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October 29, 2006

**Daylight Savings
Time Ends**

**REMEMBER TO SET
YOUR CLOCKS BACK
1 HOUR.**

Halloween

October 31, 2006

**Trick-or-Treat
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

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Riverdale Park Day

October 7, 2006 – Riversdale

12 pm - 5 pm

Live Music: the Riverdale Ramblers, Buck Forty-Nine, Asalto Norteño, and MSG

Pony Rides, Crafts, Petting Zoo, Riversdale Races, Moon bounce, Games, Food, Pie-Eating Contest, Penny Candy, and Much More! Free kids activities. There's fun for everyone!

El Día de Riverdale Park

Musica en vivo: Los Ramblers de Riverdale, Buck Forty-Nibe, Asalto Norteño y MSG

Actividades Gratis para los niños, dulces de un centavo, Juegos, Comida, Carreras de Riversdale, Moon Bounce, Concurso de comer pasteles y mucho más. Hay diversión para toda la familia.

Novella Sargusingh Resigns Council Seat

Novella Sargusingh, Ward 3 Council member, recently announced her resignation to Mayor Archer and Town Council. In a letter to the Crier Editor, Ms. Sargusingh writes..."Who would have known a fall down a flight of steps would have such life-changing experience! It is great sadness and regret that I submit my letter of resignation for the Town Council due to constant health issues that have arisen from my fall last year. I would be doing a disservice to the residents of Ward 3 if I tried to continue in my capacity as their representative. My resignation is effective September 15, 2006. I am very hopeful that a resident of Ward 3 will step forward to serve out my term.

My family and I wish to thank you for all of your support during my time of need." Sincerely, Novella Sargusingh

Council Actions--September 2006

By Waverly Pollitt

1. **Approved**—Minutes for June 5, 2006 Legislative meeting.
2. **Approved**—Minutes for July 3, 2006 Legislative meeting.
3. **Approved**—Minutes for August 7, 2006 Legislative meeting.
4. **Postponed Introduction to October Legislative meeting**—Proposal to Adopt Prince George’s County Housing Code for Town of Riverdale Park.
5. **Introduction**—Fence code changes.
6. **Introduction**—Adding to code outdoor unenclosed Storage Prohibited chapter §50-15.
7. **Opposed**—Installing 5ft. tall gate for Constance Randolph –Kelley at 4811 Somerset Road.
8. **Approved**—Installing 4ft. tall fence (wood) on the side of house for Mr. Armando Bautista at 5611 54th Avenue.
9. **Approved**—Installing 6ft. tall fence (wood) on each side of house including wooden gate for Vista Riverdale Inc. 4908 East West Highway.
10. **Approved**—Discussion on record to remain open in reference to the request for a motion to deny variance for Bartolome Tapia at 4803 Tuckerman Street.
11. **Approved**—Sending letter requesting a quote for street lamps for pole #819412-8325 at 4903 Somerset Road, pole 819411-7990 at 4903 Sheridan Street and #81230 middle of 49th Avenue (east side) near Somerset Street.
12. **Approved**—Authorizing the Mayor and Town Staff to investigate Route One and East West Highway interchange improvements.
13. **Approved**—Investigating establishing a hiker / biker trail along the old trolley lines including authorization to investigate legal issues such as title and any other practical issues.
14. **Approved**—Allowing the 6200 block of 43rd Street to be closed for a block party on Saturday September 16.
15. **Approved**—Authorizing the Town to determine the cost to install a handicap ramp as part of the extensive concrete and street work being planned.
16. **Introduction**—For Proposed Code & Charter Changes for Compensation of elected officials.
17. **Approved**—Authorizing a handicap ramp for 4606 Tuckerman Street.

CODE CORNER

By Colleen Ferguson

A proposal to add language to the Town of Riverdale Park Code to address the long- term storage of items on front porches as well as the use of indoor furniture on outside porches and decks is being considered. Over the years, residents have called code enforcement to complain about items being left on porches and open patios and decks—couches, refrigerators, paint cans, and bags of paper. Placing items in areas that are open to the climate i.e., rain creates the perfect environment for bugs and rodents. It also creates a fire hazard. **§50-15. Outdoor unenclosed storage prohibited** if passed would enable code enforcement to address these concerns.

The new residential and business code handbook has been printed. If you have not yet received a copy. Please call Town Hall at 301-927-6381. Copies of our entire Code is now available online at www.ci.riverdale-park.md.us.

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It is the policy of the Town of Riverdale Park, pursuant to the provision of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and The American with Disabilities Act, to prohibit discrimination against qualified persons with disabilities in any aspect of employment within the government.

It is 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.

The Mayor's Report

By Mayor Vernon Archer



Safe, Clean and Beautiful

Your town government is here to keep Riverdale Park **safe, clean and beautiful**. Everyone who works for the town—elected officials, code enforcement officers, police officers, public works laborers and drivers, administrative staff—shares the same mission: to ensure that our town is safe, clean and beautiful. To help each employee understand his or her role in this mission, we've started an internal team-building program (called Safe, Clean, and Beautiful) to emphasize to every town employee how their particular job relates to the big picture.

Thinking of the big picture means that every member of the town government should embrace all aspects of our mission. While Public Works does an almost Herculean job clearing limbs and keeping the town safe after weather events, all employees, even administrative employees, should pick up litter if they encounter it on the sidewalk. Likewise, Public Works employees working in the field should report suspicious activity to the police immediately. We should all work together on a single mission to keep Riverdale Park safe, clean and beautiful.

Public Works has been understaffed in recent months, trying to hire both a new director and parks/gardening specialist. Meanwhile, our police department wanted its front flower beds replanted and spruced up. Instead of waiting, Lieutenant Adams simply took the initiative and did it himself. He showed up along with gloves and blue jeans and did the planting very nicely, improving the space in front of the police department. Town Administrator Patrick Prangle asked Colleen Ferguson, from Code Enforcement, to pitch in and work with Public Works to plant mums in the Town planters and spruce up the front of the municipal building. Public Works has continued to support these efforts by making sure the beds stayed watered and weeded. That's a can-do attitude. That's teamwork. I want to see more cooperation between our departments in pursuit of our single shared mission.

Through our new booklet, *Keeping Riverdale Park Safe, Clean and Beautiful: Residential and Business Code Handbook*, the town is also working to help residents understand their responsibility under town code to keep their properties safe and clean. We are also working to promote the resources that the town offers to assist you. A copy of the booklet is being mailed to each of residence. Please keep this booklet as a reference on matters ranging from building permits to yard maintenance; from noise limits to trash pickup.

