

# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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## MAYOR'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) 06-07 PROPOSED OPERATIONAL BUDGET

### PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FY 06/07

Department	Present 05/06	Proposed 06/07
General Government	\$ 654,083.00	\$ 754,552.03
Police	1,710,015.00	1,836,588.00
Public Works	880,502.00	968,180.93
Recreation	6,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects	5,000.00	40,000.00
Economic Development		
Promotion	37,500.00	38,900.00
Miscellaneous	76,300.00	10,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,369,400.00</b>	<b>\$3,678,720.96</b>

### PROPOSED REVENUES FY 06-07

Description	Present 05/06	Proposed 06/07
Appropriated Surplus	\$ 0.00	\$ 72,648.96
Real Estates Taxes & Interest	1,842,400.00	1,999,072.00
Operating Property Tax	130,000.00	130,000.00
Tangible Property Tax	350,000.00	350,000.00
Gas Tax & MVA Licenses	243,000.00	230,000.00
Town Business Licenses	35,000.00	35,000.00
State Police Aid	155,000.00	155,000.00
Financial Corp.	11,000.00	11,000.00
County Business Licenses	5,000.00	5,000.00
Disposal Fee Rebate	17,000.00	17,000.00
Town Share Income Tax	270,000.00	360,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	100,000.00	100,000.00
Interest Income	20,000.00	25,000.00
Miscellaneous*	50,000.00	50,000.00
Rental Inspection	10,000.00	10,000.00
Apartment/Rooming House Inspections	70,000.00	70,000.00
CATV	39,000.00	39,000.00
Contribution from ACP	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,367,400.00</b>	<b>\$3,678,720.96</b>

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# Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

1. Approval of Minutes for March 6, 2006 Legislative meeting Approved.
2. Approval of Minutes for April 3, 2006 Legislative meeting-Approved.
3. Approval for 6' Privacy fence to be erected at 5007 Riverdale Road, for Mr. Brian Sooklal. – Tabled.
4. Ingraham Paper Street Improvement Proposal at 5004 Ingraham Street, Riverdale Park MD- Tabled.
5. CDBG PY 31 – Approval of Engineering Bid from G & C Consultants- Approved.

## Code Corner

By Colleen Ferguson

### Please Remember:

Maintain grass & weeds to a height of 10 inches or less	<b>68</b>
Obtain a Building Permit (Driveways-Fences too)	<b>15-7</b>
Have all vehicles properly registered	<b>64</b>
Trim all/any hedges that might be hanging over the sidewalks	<b>66</b>
Obtain a License for Single Family Rental Property	<b>55</b>
Commercial Activity- public garage, automobile repair shop, or machine shop in a residence is unlawful	<b>50-4</b>

Compliance is the ultimate goal of the Code Enforcement Department. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please call: 301-927-6381, 240-508-8460 or email: [coderiverdalepk@comcast.net](mailto:coderiverdalepk@comcast.net)

## Riverdale Park Police Department, April 06 Crime Report and Officer Activity

Ward	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Stln. Veh.
1	0	0	1	1	2	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	0	0	0	1	0	1
5	0	0	0	0	0	1
6	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1**</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3*</b>	<b>3</b>

\*\* 1 carjacking, \* 1 residential, 2 commercial

Activity	Total
Calls For Service	821
Routine Patrols	306
Traffic Stops	282*
Reported Traffic Accidents	40**
Parking Citations	53
Subjects Arrested	25

\* 223 Traffic Citations, \*\* 17 Written Accidents

## Town of Riverdale Park

[www.ci.riverdale-park.md.us](http://www.ci.riverdale-park.md.us)

### Town Hall

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### Council Members

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Vincent Harrison, Chief

## Town Crier

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It is also the policy of the Town of Riverdale Park to disallow discrimination in fair housing based on race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disabilities, and/or age.

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**Submission deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

# An Interview with Mayor Archer – The First Year of Service

The following interview was conducted with Mayor Vernon Archer who will celebrate one year of service in June 2006.



*Editor: It's been one year since you were elected Mayor of Riverdale Park. Overall, how has the first year gone?* Mayor Archer: Overall, it's gone great. We've [the Administration] managed to make improvements in the government. We're getting to staffing levels that will service the people and we are implementing training and team building among our new employees. It's certainly had its challenges.

