell you of the recent death of Gerard “Gerry” Kiernan. As there is substantial information provided elsewhere in the Crier about him, I won’t say much, but there are several things I need to say about my departed colleague, friend, and ally. I know of no person who worked harder on behalf our community since he was elected to the Town Council in 1991. Gerry virtually never missed a Town sponsored meeting or event, regardless of whether it was among his responsibilities or not. He invariably went the second mile to help make our Town look good and our government function effectively. As is inevitable in politics I occasionally found myself at odds with Gerry. However, he always made sure that I did not take off on plans and activities without being thoroughly prepared. If there was a weakness to be found, Gerry found it and that was a valuable service.

Gerry was one of the two senior members on the council when I took office in 2005, and I am not ashamed to admit I leaned heavily on him early in my administration. He provided a tremendous amount of institutional memory, had a keen eye for the overlooked detail that a new mayor might miss, and was an exacting craftsman of legislation. To the degree I can claim success in my first term in office, much credit actually belongs to Gerry. I am very lucky to have had him around as long and as much as I did. I miss him.



Riverdale Park Police Department

September 2007

Crime Report

Crime	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Stolen Vehicle
Ward 1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ward 2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Ward 3	0	0	0	0	2	0
Ward 4	0	0	2	2	5	2
Ward 5	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ward 6	0	0	0	5	0	0
Total	0	0	2*	8	9**	4

* 2 citizen,

** 5 Residential

Officer Activity

Activity	Total
Calls For Service	878
Routine Patrols	234
Traffic Stops	292*
Reported Traffic Accidents	68**
Parking Citations	40
Subjects Arrested	31

* 311 Traffic Citations,

** 30 Written Accidents

Public Works Report

By Michael Scott
Deputy Director Public Works

First off, I would like to thank the volunteers who participated in Gorgeous Prince George's Day on Saturday October 13th. In particular I would like to thank Todd Whitehead for coordinating the event. We had a very productive day by planting trees, flowers, plants, and bulbs along East West Highway and at Town Center.

Prince George's County is initiating a new curbside recycling program known as "Single Stream Recycling" beginning on November 1st 2007. This system will no longer require sorting. All recyclables can be placed in the same container. Recyclable items will now include the following; corrugated cardboard boxes, junk mail, soft and hard bound books, office paper, wrapping paper and aluminum pie pans along with the materials that are currently being recycled. In addition, 65 gallon bins with tight fitting lids and wheels will be provided for residents and citizens currently participating in the recycling program. Prince George's County estimates that these new bins will be delivered to District 5, where Riverdale Park is located, in January 2008. In the meantime, you can place recyclables in cardboard boxes or any container marked with a large "X" to distinguish it from regular trash.

Leaf season will begin on October 29th, 2007 and end on January 11th, 2008. I ask all residents to take care when forming their leaf piles by making sure that the piles contain only leaves.

The Department of Public Works will be closed for Veterans Day on Monday November 12th and closed for Thanksgiving on November 22nd and 23rd.

November Schedule Changes:

Monday November 12th--Closed No Collection
Tuesday November 13th--Area A (Normal pickup Monday) Garbage and Yard waste Collection
Wednesday November 14th--Area B (Normal pickup Tuesday) Garbage and Yard waste Collection
Thursday November 22nd--Closed No Collection
Friday November 23rd--Closed No Collection
(Next Collection day Monday November 26th)

Riverdale Park Boy Scouts on the Move

Troop 252, Boy Scouts of America, at St. Bernard's of Clarivau, just finished a 25-mile Bicycle ride in Patuxent River Park (Jug Bay), Croom; We had a couple of minor injuries, a couple of abrasions and hurt pride, but the weather was absolutely perfect.

At our last couple of meetings, the Scouts have been practicing their lashings. We have constructed several ladders of bamboo, and each of us climbed our own personal ladder up to the roof of the Dade Center, where we got a stellar view of the sky.

Our next Court of Honor (01 November) will celebrate the advancement of four new Star Scouts, one First Class, and one Tenderfoot and a Second Class, if all goes well.

We have more bicycling and hiking trips scheduled for this autumn (not fall, I hope), and skiing again for the older Scouts, and first time for the younger Scouts this winter. We'll stay again at a local Methodist Church to keep down the cost, and work on advancement as we recover from the lumps and bumps of Timberline's snow, ice, rocks and trees.

Contact us! We're lots of fun, and we need your 11- to 17-year-old young men who aren't afraid to spend some time on the trail, learning how to thrive in adverse situations.