Mayor's Beautification Awards

As the town government strives to do its part to keep our town beautiful, I thought it would be appropriate to recognize residents whose private properties are particularly attractive. These homeowners or renters will be awarded the Mayor's Beautification Award, which consists of a framed certificate and a small yard sign. In selecting the winners, I greatly enjoyed walking through our town, looking at the many charming homes and well-kept yards to be found in Riverdale Park. I invite you all to do the same. These awards are based on tidiness, effort to beautify through planting or hardscape, or strength of improvement over the last two years.

6101 44th Avenue, the property of Jose Orellana-Montesino and Hector Orellana; **4600 Riverdale Road**, the property of Jose Rauda; **6411 Taylor Road**, the property of Wayne and Karen Proctor; **4810 Sheridan Street**, the property of Antonio and Carmelia Alexandre; **5703 47th Avenue**, the property of Mark and Mary Kate Smith; **5313 Taylor Road**, the property of Santos and Martha Landaverde; **5716 Silk Tree Drive**, the property of Michael and Jacqueline February; **5607 Signet Drive**, the property of Joyce Caesar-Dyson; and **5319 Greenway Drive**, the property of Armando Vivar and Lucila Martine

Congratulations to all. Thanks for making Riverdale Park a more beautiful place!

Resignation in Ward 3

I have the regrettable duty to inform you that, due to health reasons, Ward 3 Councilmember Novella Sargusingh has resigned her seat. Those of you who know Novella understand what a difficult decision it was for her to step down. She has been a dedicated community activist since moving to Riverdale Park, and ran for office several times before winning the Ward 3 seat in May 2005. Novella suffered severe injuries from a fall over a year ago. Only a person of her determination and energy could have served the community so well through the pain and complications that followed her injury. On behalf of the town of Riverdale Park, I wish her a full recovery. Because Novella's seat was vacated in the final nine months of her term, the town charter calls for the mayor to nominate a replacement who then must be approved by the town council. All residents of Ward 3 have received a letter announcing the resignation and calling for applicants for the seat. I will make a nomination for council approval at the October 2 Town Council Meeting. I have already received three strong applications and it is clear the ward will be well-served for the remainder of the term.

Ward and Council Committee Reports

Ward One Report

By Rob Oppenheim

Arts District Hyattsville

EYA and Hyattsville had a public meeting September 18, 2006 to explain progress on the new development along Route 1. (Check cable channel 71 for meeting rebroadcast dates and times.) Sales are brisk, and the western section will be in construction soon. The east side is still in planning: Development is about a year away. That portion would run from Madison Street southward, between the railroad tracks and Route 1. A small parcel is in Riverdale Park.

EYA's plans show 240 row houses and about 200 condo units in the east-side project. All buildings are capped at just 3 stories, and EYA says owners will face some restrictions on converting units for rental (representatives were vague about how that might work). The condos are expected to list in the low \$200,000 range. Retail space is planned for 8–12 businesses, concentrated near Franklins. The retail setback is 24 feet to allow outdoor restaurant seating and pedestrian access. Surface parking is behind the retail spaces and condos; each row house will have 2 parking spaces on their property.

Hiker–Biker Trails

EYA plans to develop the trolley right of way into a hiker–biker trail connecting Riverdale Park, downtown Hyattsville, a public park, and two planned tot lots. Riverdale Park is looking into extending the trail to College Park. Maybe we can also arrange for bike lanes that connect Town Center and the trolley bike path to the Anacostia Branch trails. Bike enthusiasts contact me and you can help make this happen.

As always, I want to hear from you. Call me at 301-779-1745, or e-mail me at oppenheim@email.com.

Charter & Code Changes

Fences and Hedges

I am proposing new fence regulations that will promote more walk able neighborhoods. If passed, it would keep new fences and hedges from crowding sidewalks and help clarify the code and bring it in line with actual practice. The proposed new Chapter 66, on fences and hedges, is printed in this issue.

The new code continues many restrictions already on the books, but it changes a few. This is an opportunity to review these restrictions and consider changes.

Owner's Rights vs. Public Good

A front yard's condition has a lot more impact on a neighborhood than does the side or back yard. So maybe residents should have more freedom to build what they want in the side and back yards. The proposal has a 6-foot maximum height for fences in side and back yards and a 4-foot limit for front fences. There could be lively discussion; some residents believe a 6-foot fence is too tall for a side yard. Come to the meeting to let us know what you think. Here are some possible areas of concern:

- **Setback:** How far should a new fence or hedge be from the sidewalk or street?
- **Maximum height:** Should taller fences be allowed in side and back yards?

- **Hedge height:** Should front hedges be limited to a 3-foot maximum?

Mayor and Council Pay Changes

I am proposing changing elected officials' honoraria. If the legislation passes, it will take effect in July 2007—twelve years after the last change. The proposed changes are printed in this *Town Crier*. The proposed new amounts are \$900/month for the mayor and \$450/month for council members.

Participation

Elected officials function mostly as volunteers, and it takes time and dedication to do good work. It's all part of the job: We need to be well informed, actively seek opinions, and propose sound solutions. The meeting schedule can be daunting: there are the council meetings along with M-UTC, Finance, and committee meetings like Recreation Board and Traffic and meetings with neighboring towns, county and state officials. We also need to communicate with constituents, hear concerns and ideas, and help residents stay involved and informed.

Here are two ways to encourage council members' participation. The carrot—offer more money for more work. The stick—tighten attendance requirements.

Pay for Work

Compensation could be linked to participation—up to a monthly limit. If this were implemented, it would encourage attendance, discourage tardiness (no pay for late arrivals), and would reward hard work and ensure that the town is getting value for its money.

As it is now, many working people cannot afford to put in the 40 to 60 hours each month that it takes to be a dependable, effective representative. One consequence is to limit the pool of willing candidates. Reasonable compensation would enable more to participate.

Pay-for-work could be based on public activity: Meeting attendance, legislative contributions, and *Town Crier* submissions could be considered. Yes, the mayor and council do lots of other work, but public activity can be a good barometer of total activity.

The proposed Town Charter changes would *allow* enactment of a pay-for-work plan. That doesn't mean it will happen, only that it could happen. Some council members strongly oppose the idea, and I leave it to them to put forward their positions. We also need to hear from you. Express your opinion at the legislative meeting, Oct. 2, 2006, 8 p.m.

Other Charter Changes

Changing the effective date for adjusting compensation from June to July would accomplish two goals. The new rate would begin with the fiscal year on July 1, so it would not affect the budget retroactively. That also would allow a newly elected council to rescind any increase members found objectionable.

Now here's the stick (twig?): Work sessions and legislative sessions would both count for attendance. Each member would be required to attend at least one council meeting every two months, instead of one every three months, or risk removal from office.

Community Affairs

By Rob Oppenheim

Boo!

Trick-or-Treating in Riverdale Park is 6–8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 31, 2006. If you prefer to not have little goblins at your door, please turn off your porch and outside lights. And **kids, please do not approach dark houses!** Ever!