*Editor: What has been your greatest challenge since assuming office?* Mayor Archer: Changing the culture from one in which the Mayor micromanages to one where the Town's staff are expected to be competent professionals and deliver services and fulfill expectations that are given to them by the Mayor and Council.

*Editor: You're working on the budget now for 2007. What do you see as the opportunities and challenges in developing a budget for Riverdale Park?* Mayor Archer: As far as opportunities, we [the Town] have a situation of rising property values. The property assessments are going up while returns on our portion of the Income Tax indicate that we have a population whose income is growing faster than the average in Prince George's County. This creates a real opportunity for Riverdale Park. As far as challenges, there are competing priorities [for the Town]. We want to get the Town on firm footing and have a steady reserve for unexpected challenges and that we can rely on. This coming year's budget should have an adequate reserve for Riverdale Park. We're proposing adequate levels of staffing for all branches of government, the right materials and tools to do their jobs and financing the infrastructure and economic development needed. This is what drove me to run for office.

*Editor: Town Center continues to be an enigma. What do you see as the future for this area?* Mayor Archer: Ultimately, Town Center will take off. It's a question of how to make it happen sooner rather than later. We've contracted with Kennedy Smith, who previously worked with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She has lots of experience in this type of situation—working with vacant spaces. *Editor: This seems like a real coup to get her. How did you do it?* Mayor Archer: We kept calling, calling, and calling. Finally, she called us back. She will begin in June.

*Editor: What do you like best/like least about being Mayor?* Mayor Archer: I guess best would be getting to work toward a goal of a successful Town and Government. In the future I want to get a morale/teambuilding program going with the employees. I keep telling them that we all have the same job—to make our Town safe, clean, and beautiful. What I like least is the fact that I'm Mayor 24 X 7. You're always on the job.

*Editor: Being Mayor undoubtedly has affected your personal life. How are you balancing your work, civic, and home lives?* Mayor Archer: It's proven to be the most difficult thing I'm facing, striking a reasonable balance between home, work, and being Mayor. I have to ensure that my family doesn't pay too high a price. My wife Susan has been a tremendous help. She's reduced the amount of work she's doing outside the house so she can spend more time with the kids. I've always been a very involved father and being Mayor has challenged the time I can spend with my wife and family.

*Editor: What is the one thing you want to tell the people of Riverdale Park?* Please be involved/stay involved with our community, schools, the children's sport leagues, church, the broader county, and regional activities. Keep working with the community to make it strong and a wonderful place to live.

*Editor: Thanks Mayor, is there anything else you would like to share?* Mayor Archer: Yes, first some sad news. John Marcos, husband of Kay Marcos (long-time Riverdale Park election Judge) passed on May 19, 2006. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Mrs. Kay Marcos c/o the Town of Riverdale Park, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737. Mrs. Marcos has our deepest sympathy.

Secondly, the Town of Riverdale Park, in collaboration with the City of Hyattsville, was awarded a grant to purchase a street sweeper. This new equipment will be jointly shared with Hyattsville. Not only will the sweeper help to keep our streets clean, but will diminish the amount of waste going to the Anacostia and Chesapeake Bay. Congratulations go to Patrick Prangley and staff, and the City of Hyattsville, for the successful application.

## Public Works Report

### Getting Rid of Mosquitoes

You can reduce mosquito annoyance in your yard by eliminating sites around the outside of the home that serve as habitat for mosquito larvae. As little as ½ inch of water in a discarded tin can will support dozens of mosquitoes. Clean roof gutters and corrugated downspout drainpipes. Flush birdbaths and containers under potted plants twice a week. Properly dispose of used tires (PW will pick up for small fee.) Turn over wading pools, wheelbarrows, pails, and any other object that hold water, including items stored under decks and porches. Drain water from tarps and grill covers. Mosquito spraying will take place on Tuesday nights starting June 5, 2006. Call Public Works and let them know of any bad problem areas.

### Tree Limbs

We will pick up tree limbs that are up to 6 inches diameter and up to 5 feet long. These need to be bundled and/or put in a container. Tree limbs are collected as yard waste. Yard waste is leaves, weeds, grass cuttings, and anything biodegradable from your yard. Please do not mix trash and yard waste together.

Bamboo cannot be collected with yard waste. The yard waste vendor does not accept bamboo. It will have to be treated as trash. Please put bamboo out on bulky trash days for pick up.