Troop Committee Chair Eneida Martinez-Brown
(301) 864-0059 or Scoutmaster Bob Killen (202) 282-8302, at your service

Second Annual Holiday Market & 5th Annual Festival of Lights

The Celebrations will be held on December 8 & 9, 2007. Please make some room on your calendar for our Second Annual Holiday Market & 10th Annual Festival of Lights. Join us for our super festive Holiday Market Weekend on Saturday in Town Center, 12/8 between 1pm and 9pm, and on Sunday, 12/9 between 12pm and 5pm. We will have freshly pressed apple cider, non-stop music acts, kids' games, temporary tattoos, and face painting. This will be held in conjunction with Riverdale Park Business Association's Santa Photo session and the Festival of Lights (assuming we have their permission). Please contact me through: rpkfarmmkt@gmail.com if you are a producer of handmade products and are interested in joining the Holiday Market so I can send you a vendor registration document. Thanks, Jim Coleman

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward One Report

By Council Member Alice Ewen Walker
Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee
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Public Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct

Over the past months, you may have noticed a growing problem with litter, public drinking, and disorderly conduct on Lafayette Avenue. What you may not have noticed was a similar problem along the railroad tracks, somewhat out of sight, but equally as disruptive. This conduct escalated to include jeering at passersby, public urination, and worse. I thank our town staff for a coordinated effort to clear up these issues. Public Works initiated aggressive litter pickup along Lafayette and along the tracks, where there was an enormous amount of garbage. The police performed more patrols in the area and responded quickly to reported problems. Drinking on the tracks appears to have ceased.

I believe that litter signals neglect and invites other problems, so I credit Public Works for supporting the Police Department in improving public safety. If you observe public drinking, disorderly conduct, or are disturbed by loud noise, please call the police immediately at (301) 927-4343.

On a side note: Public Works recently added a new crosswalk at Dumm's Corner, a measure that has really improved pedestrian safety at this busy intersection.

Ravenswood Public Safety Follow-up

Police, Public Works, and I continue to work with the landlord of the apartments on Ravenswood on public safety issues. The landlord has been very cooperative and citizens have helped tremendously by reporting concerns. There is an eviction process currently underway, and we await a bid from Pepco to add a streetlight on Ravenswood.

Illegally Parked Vehicles

There have been a number of problems with illegally parked vehicles in the ward. Commercial trucks were being stored in parking lots along Route 1, the most egregious being a 7-car car carrier that lacked license plates. These vehicles have now been towed, and the town is coordinating further enforcement with the county. The cars parked on the vacant lot on Cleveland Avenue were due to a temporary exception granted by the town because of water line repairs. The cars have now been removed.

Electronic Documents Update

Each month during my tenure on the council, I have introduced, in phases, legislation defining policies for the production, distribution, and archiving of electronic

documents by our town government. The most immediate practical result of these policies for citizens is the following: If you subscribe to the TownAnnounce email list, you should receive, in electronic form, proposed agendas for council meetings, approved minutes for council meetings, proposed ordinance changes, the full text of any approved resolutions, ordinances, or charter amendments, and other town-wide announcements such as election announcements. Note that the TownAnnounce email list is separate from the TownTalk email list.

The town is beginning to implement the policies so expect these items to begin hitting your inbox soon. I wish to thank the members of the council and the public who provided so much useful input in the formation of the electronic documents policies; thanks to town staff for their effort to move this forward.

Affirmation of MUTC Development Policy

The council passed a resolution I offered affirming that the Mixed-Use Town Center Design Guidelines published by Park and Planning represent the official policy of the town. This action makes clear the town's intent in enforcing its zoning standards. No development is ever perfect, and granting variances on a case-by-case basis is fine, especially in exchange for desirable concessions. But Riverdale Park is not a drive-through town, and we need to make that very clear to developers if we want to attract quality projects.

Do-Not-Enter on Queensbury

In response to many citizen complaints, I am reassessing the 24-hour Do-Not-Enter sign on Queensbury. There may be other ways to protect street access for emergency vehicles that would cause less disruption in traffic flow. I have recently obtained the original report on this issue which was submitted to a previous council. The report identifies several alternative solutions, which I hope to bring to the current council for further evaluation.

MARC Service

You may have read that Governor O'Malley is proposing a major increase in MARC service. This could have many beneficial effects on Riverdale Park, if MARC service at our station is expanded to include midday and weekend service. At the most recent legislative meeting, the council passed my resolution to place the town's official support behind MARC expansion, and to seek allies on this issue among neighboring towns and the University of Maryland.