GoatMan Hollow is more than a haunted house, it's local legend come to life. Movie effects, thrills, and theatrical lighting enhance the performance, and audience participation makes it an unforgettable experience. It's not for everyone, though. **Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 9 are discouraged from attending.**

GoatMan Hollow materializes in the old credit union building in the Town Center, 4705 Queensbury Road. And on Thursday, October 12, 2006, from 7–9:00 p.m., Riverdale Park residents get in free with proof of residency. See the calendar for the full schedule and ticket prices. Proceeds benefit the Riverdale Park Fire Department. Information: www.goatmanhollow.com.

Flight Night, Saturday, October 28, 2006, 7–9:00 p.m., is the area's largest Halloween party for all ages. Wear your costume for a fun evening of arts, crafts, and haunted hayrides. Admission is \$4:00. College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive. Information: 301-864-6029.

Halloween events are listed by the bushel at www.pgparks.com/things/calendar.html.

Ward 5 and Public Safety Report

By Gerard F. Kiernan

Follow-Up From PEPCO To 7/4/06 Power Outages

As you all remember, we had a short but windy storm on the evening of July 4th. The storm brought down a number of trees around the Town and caused electricity and other utility outages for several days. Parts of Ward 1 west of the railroad tracks were out until the following week-end. While the storm occurred about 8 p.m., the power did not go out at Park Tanglewood until sometime between 12:30 a.m. and the following morning (Wednesday, July 5). In Park Tanglewood, we lost one of the three phases of the PEPCO service causing us to lose the elevator, hot water, and air conditioning until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2006.

The Town Council had an already scheduled meeting on July 10, 2006 and invited a representative of PEPCO to join us and explain how they could prevent such loss of service in the future. PEPCO's local representative, Mr. Baker, gave some general answers and encouraged everyone to call PEPCO's 800 number to report outages since that is how PEPCO can gauge the extent of an outage.

In addition to my questions on PEPCO policies, Council Member Oppenheim had some questions on energy efficient street lamps. On July 11th, we sent our follow-up questions to Mr. Baker. We received the responses on September 15. I want to share the questions and PEPCO's answers with the town.

1) Does PEPCO'S customer response/emergency control center know whether a premises address is a single family home or a multi-unit dwelling? For example, I live at 5309 Riverdale Road. Does your system identify it as a 180 unit apartment house? If not, how can that kind of information be added to the system?

Response: Yes; customer accounts reflect the premises' type of use based on PEPCO defined codes.

2) Does PEPCO notify the telephone and cable companies when a pole has come down and has to be replaced? This would require the other companies to replace their cables on that pole.

Response: Yes; our Complaint Dispatchers notify affected utility companies.

3) During the storm last Tuesday, a tree came down on Harrison Avenue near Dupont Circle. The tree hit the wires and subsequently took down or snapped 5 poles, according to a local resident. What kind of stress/strain requirements are specified for your equipment? How much safety limit is built into your specifications? For example, if the maximum expected breaking force on a pole is "X", does PEPCO specify the pole to have a 2X or 3X limit?

Response: The strength of the pole(s) is based upon its height, width, and function/purpose. It is designed to support itself, facilities attached to it, and wind and ice. Our poles are not designed to support the weight of fallen trees. We build our pole lines based upon the national standards as set forth by the National Electrical Safety Code, American National Standards Institute, and the Institute of Electrical Electronics Engineers. Trees are trimmed routinely to avoid incidental contact with overhead facilities.

4) How often does PEPCO inspect its physical plant? Does anyone go around looking for damaged hardware, such as cracked poles?

Response: Maintenance inspection cycles vary. Inspections depend upon the various types of equipment, usage and past performance. Our Wood Pole Inspection Program is performed on a 12-year cycle for the entire system. Riverdale Park was last inspected during 2003.

5) Does PEPCO have expected lifetime specifications for its hardware? Do you have records that record the age of each piece of hardware? Is there a plan to replace the hardware when it reaches the end of its specified useful life, i.e., practice preventive maintenance and replacement? Or do you wait until failure occurs, either from wear-out or natural disaster?

Response: Yes. This information is key/useful in assisting us with scheduling various maintenance programs. PEPCO generally monitors performance of our equipment and develops maintenance schedules based on performance and failure trends. As a matter of practice, we maintain/repair/replace our equipment before it fails. However, there are premature failures and we do study failed components in order to feed that information back into our maintenance program to improve its effectiveness.

6) What types of energy saving lamps are available from PEPCO for use in your streetlights?

Response: A. There are two new types of energy saving lamps that were recently introduced by PEPCO to be made available to our leased streetlight customers. (1). Metal Halide lights available in 175, 250, and 400 watt bulbs. They give out a very bright white light (Mostly commercial areas and major roads; not popular in residential areas). (2). Induction lights available in 55, 85, and 165 watt bulbs. These give out a light something like an average incandescent light bulb and have been installed primarily in residential areas.

Please note that rates have not been developed for these new technologies, so they are not generally available to our customers at this time.

*Older sodium vapor bulbs are still considered more energy efficient than the even older mercury vapor or incandescent bulbs.

B. Lamps can be metered. This usually is in Prince George's County due to the DPW&T requirement that PEPCO install the lights/bulbs that we stock. If a jurisdiction wants to be creative and install something different, we require them meter and maintain the lights.

Economic Development Update

By Dannielle Glaros

Developers will be presenting several projects in October. If you are interested in finding out more about these projects, please try to attend the meetings. Plans for the first two projects are available for your review at Town Hall.

- NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction will be presenting its final site plan to the Mayor and Council on October 2, 2006. This building will be built behind the USDA building off of University Research Court. The developer will be asking the Council to support the project at the October meeting.

- Jey's Auto Care will be presenting their proposal for 5731 Baltimore Ave at the M-UTC meeting on October 5, 2006. The proposal is for a gas station with a convenience store and 6 apartments (2 and 3 bedrooms). The developer will be asking M-UTC to vote on this proposal.

- KSI will be presenting some concept ideas for the old Ercoup/NOAA building at the Council work session on October 30, 2006. The old Ercoup/NOAA building is the vacant building at the end of Lafayette off of River Tech Ct. KSI has indicated that they are interested in building condominiums on the site.

As for other news, the Mayor and Council are investigating a hiker/biker trail for the old Trolley line. A hiker/biker trail at this location would not only be a recreational asset for the town, but would provide an easy path for College Park residents and the new residents of the EYA Hyattsville project to visit our Town Center. Michael Companies is now managing the property on Kenilworth that includes the pet store, video store and other shops. Significant façade improvements have been happening over the last two months, including the addition of new windows and new brick facing. JD Williams will be adding a new sign to his building on the corner of Rt1 and 410 to better indicate his tenants.

Keep Informed

Interested in finding out more about upcoming meetings and events in town? Are you curious what the agenda is for various Town meetings?