### 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.

### Recycled Oil Tank

The recycled oil tank is a service for residents to recycle their used motor oil. Please do not put anything other than used motor oil in this tank. The recycled oil tank is located outside the Public Work's offices at 5012 Queensbury Road.

## Proposed Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 06/07 (July 1, 2006 – June 31, 2007)

<b>TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, OPERATING &amp; CAPITAL TAX RATES, FY 06/07</b>	
<b>Town Property Tax Rate: \$0.56 per \$100.00 assessed valuation –at tax cap</b>	
A. Reduce Capital Debt on 7 new Police cruisers, 1 trash truck, 1 pick-up truck, and miscellaneous equipment.	<b>\$ 2.43 cents</b> per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.
B. Reduce Capital Debt on light-duty dump truck.	<b>\$ 0.37 cents</b> per \$100.00 assessed valuation.
C. Improvements to existing streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and aprons.	<b>\$ 3.41 cents</b> per \$100.00 assessed valuation.
D. Reduce Capital Debt on 5 new Police cruisers, 1 Town SUV, 1 new Code vehicle, 1 PW bucket truck.	<b>\$ 0.95 cents</b> per \$100.00 assessed valuation.
E. Riverdale Municipal Center Addition/Improvements.	<b>\$ 0.57 cents</b> per \$100.00 assessed valuation.
<b>Total: Town Special Tax Rate 05/06</b>	<b>\$ 07.73 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation.</b>
Tangible and Operating Tax Rates: \$2.00 per \$100.00 assessed valuation by the State of Maryland.	

**What this means to you:** Let's say you own your property in Riverdale Park and its' assessed valuation is \$100,000.00. According to the proposed tax rates, you would be assessed \$773.00 during the 06/07 taxing period.

## Father's Day, June 18, 2006

Sonora Dodd first had the idea of a "father's day." She thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day. Retrieved from: <http://www.holidays.net/father/story.htm> "It is a wise father that knows his own child." – *William Shakespeare*

## Ward One Report

By Rob Oppenheim

### Great Success

The Ward 1 party in May was a great success. About 130 people turned out to enjoy the festivities and one another's company. Ed Day summed it up best:

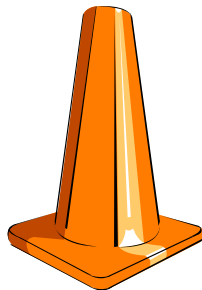
"It had a small town, friendly feel to it."

Very special thanks go to Steve and Ziggy Schmidlin, proprietors extraordinaire of S&J, for their generous gift of food and drink for the whole community! They gave away about 130 beers, 80 mini-burgers (their normal burgers are twice the size, but take too long to cook for such a large crowd), and 30 hot dogs. Big thanks go to Louis King for the professional sound system; to Andie for helping at the door; to Corey and Lewis for setting up; to Doris for getting the tickets and name tags; to the Calvert House for the door prize; and to the S&J staff for working to keep everyone happy—Casey, Kelly, Misty, Rashad, Ricky, Shawna, Stacy, Suzanne, and Tony.



### Summer Block Parties?

Block parties are a wonderful way to build community. If you would like to have your street closed for an event, let your council representative know before the legislative meeting (first Monday of each month). You'll need to identify the date and time, the block you want closed, and the name and address of someone to set the cones and collect them afterward. Public Works will drop the cones off a day or so before the event and pick them up afterward. The town's police and fire departments also will be notified of the planned closing.



### Queensbury Buses

There was a lively discussion on TownTalk (<http://www.tinyurl.com/dn6tj>) about routing buses onto East–West Highway vs. Queensbury and Riverdale Road. Sometimes the e-mail got a little heated, and it is worth remembering that all the participants want to improve the town, they just disagree over what is best. To summarize: No one wanted bus service reduced. Some wrote it would provide better service and reduce agony if the buses were on Route 410; others thought the opposite. No consensus was reached, although several said they would like to see more hybrid and natural-gas buses to reduce pollution.