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Kate Sharpe
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Town Events

Gorgeous Prince George's Day was a terrific success in Riverdale Park. We planted 19 new trees, and many bulbs and herbs along the median of the East West Highway and at Town Center that will beautify our town for years to come. We couldn't have done it without the help of our Public Works Department, who dedicated time, tools, and volunteers to the effort. Many thanks also to our excellent Town volunteers Todd Whitehead, Lisa Grob, and Pete Sharpe.

Thanks to Dannielle and Steven Glaros, Marita Novicky, Dotsie Row, Pete Sharpe, and many other helpers the October block party at 48th Avenue and Sheridan was a great time! I really enjoyed spending time with neighbors new and old and I hope the tradition continues next year.

Safety

Safety at the old NOAA building on the University of Maryland's property along Lafayette Avenue is improving. The University sealed the broken entrance doors this month, and is working on lighting the exterior. They are also actively pursuing redevelopment options for the site.

Unfortunately, two people were bitten by a rabid raccoon on Sheridan Street and Ravenswood Road this past month. Thanks to our police officers, the animal was quickly found and killed. It later tested positive for rabies. This scare serves as a good reminder to make sure that your pets have current rabies vaccinations. And if you should see an animal behaving strangely, do not approach it and call the police immediately. The two bite victims have received rabies shots and are doing fine.

Economic Development

It feels as though we are surrounded on all sides by development projects. As a member of the economic development committee, I have been working to make sure Riverdale Park's voice is heard at the Cafritz development and other project meetings. I strongly encourage Riverdale Park residents to participate as well. The next opportunity for participation will occur at the Route 1 Corridor Development meeting on November 15th (7-9:30 p.m.) at College Park City Hall. County Councilman Olson will be facilitating and the meeting is a great opportunity to offer the Riverdale Park perspective. Both the Route 1 and Kenilworth Avenue corridors significantly impact our Town and both are under study. I will also be attending the Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Study meetings, beginning on October 23rd. Residents should have received a postcard in the mail, inviting you to be a part of

this process. I am looking forward to effecting positive change in this corridor as well.

To update you on yet another development project, in September the Town Council voted to send a letter of support for EYA's special permit application to M-NCPPC, the next step for the development process along Madison Street. I attended the EYA Lustine Center dedication ceremony in Hyattsville in October, and I feel extremely positive about what EYA is bringing to our community. I believe that the coming retail and restaurant choices at EYA will highlight our area and spur more revitalization.

Finally, Kennedy Smith's recent presentation on Town Center redevelopment presented some unique ideas for consideration. With all the change going on around us, it's vitally important for Riverdale Park to have a voice, and to focus on our own revitalization efforts as well.

Ward Three Report

By Council Member David Lingua
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Much is going in our fair ward. For starters our section of Taylor Road is being redone as part of phase three of the Town-wide streetscape improvement. We are also looking to accomplish some storm drain improvements as well along Taylor Road. With this completed, the storm water runoff project running behind and east of the 5300 block of Taylor Road can resume.

As to the Danner Property project, Mr. Danner has withdrawn his plan to build eight homes due to substandard infrastructure design. It is of importance to all parties the ability of emergency response vehicles as well as police and public works to be able to effectively navigate their vehicles as a given situation dictates. The Town also made clear the wishes of our neighbors for property partitions to prevent cut-through foot traffic.

With regret, I report the Mansion has conveyed to me and other public servants a spate of vandalism and theft to the Mansion and the recently dedicated gardens. The truly dismaying aspect was later on being witness to such a reprehensible, premeditated transgression by young perpetrators from our ward. To see years of work by many individuals with the vision to forge a special relationship between the Town and the home of what is around us today jeopardized by idle hands without direction is embarrassing, shameful, and a disgrace.

At this time, Mansion officials are seriously considering securing the grounds thus preventing the entire Town the privilege of enjoying this special open space. While both Town and park police departments were called in, and the parents of three boys were notified personally, the sanctity of the Mansion grounds must be a value held high

by all and reinforced within the family. There is nothing we as a Town can tell Riversdale. Our collective action will speak for itself.

I hope everyone had a great time at Riverdale Park Day. On behalf of our ward, a big Rex Barney "THANK-YOUUUUU!" to Anissa Sunday, Andie Huberty, Drena Galarza, trainmaster Chris Benjamin, and all those who came out to volunteer their time to help make this event possible. Coming up are the Holiday Market, Festival of Lights, and Children's Party.