If so, sign up for the Town Announce e-mail list. You can subscribe at http://mail.riverdale-park.org/mailman/listinfo/town-announce_riverdale-park.org

Proposed Charter and Code Resolutions

In this *Crier* there are charter and code resolutions that were proposed by the Mayor and Council Members. These proposed amendments to the Town's Charter deal with the Mayor's and Council Member's compensation, their attendance at meetings, and filling vacancies. Other proposed Code changes address outdoor storage on residential property, and a detailed revision of Chapter 66 WALLS, FENCES, HEDGES AND TREES. These items will be discussed at the October 2, 2006 Legislative meeting.

Charter Resolution 2006-CR-01

An Amendment to Sections 203, 204, 209 of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park

Whereas, Article II of the charter addresses compensation, the meetings of the council, and vacancy. Therefore, be it resolved to amend sections 203, 204, 209 by adding the following language. (Added language is in italics.)

§ 203: Compensation of Council Members

Each council member shall receive *a salary or pay-for-work compensation* ~~an annual salary~~ that shall *apply equally to* ~~be equal for~~ all council members and shall be as specified from time to time by ordinance passed by the council in the regular course of its business; provided, however, that the salary specified at the time any council takes office shall not be changed during the term for which that council was elected. The ordinance making any change in the salary paid to the council members, either by way of increase or decreases, shall be passed prior to a regular biennial town election and shall become effective on the first of *July* ~~Monday in June~~ following that town election. *A majority vote of the council may rescind an increase to its compensation anytime prior to it becoming effective.*

§ 204: Meetings of the Council

The council shall meet at least *twice* ~~once~~ a month. Special meetings may be called for specific purpose upon request of the mayor or a majority of the council members. All meetings of the council shall be open to the public, and the rules of the council shall provide that residents of the town shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting in regard to any municipal question. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent the council from holding an executive session or acting as a special hearing body from which the public is excluded. But no ordinance, rule, or regulation shall be finally adopted at such an executive session or hearing.

§ 209: Vacancy

A vacancy shall be declared to exist if a council member resigns, is deceased, is recalled, is convicted of a felony, fails to retain all the qualifications necessary for his election, fails to attend *four (4)* ~~three (3)~~ consecutive regular *legislative and/or regular monthly work session* council meetings without being excused by the council, or if no one is elected in an election. *It is the responsibility of the chair to declare to the council in open session when any of the aforementioned conditions have been met.*

Introduced by Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland at a regular Legislative meeting on September 5, 2006.

Charter Resolution 2006-CR-02

An Amendment to Section 403, 405 of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park

Whereas, Article IV of the charter addresses compensation of Mayor, and vacancy of the Mayor. Therefore, be it resolved to amend section 403, 405 by adding the following language. (Added language in italics.)

§ 403: Compensation of Mayor

The mayor shall receive *a salary or pay-for-work compensation* ~~an annual salary~~ as set from time to time by ordinance passed by the council in the regular course of its business; provided, however, that the salary specified at the time the mayor takes office shall not be changed during the term for which the mayor was elected. The ordinance making any change in the salary paid to the mayor, either by way of increase or decrease, shall be passed prior to a regular biennial town election and shall become effective on the first of *July* ~~Monday in June~~ following that election. *A majority vote of the council may rescind an increase to the mayor's compensation anytime prior to it becoming effective provided they also rescind any increase in the council's compensation.*

§ 405: Vacancy

A vacancy in the office of mayor shall be declared to exist in the event of the mayor's death, recall, disqualification, permanent incapacitation, conviction of a felony, ~~or~~ resignation from office, *or fails to attend four (4) consecutive regular legislative and/or regular monthly work session council meetings without being excused by the council. It is the responsibility of the chair or acting chair to declare to the council in open session when any of the aforementioned conditions have been met.*

Introduced by mayor and council of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland at a Regular Legislative meeting on September 5, 2006.

Resolution 2006-OR-09

[An ordinance to amend § 2-7 of the Town of Riverdale Park Ordinance Code]

§ 2-7. Compensation of elected officials

(a) On and after *July 1, 2007* ~~June 5, 1995~~, the Mayor shall be compensated at the rate of *nine hundred dollars (\$900)* ~~four hundred dollars (\$400)~~ per month.

(b) On and after *July 1, 2007* ~~June 5, 1995~~, the members of the Council shall be compensated at the rate of *four hundred fifty dollars (\$450)* ~~two hundred dollars (\$200)~~ per month.

Chapter 66 WALLS, FENCES, HEDGES AND TREES

Resolution 2006-OR-10

An ordinance to amend Chapter 66 of the Town of Riverdale Park Ordinance Code as follows.

[HISTORY: Adopted 2-21-72, effective 3-13-72.
Amended 12-7-98, effective 12-27-98. Revised and restated in its entirety 10-2-06, effective 11-27-06.]

ARTICLE I General Provisions

§ 66-1. Definitions.

Border fences are fences that separate a person's property from other people's properties, either public or private. **Non-border fences** are wholly internal to an owner's property, e.g. a fence that separates the front yard from the side yard is a non-border fence.

Chain-link fence is defined as a wire fence woven in a diamond pattern.

Entry feature is an open lattice arbor or trellis arranged over a gate.

Fence height is to be measured on the side of the fence that faces adjoining properties or the street and is measured from the surface of the finished grade to the highest point of the fencing material excluding vertical support posts, e.g., measure to the top of the tallest picket.

Hedge is a row of trees, shrubs or plants grown closely together to form a continuous barrier.

Non-ornamental metal fences are made in whole or in part of chain-link, chicken wire, wire mesh or strands, corrugated metal, sheet metal, barbed wire or other arrangements that are considered unattractive.

Privacy fence is a fence that is less than 50% open (visible through) when viewed perpendicular to the fence.

Shrub is any bushy plant that branches into several stems or trunks at the base and is smaller than a tree.

Yards are defined as follows:

Exterior yard is a yard that is at least partly adjacent to a public area (street, alley, walkway or park). An **interior yard** is not adjacent to any public areas (streets etc.) but may be adjacent to other private properties.

Front yard is that portion of the property that is to the front of the main building and side yards (exclusive of the side-yard lines).