## Mosquitoes—Tip or Toss

The best way to control mosquitoes, including Asian tiger mosquitoes, is to reduce their breeding grounds. Use the "tip or toss" method to dispose of standing water or the containers that hold it. **Draining or removing containers, even in a small area, will produce remarkable long-term reductions in mosquito populations.**



The list of breeding sites is extensive; it includes just about anything that holds water, but clogged rain gutters and tires are probably the worst offenders. You should also tip or toss

buckets, cans, bottles, boats, flowerpots, birdbaths, ornamental pools, tarpaulins, children's toys, rain barrels, and pet food and water dishes. If you have a tree stump that collects water, empty that too.

Clean your roof gutters and downspouts and keep them free of leaves and debris. Flush birdbaths and containers under potted plants twice a week. Empty wading pools, wheelbarrows, pails—anything that holds water. Drain water from tarps and grill covers. Repair dripping outdoor faucets. **Dispose of old tires:** One tire with just a few ounces of water can breed hundreds of mosquitoes continuously throughout the summer. Finally, don't forget to check under your porch or deck for puddles or for forgotten containers.

Spraying won't work if breeding areas are available, but if you've tipped and tossed and still have a problem, you can try insecticides. Remember to **read labels and follow instructions exactly**, and never burn mosquito coils or candles indoors. For the Asian tiger mosquito, look for active ingredients such as resmethrin, permethrin, or pyrethrin (there are others that work too). If you spray for tiger mosquitoes, it is best to wait until dusk when they are most active and to aim the treatment at their preferred resting areas: bushes, ivy, tall grass, under decks and porches, and in other shady sheltered areas.

### Please Get Rid of Tires

Dispose of your tires by calling Public Works, 301-864-1803. The fee is \$2.50 per tire (senior citizens pay \$2.00). It is against town code to have tires in your yard, and if you know of other properties that need to have tires removed, you can ask the town to notify the property owner that the tires must go. Code Enforcement will send a letter explaining how to arrange for disposal and give the owner several days to comply before imposing fines. Call Code Enforcement Officer Colleen Ferguson, 301-209-1505, or send e-mail to [CodeRiverdalePk@comcast.net](mailto:CodeRiverdalePk@comcast.net) about tires or any other matter for the department's attention.

## Mixed-Use Town Center (M-UTC) Update

By Alice Walker

The Patriot Group presented revisions to its preliminary plans for building condominiums at Riverdale Road and Lafayette, where Dumms' Corner is located. Since their last presentation, the Patriot Group made the following changes: (1) The underground parking garage is now planned to be three levels deep, located under the parcel north of Riverdale Road rather than spanning both buildings. The span of two buildings would have required a vault underneath Riverdale Road. The developer has taken soil samples and feels confident that such a parking structure is feasible. (2) Build-to lines and sidewalk widths were changed to conform to guidelines. (3) Facade materials and design were upgraded to reflect a greater variety of styles and materials.

The M-UTC committee commended the developer for the facade improvements and encouraged further refinement and variation in keeping with the guidelines. While there is improvement, there is still some way to go in terms of achieving quality building materials and design. The committee reiterated that building height remains a major concern. The committee urged the developer to consider use of step backs on upper floors or eliminate the fifth floor. The committee urged that the facade on the rear of the building receive strong attention to detail as it will be viewable from all angles. The committee noted that six of the parallel parking spaces planned may not be feasible on Riverdale Road.

A Patriot Group spokesperson recognized that the development will require the developer to seek a special permit exemption to build the project, because it exceeds the height restrictions of the guidelines. The developer will be returning to the M-UTC committee, most likely for the last time at the June meeting, with revisions to the plans. After that point, the project will go through a special exception seeking process, which will ultimately require a vote of the Town Council. If you have opinions about this project, you are welcome to contact your town council member.

You can learn more about the zoning in the M-UTC area. The zone emphasizes pedestrian-friendly redevelopment consistent with the character of the town and community desires. The next meeting of M-UTC is scheduled for June 7, 2006 at 7:30 pm. at Town Hall. For more information, visit:

<http://www.mncppc.org/cpd/riverdalepark.htm>

### The Summer Solstice

In the northern hemisphere, the longest day of the year (near June 22) when the *Sun* is farthest north. In the southern hemisphere, *winter* and summer

*solstices* are exchanged. The summer solstice marks the first day of the *season* of *summer*. The *declination* of the *Sun* on the (northern) summer solstice is known as the *tropic of cancer* (23° 27').