To remember what is true, honorable, just, of excellence, or worthy of praise in one's life, here are some memories of Gerry Kiernan. Despite not having a family of his own, Gerry was always willing to help out with events that involved the kids in Town be it the Easter egg hunt, Riverdale Park Day, Festival of Lights, or even the Children's Holiday Party. I would see Gerry gently directing or redirecting one tyke or another, a trolley usher at other times, or helping coordinate pictures with Santa or the Easter Bunny at another. Blunt as he could be at times, I never doubted his heart was in the right place. And on that note, as I have asked before, please consider volunteering some time. "Bye now."

The Riverdale Park Business Association

By Carol Patsel

The Riverdale Park Business Association held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at Gerald King's Art Studio. Members were given the opportunity to enjoy a brief show and explanation of his paintings.

A special "Thank you" was extended to Simon Plog and Karen Rowe, for representing the RPBA on Riverdale Park Day. They spent the day distributing information about the various businesses in Riverdale Park as well as raffling gifts that were donated by Aunt Emily's Dolls, Gerald King, Dumm's Corner, Gerrety & Bragg Real Estate, the Dental Group and State Farm Insurance Company.

Everyone was reminded that the Annual Pet Costume Contest and Parade (sponsored by the RPBA) is scheduled to take place in Town Center on Sunday, October 28 from 2 pm – 5 pm. The Old Town Pet Shop also plans to hold an official Grand Opening and co-sponsor the event.

Members voted to extend the terms for the current officers one more year. The officers are: Audrey Bragg, President, J.D. Williams, Vice President, Carol L. Patsel, Secretary, and Jennifer Singh, Treasurer.

The next RPBA meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 5:30 pm at Crescent Cities Center.

Remembering Veterans Day Town of Riverdale Park's Veterans Day Ceremony

Dedicated to:

JOHN JOSEPH FERGUSON

By Patrick Prangley, Town Administrator

On Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., a service honoring our Veterans will be held at the Veterans Memorial across from the MARC Train Station. This year's service will be dedicated to John Joseph Ferguson, former Councilman of the Town of Riverdale Park who passed away in March of 2007. Mr. Ferguson was the husband of Ann Ferguson (former Mayor of Riverdale Park) and served in the U.S. Army in Frankfurt, Germany. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal. Major Damone Garner with the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade will be one of the guest speakers present at the ceremony.

The Veteran's Memorial was dedicated on November 11th 1999 before more than 100 persons honoring the members of the military services and in recognition of the sacrifices of veterans and their families in preserving our country's freedom.

John was one of the original Veteran Memorial Committee members who assisted in bringing the Veterans Memorial to fruition.

All are encouraged to participate and honor all of Riverdale Park's Veterans past and present.

Refreshments will immediately follow at the Riverdale Park Municipal Center 5008 Queensbury Road.

Verizon fios Riverdale Park

By Lou King

Verizon's Broadcast Video technician, Keenan Patience, and the Town have completed installation of Riverdale Park's Public Access to the Verizon TV cable. So now you can get your Verizon cable installed and watch the on **Channel 10** and see/watch the same information and public meetings that have been available only on COMCAST **Channel 71**.

COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED

DONATIONS DESPERATELY REQUESTED



NEW OR BARELY USED, ALL SIZES



**HATS
GLOVES
COATS**

All sizes needed

DONATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL
THANKSGIVING DAY
ON THANKSGIVING DAY ALL ITEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE NEEDY AT THE

SIXTH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

TO BE HELD AT THE ALAMO RESTAURANT 12-3 pm
(There is no cost for the Thanksgiving Dinner; it is devoted for all persons in need)

Drop off available at the following locations:

Town of Riverdale Park Municipal Center

5008 Queensbury Road

Riverdale, MD 20737

301-927-6381

and/or

Christian Life Center

5600 Taylor Road

Riverdale, MD 20737

301-277-5969

****Monetary donations can be made to: Passion and Compassion Ministries**
All gifts/donations are tax deductible

If you are unable to drop off -arrangements for pick-up can be made- for more information
call: Christian Life Center 301-277-5969.

A Collage of Gerry's Photos and Friends



Doris Pullman and former Mayor Ann Ferguson working on Riversdale documents.



Riversdale Park Day at Riversdale.



A Riverdale Park Children's Holiday Party. That is Gerry in the background with the Santa cap. He was always at Town events /holiday parties snapping pictures and helping out.