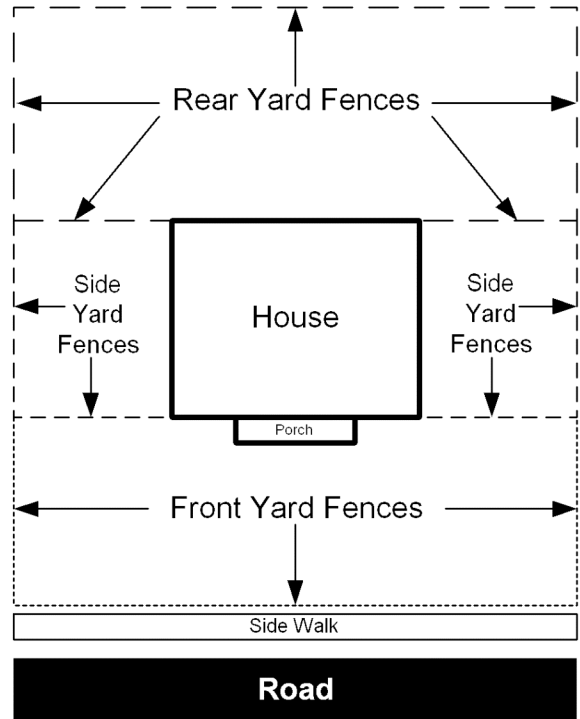
Rear yard or back yard is that portion of the property that is to the rear of the main building and side yards and is inclusive of the rear side-yard lines.

Side-yard line is the front or rear edge of a side yard. It is a line that runs from a corner of the main building (but not from a corner of an open porch or deck) to the side property line. Side yard lines normally run parallel to the street, but may run parallel to the face of the main building or other angle that is reasonable and aesthetic. Odd shaped lots and houses, large

corner porches and other special conditions must be considered individually.

Side yard is a portion of the property that is between a front and rear side-yard line and is inclusive of the front side-yard line and exclusive of the rear side-yard line.

Figure 66-1



The above drawing is for basic illustration purposes only -- see the text for definitions. Odd shaped lots and houses, houses set at an angle, large covered porches and other special conditions will be considered individually. Special rules apply to corner lots.

§ 66-2. Special exemptions.

The Town Council may grant special exemptions to any of the requirements in this chapter that are not mandated by the county. The Council will give consideration to aesthetics, individual circumstances and to the type and condition of adjacent properties. The Council shall carefully weigh such factors as lot peculiarities and adjacent conditions such as parking lots, trash bins, apartment buildings, highways, railroad tracks, woods, problem animals, high-crime areas, vandalism and poorly maintained properties as possible reasons to grant an exemption. For fences and walls, exemptions may be granted before or after applying for a permit and must be obtained before any wall or fence construction begins.

**ARTICLE II
Walls and Fences**

§ 66-3. Permits for walls and fences.

- (a) A town permit is required to erect or replace any fence or wall, except that
 - (1) A permit is not required to remove a fence.
 - (2) A permit is not required to erect a non-privacy fence that conforms to all provisions in this chapter and is less than or equal to 48 inches tall.
 - (3) A permit is not required to erect a conforming entrance feature.
 - (4) A permit is not required to repair an existing fence as long as the repair maintains essentially the same height, length, style and location as the original fence, and is not otherwise prohibited.
- (b) All retaining walls constructed along a sidewalk require a building or construction permit.
- (c) A permit application must show all buildings and the height, material and setback of all fences.
- (d) Any required town permits are “in addition to” and not “in place of” county permits.
- (e) All required town and county permits must be obtained before construction begins.

§ 66-4. Setbacks for fences and walls.

- (a) Fences and walls must be set back from a public sidewalk or street as specified in Table 66-1 Minimum Fence Setback below. The entire fence or wall (including posts, columns and entry features and any vegetation protruding from the fence) must be at least the given distance from the edge of any public sidewalk or street whichever is further. If a sidewalk is over 5' 2" wide then the setback required from the sidewalk for fences and walls is reduced to zero.
- (b) Wherever possible fences should exceed the minimum setback given in the table by 6 inches or more.

Table 66-1 Minimum Fence Setback

Fence Height	Min. setback from most sidewalks	Min. setback from sidewalks over 5' 2" wide	Min. setback from street
Less than 3'	10"	0"	12 feet
3' to 5'	12"	0"	13 feet
Over 5'	24"	0"	14 feet
Min. setback from a street with a speed limit over 26 mph is:			15 feet

§ 66-5. Fence Orientation.

The more attractive side of a fence must face away from the yard, structure or area that it is intended to enclose or screen.

§ 66-6. Fence materials.

- (a) Fences must be built of rot resistant materials, e.g. pressure treated lumber, vinyl, brick, stone or metal.
- (b) Barbed wire, razor wire and electrified wire fences are prohibited.
- (c) Corrugated metal, corrugated fiberglass, and sheet metal fences are prohibited.

Also see § 66-7(c) in “Front yard fences.”, and § 66-10(c) in “Exterior rear and side yards.”.

§ 66-7. Front yard fences.

Front yard fences must meet the following additional restrictions.

- (a) The **maximum height** for a wall, gate or fence section or combination thereof (excluding vertical support posts) is 4 feet in the front yard.
- (b) **Privacy fences** are limited to 3 feet tall in the front yard. A privacy fence may extend higher only if it is at least 50% open above 3 feet and does not exceed the front yard maximum height limit.
- (c) **Fence materials.**
 - (1) All non-ornamental metal fences (including chain-link) are prohibited in the front yard.
 - (2) Slats, rails and pickets greater than 6 inches wide are prohibited in the front yard.
 - (3) Also see § 66-6 “Fence materials.” above.

§ 66-8. Side yard fences.

The **maximum height** for a wall, gate or fence section or combination thereof (excluding vertical support posts) is 6 feet in an interior side yard. Also see § 66-10(a) in “Exterior rear and side yards.” below.

§ 66-9. Rear yard fences.

The **maximum height** for a wall, gate or fence section or combination thereof (excluding vertical support posts) is 6 feet in an interior rear yard. Also see § 66-10(a) in “Exterior rear and side yards.” below.

§ 66-10. Exterior rear and side yards.

An exterior yard is a yard that is at least partly adjacent to a public area (street, alley, walkway or park). Exterior rear and side yard fences must meet the following additional restrictions.

- (a) The **maximum height** for a wall, gate or fence section or combination thereof (excluding vertical support posts) is 4 feet in an exterior side yard and 6 feet in an exterior rear yard.
- (b) Also see § 66-12 “Fences near an intersection, e.g. corner lots.” below.
- (c) **Fence Materials.**
 - (1) All non-ornamental metal fences are prohibited in exterior rear and exterior side yards, except for fences that are setback at least 25 feet from public areas or are non-border fences located behind a conforming border fence.
 - (2) Also see § 66-6 “Fence materials.” above.

§ 66-11. Gates and entry features.

- (a) Gates may not swing outward onto any public road, sidewalk or public passageway.
- (b) Entry features in border fences may not exceed 8' in height, 3' in depth or 5' in width.
- (c) Entry features in non-border fences may not exceed 10' in height, 6' in depth, or 8' in width.

§ 66-12. Fences near an intersection, e.g. corner lots.