The summer solstice is the longest *day* of the year, respectively, in the sense that the length of time elapsed between *sunrise* and *sunset* on this day is a maximum for the year. People around the world have observed spiritual and religious seasonal days of celebration during the month of June. Most have been religious holy days which are linked in some way to the summer solstice. On this day, typically JUN-21, the daytime hours are at a maximum in the Northern hemisphere, and night time is at a minimum. It is officially the first day of summer. It is also referred to as Midsummer because it is roughly the middle of the growing season throughout much of Europe.

"*Solstice*" is derived from two Latin words: "*sol*" meaning *sun*, and "*sistere*," to *cause to stand still*. This is because, as the summer solstice approaches, the noonday sun rises higher and higher in the sky on each successive day. On the day of the solstice, it rises an imperceptible amount, compared to the day before. In this sense, it "*stands still*." Retrieved from: [http://www.religioustolerance.org/summer\\_solstice.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/summer_solstice.htm)

### Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Bike Ride Set for June 3, 2006

The Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) will host the first annual Go Prince George's bike ride. Ten, 20, and 40 mile course options are available to accommodate all skill levels. The ride will showcase cultural, historical, and natural attractions that can be accessed from the Anacostia Tributary Trail System.

Planned stops include the College Park Aviation Museum (the longest continuous operating airport in the world), Lake Artemesia (a 38-acre man-made lake), and Greenbelt (one of the first planned 'green' communities in the U.S. Bike rentals will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**8:30 a.m.**—35 mile ride ATHA History Tour begins at Montpelier Mansion.

**8:30 a.m.**—Registration and refreshments at Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

**9:30 a.m.**—Program opening and official welcome.

**10:30 a.m.**—Tours leave from Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

For more information call ATHA at 301-887-0777.

# Community Circles

## What to Watch For:

**Saturday, June 3, 2006, 10:00 a.m.**--Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Bike Ride, [www.atha.com](http://www.atha.com), 301-887-0777, see article, page 6. Activities begin at 8:30 a.m.

**Monday, June 5, 2006, 8:00 p.m.**—Legislative Meeting, Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park.

**Wednesday, June 7, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**—M-UTC meeting, Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park.

**Thursday, June 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2006. 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**—Farmer’s Market, Town Center; fresh produce and homegrown vegetables. Contact Rebecca Feldberg at [rebecca.feldberg@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.feldberg@gmail.com).

**Monday, June 12, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**—Recreation Board Meeting, Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park. Contact Doris Pullman at (301-927-6992).

**Friday, June 16, 2006, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**—Flea Market, Crescent Cities Center, 4409 East – West Highway

**Saturday, June 17, 2006, 7:00 p.m.**—Mid-Summer Eve, Riversdale Mansion. Reservation required. Fee. Call (301-864-0420) for more information.

**Thursday, June 29, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**—Friends of Preservation in Riverdale Park, Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park.

**SAVE THE DATE: Ward 2 Block Party, Saturday, September 9, 2006, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Contact Danielle Glaros at 301-779-5915, or [dmglaros@gmail.com](mailto:dmglaros@gmail.com), for more information.

## 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](mailto:NCSA@juno.com) or (301-927-0560). PG Soccer [League@juno.com](mailto:League@juno.com)

**Riverdale Park Girl Scouts:** Contact: Charmaine Wilson at (301-449-5690).

## Civic Committees:

**Madison Hill Homeowner’s Association**—For information call (30-513-9188) or email [MadisonHillHOA@aol.com](mailto:MadisonHillHOA@aol.com).

**Recreation Board** – Volunteers needed. Call Doris Pullman (301-927-6992) for information on next meeting.

**Riverdale Park Tree Committee**—For information contact [rebecca.feldberg@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.feldberg@gmail.com).

**Traffic Study Committee**—Contact Gerry Kiernan (301-277-4554), [gerardkiernan@earthlink.net](mailto:gerardkiernan@earthlink.net).

## Getting Involved

If you have information to share with the community, please submit it by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to the Editor, Town Crier, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737, or email [riverdaleparkmd@comcast.net](mailto:riverdaleparkmd@comcast.net). The Crier wants to hear from you regarding compliments or complaints. If you would like to compliment someone or something, likewise, if you would like to complain about something or something, limit your comments to 80 words or less and send it to the Editor care of the Crier. Your submission must include a phone number for verification. Due to liability issues, we cannot publish inflammatory remarks.