I've always thought of Gerry as our professional skeptic on the Town Council. Every time he raised a question about an issue about the Town, I had to stop and think about how I felt about the issue myself. This was a very important service to our Town and he'll be sorely missed by all who knew him. I wish him all the best in his after life. He was a great friend to the Farmers Market and a positive symbol of the Town's resilience in the face of the times we live in. *Jim Coleman*



The Town Center before its renovation.



Gerry giving a Power-Boat award.

Riverdale Park Day and Gorgeous Prince George's Day

Pictures from the grounds of Riversdale



Bikes for everyone! Public Works gives away free bikes.



The moon bounce provides fun!

Pictures of volunteers for Gorgeous Prince George's Day



Kate Sharpe plants a tree during Gorgeous Prince George's Day.



Lisa Grob, Todd White, Donald Soles, and Pete Sharpe plant a tree along East West Highway.

Casa A La Venta

En el Área Codiciado "Vista de Riverdale"



5720 Tuckerman Street. Riverdale. Maryland

Llame Lucie - (410) 707 1409 Para Verla Sin Compromiso

Características

- ❖ Remodelada en 2007
- ❖ **Ideal para empresas o negocios independientes**
- ❖ Techos Altos
- ❖ Enorme Comedor Formal
- ❖ Almarios Amplios
- ❖ Áreas de Bodega
- ❖ Dos Terrazas de Madera
- ❖ Chimenea de piedra rustica
- ❖ Sistema nueva de A/C
- ❖ Techo nuevo
- ❖ Canales nuevos
- ❖ Nueva sistema de calefacción central
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Community Circles

What to Watch For:

Monday, November 5, 2007—Legislative Meeting, TH, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6, 2007—Conflict Resolution, TH, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Traffic Study Meeting, TH, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 7, 2007—M-UTC, 7:30 p.m., TH.

Thursday, November 1, 2007--Farmer's Market, 3-7 p.m., Town Center.

Tuesday, November 13, 2007— Conflict Resolution, TH, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Madison Hill HOA, 7 p.m., TH.

Wednesday, November 14, 2007—RPBA meeting, Crescent Cities Center, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 15, 2007—Girl Scouts meeting, TH, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20, 2007—Last Conflict Resolution, TH, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 22, 2007, Thanksgiving Day—Town Offices and Public Works closed.

Friday, November 23, 2007—Town Offices and Public Works closed.

Monday, November 26, 2007—Work Session, TH, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28, 2007—Lion's Club meeting, TH, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 29, 2007—Girl Scouts meeting, TH, 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Annual Festival of Lights, Holiday Market, and Children's Holiday Party, Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9, 2007. Don't miss these exciting events. Planning begins early in November. Volunteers needed for numerous details of these three excellent events. This is your chance to get involved and have fun. The Children's Holiday Party is always a hit among the young folks in Town. The second annual Holiday Market was a resounding success last year; this year promises to be better. And, as always, the Festival of Lights shows off the Town and its Holiday spirit. Call Anissa Sunday at 301-277-2458 for the Children's Holiday Party and the Festival of Lights and your opportunity to get involved.

This year marks the 2nd Annual Holiday Market and the 5th Annual Festival of Lights.-The Holiday Market will

be held in Town Center on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at Town Center from 1:00p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and on Sunday, December 9, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact Jim Coleman at rpkfarmmkt@gmail.com if you are a producer of handmade products and are interested in joining the Holiday Market.

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. The Girl Scouts will meet twice during November—Thursday November 15, and Thursday, November 29, 2007. Both meetings will be held at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

Civic Committees

Recreation Board – The Riverdale Park Recreation Board. Contact Anissa Sunday, 301-277-2458 to get involved. Help by volunteering!

Madison Hill Homeowners Association-- For information, call (240) 401-2202 or visit www.madisonhill.org.

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market--Contact Pat Gladdings at (301) 927-1362.

Riversdale Historical Society--Riversdale Mansion. Contact (301) 864-0420.

Riverdale Park Business Association—call Audrey Bragg at 301-277-9323 for more information.

Riversdale Events

Hands-on History: An Early American Thanksgiving: Children, ages 8 and older, learn Native American foodways as they prepare a fall feast. \$20 resident; \$24 non-resident. **Advance registration required by November 5, 2007.** Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. Information: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

If you have information to share with the community, please submit it to the Editor, Town Crier, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737 **by the 15th of the month, or email: RiverdaleParkMD@comcast.net**