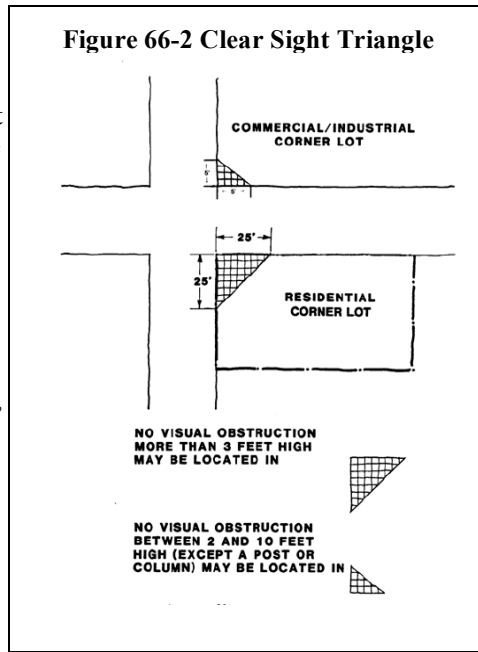
- (a) Visibility at corners and intersections may not be obstructed for drivers and pedestrians.

(b) **Clear sight triangle.**

County law dictates that on a residential corner lot, no visual obstruction more than three (3) feet high (above the curb level) shall be located within the triangle formed by the intersection of the street lines and points on the street lines twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection. (See Figure 66-2 Clear Sight Triangle)

County law dictates that on a commercial or industrial corner lot, no building or other visual obstruction (except a post or column) between two (2) and ten (10) feet high (above the curb level) shall be located within the triangle formed by the intersection of the street lines and points on the street lines five (5) feet from the intersection.

Fences and walls that adhere to "Table 66-1 Minimum Fence Setback" above are outside of the Clear Sight Triangle, as is any fence or object, which is setback from both streets such that the sum of the setbacks is at least 25 feet.



§ 66-17. Other law.

- (a) Fences must meet all design and construction specifications of the building code of the Town of Riverdale Park and Prince George's County, Maryland, and The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as well as the Ordinance Code of the Town of Riverdale Park.
- (b) Fences located in the Mixed-Use Town Center (M-UTC) Zone must meet the requirements specified in the Town of Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan.

§ 66-18. Grandfather clause for fences.

- (a) All fences legally existing as of November 27, 2006, which do not comply with any part of this chapter are deemed non-conforming use.
- (b) All front yard fences erected after November 27, 2006 that are intended to replace a non-conforming use fence must conform to the requirements of this section. In particular, front yard chain-link fences may not be replaced with a chain-link fence.
- (c) A fence deemed to be a non-conforming use, which has been removed or destroyed through no fault of the owner and due to circumstances beyond the control of the owner (except for natural aging), may be replaced or repaired in a manner substantially identical in all materials, height, length and location to the fence so removed or destroyed provided it is repaired or replaced within 180 days from the date of the removal or damage.
- (d) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the maintenance and repair of a non-conforming fence so long as the fence is not changed in character and all repairs are made with materials substantially the same as the materials requiring maintenance or repair.

§ 66-13. Pool enclosure fences.

All pools (except wading pools of 24 inches or less) must be completely and continuously enclosed by a permanent durable wall, fence or barrier, which

- (a) is at least 6 feet tall (as required by the county), and
- (b) has no opening larger than 3 inches in any dimension except for doors and gates, and
- (c) has self-closing, self-latching gates that swing away from the pool, and
- (d) obeys all town, county and state regulations.

§ 66-14. Screening for refuse containers and dumpsters.

See § 36-9(d) for fences around commercial trash containers.

§ 66-15. Temporary construction fences.

The Town Administrator may allow temporary fences for up to one full year not in strict conformity with this chapter at construction or excavation work sites in order to protect the safety of the public and of the workers at the site. No barbed or razor wire shall be allowed.

§ 66-16. Fences, walls and gates must be kept in good repair.

All fences, gates, retaining walls and parts thereof must be maintained in a structurally safe and sound manner and in good repair. Fence and wall sections must be kept firm and upright. Rusted areas must be replaced or painted. Missing or decayed parts must be repaired or replaced. Peeling paint must be replaced. See ARTICLE IV Violations § 66-25 and § 66-26 for violation procedures and penalties.

§ 66-19. Reserved.

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**ARTICLE III
Hedges, Shrubbery and Trees**

§ 66-20. Height of hedges and shrubbery.

- (a) **Maximum Height.** A border hedge is a hedge that separates a person’s property from other properties, either public or private and is located within 4 feet of that other property, public sidewalk or right of way or located within 16 feet of a street. The maximum height for a border hedge is 4 feet in the front yard, 6 feet in the side yard and 8 feet in the rear yard.
- (b) **Additional height restriction at front of lot.** The maximum height for a hedge that is within 16 feet of the front street is 3 feet.

§ 66-21. Setback of hedges, shrubbery and trees.

- (a) Where there is no public sidewalk along a street, a clear pathway of at least 5 feet wide must be maintained parallel to and within 12 feet of a street.
- (b) New trees must be located so that when full grown the tree trunk will be at least 2 feet from any public walkway or street.
- (c) All parts of a hedge must be set back from a street at least 13'. This setback is increased to 14 feet, if the street’s speed limit is over 26 mph.
- (d) No tree or shrub may overhang a public sidewalk or street in a manner that impedes the public. Vegetation that overhangs a public walkway must be kept at least 7 feet above the walkway. Vegetation that overhangs a street must be kept at least 10 feet above the street.
- (e) **Setback from walkways.** Clear walking areas require shoulder and head room. Hedges, shrubbery and tree limbs or parts thereof must be setback from public walkways through a height of 7 feet as specified in Table 66-2 (below). An exception is made for sidewalks that are over 5' 2" wide, which have a reduced minimum setback (see table).

Table 66-2 Minimum Setback from walkways through a height of 7 feet

Plant Height	Min. setback from most sidewalks	Min. setback from sidewalks over 5' 2" wide
10" to 30"	8"	4"
30" to 5'	14"	4"
Over 5'	26"	8"

§ 66-22. Grandfather clause for vegetation.

Any vegetation legally existing as of November 27, 2006, which does not comply with the above setback or maximum height limits and which would be extensively damaged or die if trimmed back to those limits need only be trimmed as far as is possible providing the plant does not continue to overhang a public sidewalk.

§ 66-23. Visibility at Intersections.

Vegetation may not obstruct visibility at corners and intersections for drivers and pedestrians. County law dictates that on a corner lot, no visual obstruction more than 3 feet high (above the curb level) shall be located within a clear sight triangle. See § 66-12(b) “Clear Sight Triangle” above for details.

Vegetation that is setback at least 12' 6" from both streets is clear of the sight triangle.

§ 66-24. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV Violations

§ 66-25. Procedure for violations.

