

RIVERDALE PARK



Health and Wellness – Community Walks and National Night Out

The Town of Riverdale Park sponsors Community Walks and the annual National Night Out that build social community and encourage the physical health and wellness of its residents. Community Walks have been a great time to meet new people and discuss opportunities for or concerns about the community. Community Walks have also included micro clean-ups as litter is collected along the way.

Community Walks are held from May through November and are an opportunity for Town staff, elected officials, and residents to walk through the community and discuss various topics of interest or concern. We typically have several staff members, a couple of elected officials, and a few residents who participate. We often meet residents along the route and discuss concerns that they have or share information about Town services. We bring along bags to pick up trash, recyclables and debris along the route, and note items that need attention (i.e. property maintenance issues, infrastructure concerns, public safety concerns, and items to report to other stakeholders). The routes and starting points vary and we try to cover as much of the Town as possible each year. The schedule for 2019 was posted online at <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/2019%20Meeting%20Schedule.Approved.pdf>. While the number of people attending varies based on the season, this summer's over 90-degree temperatures and precautions for COVID-19 have impacted our 2020 Community Walk schedule. Find out more at http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/our_town/town_events/community_walks.php



National Night Out is a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and is held on the first Tuesday evening in August. This event has been held in many locations to include Town Center, the Town Hall/Police Department (RPPD), and town-wide through a community bike ride. The primary focus of the event is the Riverdale Park Police Department however Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department, various County police agencies, and other community partners often participate in the event. Most years, the Town distributes school supplies to attendees. All Town offices and departments participate and support the event but RPPD and the Office of Administrative Services take the lead in planning and coordinating the event. Based solely on food consumption and other giveaways, 200-300 people typically attend depending on the year, location, and weather. Find out more at http://www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/our_town/town_events/national_night_out.php

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Community Walks 2019



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National Night Out – August 2019