Whenever a provision of this chapter is violated, then

- (a) The town shall notify the owner or custodian of the property that they must remedy the condition within
 - (1) 15 days after receipt of notice—for violations involving trees, hedges or shrubbery.
 - (2) 45 days after receipt of notice—for violations involving walls or fences, or
 - (3) Immediately, if the Mayor and Town Administrator determine that a significantly dangerous condition exists.
- (b) **Extension.** If the Mayor or Town Administrator finds it appropriate they may grant from 0 to 45 additional days for a condition to be remedied.
- (c) Upon failure to comply within the given time limit or extension, then
 - (1) The owner or custodian will be subject to the penalties set forth in § 66-6, and
 - (2) The town may arrange for the work to be done, the cost of which shall be assessed against the owner or custodian of the property, such costs to become a lien against the property and collectible as other municipal taxes are collected.
- (d) In the event that the owner or custodian cannot be successfully notified of such condition, the town reserves the right to correct such condition, the cost of which shall be assessed against the owner or custodian.
- (e) **Appeal.** If any person interested in the property feels aggrieved by the application of this provision to his or her particular case, they may appeal to the Mayor and Council where they shall be given a hearing. If the Mayor and Council find that an exceptional condition exists then the Mayor and Council may determine what is reasonable and safe for the particular situation and will specify by what date the person must conform to the council's decision and what if any fine or penalty is due.

Furthermore, any person aggrieved by the council's decision who was a party to the proceeding may appeal to the Circuit Court which shall have the power to affirm the decision of the municipality or, if the decision is not in accordance with law, to remand the matter or to modify or reverse the decision.

§ 66-26. Violation penalties.

Violations of the provisions of this chapter are declared to be municipal infractions, the penalty for which, unless specified otherwise, is one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense. If no appeal is pending, then every 30 days that the violation continues past the date of the initial fine shall constitute a separate offence with an additional \$100 penalty.

[End of Chapter 66]

**Ordinance Resolution
2006-OR-08**

[An ordinance to add § 50-15 to the Town of Riverdale Park Ordinance Code]

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverdale Park is working to beautify its Town.

NOW WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this addition be placed in chapter 50: Peace and Good Order.

§50-15. Outdoor unenclosed storage prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any property owner or tenant to utilize, or allow to be utilized, unenclosed porches, decks, patios, carports, gazebos, garages, sheds, or other exterior appurtenances of any dwelling structure for the storage of items, including but not limited to the following: fiber or paper products; building supplies and materials; flammable material, such as paints and solvents; motor vehicle parts and accessories ; appliances; and household furnishings, when such storage would be dangerous to human health, safety or well being. Any space used for the storage of such items which is not fully enclosed and sealed from the elements and does not have property fitted, closeable doors, if doors are installed,

shall be deemed to be unenclosed for the purposes of this section

Residents Hear Town Center Development Ideas

Kennedy Smith, Riverdale Park’s Development Consultant met with Town residents on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at Town Hall and shared the results of her survey and initial assessment of ideas for developing the Town Center.

Ms. Smith is an architect with a long career in downtown revitalization, including 19 years with the Main Street Center Project which is part of the National Historic Trust. She shared her personal aspiration for Riverdale Park’s Town Center...”to develop a solid strategy for Town Center to make it strong and viable.” She showed a PowerPoint presentation that depicted the loss of historic down towns over the last 50 years, shared insight into what makes a great Town Center great, and then opened the session to questions and answers.

The entire presentation will be re-broadcasted on Channel 71 on October 4 at 7pm and October 8 at 4pm.



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Public Works Report

By Debbie Murphy

Leaves

Loose leaf collection will begin in November. All fallen leaves before then must be bagged or put in a suitable container for yard waste collection.

Yard Waste

Yard waste is leaves, weeds, grass cuttings, and anything biodegradable from your yard. **Please do not mix trash and yard waste together** as it will not be picked up. Tree limbs that are up to 6 inches diameter and up to 5 feet long will be picked up. Bamboo cannot be collected with yard waste. Please put bamboo out on bulky trash days for pick up. Yard waste pick-up for Area A (south of East West Highway and west of Route 1) is on Mondays. Yard waste pick-up for Area B (north of East West Highway) is on Tuesdays. On these days, Public Works has one truck picking up trash and another truck picking up yard waste.

Plastic Bags For Sale

The town office is selling heavy-gauge clear plastic bags for \$2.50 for a roll of 25 bags. Placing yard waste in clear bags will save time as our collectors can immediately identify yard waste from other trash.

Recycle-Recycle-Recycle

The county charges a fee for your recycling whether you recycle or not. So please join the program and recycle glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastic containers. The more the residents get out of the waste stream and into recycling, the more money residents save.

Recycling bucket replacements can be obtained **free** from the Prince George's County Office of Recycling by calling 301-952-7630.

Automotive batteries can now be put out for pick up on your regularly scheduled bulk trash/metals pick-up day. We are now able to recycle these too.

Residents can **recycle used antifreeze, cans of paint and other hazardous liquids** by taking them to the Brown Station Landfill on Sundays between 7:30am and 3:30pm (closed on holidays). They cannot be brought in commercial vehicles. Residents must use their own vehicle.

Metals Pick-up

Items that are metal or are partially made of metal are picked up on bulk trash days. These items should be put in a separate pile from the rest of the bulk trash for pick up by a different truck. The metal items are not included in the 3 cubic yard limit for bulk trash. Public Works recycles these metals which generates revenue for the Town. Unfortunately people from other towns have been coming into our town and taking these metal items for personal gain. Only Public Works employees should be picking up these items. You will recognize our staff by their orange or safety yellow shirts or grey shirts with the orange safety stripes. We need help from residents to stop non-Public Works employees from taking this revenue from our town

Specialty Pick-up Items

There are some metal items that require special handling due to the Freon they contain. Because it is illegal to release Freon into the atmosphere, only someone who is licensed can do this. These specialty items are refrigerators, freezers, coolers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers. The Town charges a fee to pick up these items. Please call Public Works for details on how to dispose of them.

Fall Tree Planting

The Public Works Department will be planting trees this fall. If you would like a tree planted in your public right-of-way, please Debbie Murphy at 301-864-1803.

Volunteers Needed!

Riverdale Park Day is looking for volunteers to help out on October 7th anytime between 12-5pm. You can help set up or take down, help with the crafts tables, the pie eating contest, or even the Riversdale Races. For more information contact David Lingua 301-779-3849, Anissa Sunday 301-277-2458 or Andie Huberty 301-927-2682.

Tree Planters are needed! Join residents and students in cleaning up and planting trees at a small park behind Riverdale Elementary school. The event will be October 14th from 8am-11:30am. Food and drinks will be provided. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Kristen Liu at awsumbliu@gmail.com.

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Community Circles

Monday, October 2, 2006, Legislative Meeting, Town Hall, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4, M-UTC, Town Hall, 7:30 pm, **Riverdale Park Business Association**, 5:30 pm, location TBA.

Thursday, October 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2006, Farmers Market, Town Center 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7, 2006, Riverdale Park Day, grounds of Riversdale, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fun, food, live music, and contests for young and old alike. Join us!

Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, Rec Board, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10, 2006, Madison Hill Association, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

GoatMan Hollow, Town Center at site of old Credit Union, Riverdale Park residents free on Oct. 12, 2006 with proof of residency. See calendar for dates, times, & costs.

Sunday, October 15, 2006, Town Crier deadline.

Saturday, October 21, 2006, Open Hearth Cooking Class, Riversdale, 10:00 a.m., \$32.00.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, Lions Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 27, 2006, A Gothic Evening, Riversdale, 7:30 p.m., \$5.00, an evening of eerie tales and macabre happenings. Interpreters present excerpts from 19th century Gothic literature and live music during your self-guided tour.

Saturday, October 28, 2006, Flight Night, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive. Information: 301-864-6029.

Sunday, October 29, 2006, Daylight Savings Time Ends, Set your clocks back one hour.

Monday, October 30, 2006, Work Session, Town Hall, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31, 2006 Halloween, Trick or Treat, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Other Local Events:

Friday, October 6, 2006, Crescent Cities Center Flea Market, open to the public, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., 4409 East West Highway. Lunch sale indoors; Vendor spots available. For more information call 301- 699-2000.

Saturday, October 7, 2006, Mr. Stier's Bulb Sale, Riversdale, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 14, 2006, Gorgeous Prince George's Day! A great volunteer opportunity--A clean-up and planting event has been organized for the small park behind Riverdale Elementary. Volunteers will be ripping out some of the invasive species and planting some native shade and flowering trees to serve as a buffer zone for the small tributary that runs into the nearby Anacostia. The plan and plants will be on hand; please join us behind Riverdale Elementary on Saturday, October 14th from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Information, contact Kristin Awsumb Liu at awsumbliu@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 14, 2006, 29th Annual Fall/Winter Children's Clothing Sale, Riverdale Presbyterian Church 6513 Queens Chapel Road, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Fall and winter gently-worn quality infant to teen sizes clothing, toys, books, baby equipment, and kid's sports equipment. Excellent prizes!

Saturday, October 21, 2006, 12th Annual Anacostia Port Towns Paddlesport Regatta, (Rain Date, October 22, 2006), 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., (registration begins at 8:00 a.m.), Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD. Tax Deductible Race Fees: \$15.00 per kayak, \$30.00 per canoe. All fees go toward the river revitalization work of the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS). The AWS is working to restore the Anacostia River. You can support this effort by participating in the Regatta. There are dozens of events (including a two-mile course and a short slalom course) for scullers, canoers, and kayakers of all ages and abilities along a scenic two-mile stretch of the River from the National Arboretum to the Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Enter the raffle. Canoes, kayaks, launching facilities, and ample parking are available. Visit www.anacostiaaws.org for more information and to register on-line, or call 301-699-6204.

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 for more information.

Riverdale Park Boys Scouts – Troop 252—Monday, October 9, 2006, 7:30 p.m., Info:Bob Killen at (202)282-8302.

Civic Committees:

Lion's Club—Contact Guy Tiberio for information, 301-864-3545.

Madison Hill Homeowner's Association—For information call (301-513-9188) or email MadisonHillHOA@aol.com.

Recreation Board – Volunteers needed! Contact David Lingua at 301-779-3849, djlingua@gmail.com.

Riverdale Park Tree Committee—For information contact rebecca.feldberg@gmail.com.

Riverdale Park Traffic Study Committee—Contact Gerry Kiernan (301-277-4554), gerardkiernan@earthlink.net.

Riversdale Historical Society—Riversdale Mansion, call 301-864-0420 for information.

October 2006

To be listed in the Calendar
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Regular trash & yard waste - A 8:00 pm Legislative Meeting	3 Regular trash & yard waste - B 7:00 pm Traffic	4 County Recycling 5:30 pm RBA ¹ 7:30 pm M-UTC ¹	5 Regular, heavy & metal ² pickup - A 3 pm - 7 pm Farmers Market Town Center	6 Regular, heavy & metal ² pickup - B	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Noon - 5 pm Riverdale Park Day, Riversdale</div> 9 am - 5 pm Trash, oil, paper drop off. PW ¹
8	9 Regular trash & yard waste - A <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Columbus Day but offices & PW¹ open</div> 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow 7:30 Rec Board	10 Regular trash & yard waste - B 7:30 pm Madison Hill Assoc	11 County Recycling	12 Regular, heavy & metal ² pickup - A 3 pm - 7 pm Farmers Market Town Center <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7pm - 9 pm GoatMan Hollow, free for RP residents</div>	13 Regular, heavy & metal ² pickup - B 7 pm - 10 pm GoatMan Hollow, \$10	14 9 am - 5 pm Trash, oil, paper drop off. PW ¹ 7 pm - 11 pm GoatMan Hollow, \$10
15	16 Regular trash & yard waste - A Town Crier Deadline	17 Regular trash & yard waste - B 7:30 pm HLN ¹	18 County Recycling	19 Regular, heavy & metal ² pickup - A 3 pm - 7 pm Farmers Market Town Center 7 pm - 9 pm GoatMan Hollow, \$10	20 Regular, heavy & metal ² pickup - B 7 pm - 11 pm GoatMan Hollow, \$10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">MML Fall Convention</div>	21 9 am - 5 pm Trash, oil, paper drop off. PW ¹ 7pm-midnight GoatMan Hollow, \$10
22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">MML Fall</div>	23 Regular trash & yard waste - A	24 Regular trash & yard waste - B	25 County Recycling 7 pm Lions Club	26 Regular, heavy & metal ² pickup - A 3 pm - 7 pm Farmers Market Town Center 7 pm - 9 pm GoatMan Hollow, \$10	27 Regular, heavy & metal ² pickup - B 7 pm - 11 pm GoatMan Hollow, \$15	28 9 am - 5 pm Trash, oil, paper drop off. PW ¹ 7pm-midnight GoatMan Hollow, \$15
29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set clocks back 1 hr</div>	30 Regular trash & yard waste - A 7 pm - 9 pm GoatMan Hollow, \$20 8:00 pm Work Session	31 Regular trash & yard waste - B Halloween 7 pm - 10 pm GoatMan Hollow, \$20				

¹ Abbreviations: HLN, PG Home Learning Network; PW, Public Works; RBA, Riverdale Business Assoc (location varies call Audrey Bragg 301-277-7393); TH, Town Hall; M-UTC, Mixed-Use Town Center Zoning Review

² Regular trash, heavy trash, and metal recycling.
³ See article for more information.
Most activities at Town Hall (TH), unless otherwise noted.