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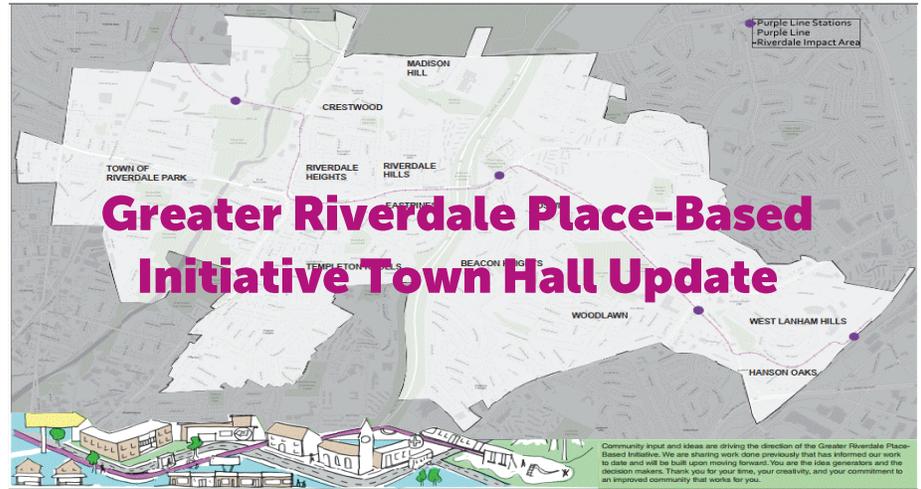
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The Greater Riverdale Place-Based Initiative Town Hall scheduled for March 14th was unfortunately postponed in our efforts to avoid the possibility of an attendee spreading the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We have made tremendous progress in identifying a roadmap to improve our communities through our work with our partners, residents, schools, faith-based and community organizations. Councilwoman Dannielle Glaros, the Town of Riverdale Park and communities in unincorporated Riverdale has been our strongest contributors and support in this effort. We thank you for coming together and engaging wholeheartedly in the work of the Place-Base initiative.

Our partners, Kaiser Permanente, The Neighborhood Design Center, Maryland Nonprofits and Enterprise Community Partners have made significant contributions to this effort.

Over the coming weeks, working remotely, we will continue to share more information about this initiative and upcoming opportunities to build it with your engagement. If you have any questions, please give our office a call at (240) 608-2527. All calls are being referred to the appropriate staff member for response.



United States Census 2020



Your Response Matters

Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. Health clinics. Fire departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of your community. The results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets.

Specific information and instructions can be found on their website:

<https://www.2020census.gov>

Our President's Day of Service Event at Templeton Elementary School, Riverdale, Maryland February 22, 2020



New paint colors abound at Templeton Elementary School! Over forty volunteers came on Saturday, February 22nd, for five hours to join in providing service to the community at Templeton Elementary School in Greater Riverdale. In addition we had five parents from Templeton Elementary that volunteered to serve as interpreters for French, Spanish, Farsi and Arabic during the event.

The volunteers, under the leadership of CKAR, Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) and Samuel Parker, Jr. as Team Captain, made physical improvements inside the school. Kaiser Permanente donated new state-of-the-art office furniture for the Administrative and Principal's office for a remake that brightened both interiors.

Community Forklift, a local non-profit, donated chairs for the reception area. Volunteers from the community, Kaiser Permanente, CKAR, NDC and Prince George's Community College created a new parent resource area to offer a welcoming atmosphere for school families; plants, rugs and new bulletin board displays. This event established a stronger relationship between CKAR, NDC, the school families, principal and administrative staff. It showed how much the community is willing to participate to support their school.

[Click here to view more pictures in gallery](#)



Residents and businesses in the Greater Riverdale communities are eligible to receive free tree planting courtesy of a grant CKAR received from The Chesapeake Bay Trust and Prince George's County Storm Water Stewardship program.

To reserve your trees, please call our office at (240) 608-2527, or email us at info@ckarcdc.org



SPRING 2020

- Breakfast and Lunch Café
- 14-week Certified Culinary Arts & Customer Service Training Program
- Healthy Eating/Healthy Living Menu
- Wellness Programming
- Job Placement Services



DONATE NOW!

Your donations go towards the café's renovation and is greatly needed and appreciated. Please make your donation now by clicking this link:

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/CentralKenilworthAvenueRevita/embeddonate.html>

Working at Home During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Well, I don't need to tell you how much of a challenge it is to stay honest while working at home. Many people were out emptying the grocery store shelves rather than working at home for the office. Ha-ha! So, here's how I'm doing it:

1. Writing my hours down and tracking time spent on each task.
2. Ignoring phone calls and text messages from family and friends.
3. Consistently checking emails for messages from colleagues.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Interview with Brian Boileau, Owner, Pizza Oven



Pizza Oven has been in business in the Greater Riverdale community for 63 years. Brian opened this business on September 11, 1957. The hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 6am til 7pm, and Fridays and Saturdays 6am to 10pm. The hours may change during the summer and winter.

They are best known for fresh dough by using bags of White Lily flour that is rolled out into pans everyday. They also make their own sauce three times a week. The pizza sauce recipe was created by Lou Lantos whom he met at Kaywood and developed a partnership. The dough recipe was created by a black gentleman from Ledos Pizza who worked with Brian to develop it.

Mr. Boileau started out making small and medium pizzas and homemade subs. Then he expanded with franchises in other areas including Mt. Airy, Catholic University, and Rockville. He stated that he kept the Riverdale location because “when he got old, he didn’t want to be fired. If I kept my own store no one could fire me.”

When Pizza Oven first opened, the rent was \$300 a month and now everything is much higher. The Riverdale location was chosen because it is close to DC and easily accessible to many surrounding areas. Mr. Boileau states that “many of the news people lived right up the road, close by. He also informed us that Virginia did not have much and that the beltway was not there. He remembers the beltway coming in 1963.

Most of the employees of Pizza Oven have worked there for 15 to 20 years and Mr. Boileau hopes they will be with him until he dies. He says he hopes to live a long time, until he is 105 years old eating pizza every day. Mr. Boileau was born in DC and lives in Takoma Park and that made his location all the more ideal for the Pizza Oven carryout.

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CKAR is anticipating completing the Edmonston Road Rain Garden Spring/Fall 2020. More information coming soon.



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\$10 for returning students

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Email Us: info@ckarcdc.org

Visit Us: 6801 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 203
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GREATER RIVERDALE PLACE-BASED INITIATIVE SURVEY

Fill out CKAR’s survey to make your voice heard! The responses will be used to shape new projects in Greater Riverdale through CKAR’s partnership with Kaiser Permanente.

<https://ckarcdc.force.com/s/>



OUR MISSION

To promote the social, environmental and economic development of Greater Riverdale, Maryland.

Transforming our communities:

Better Lives



Better Communities



Better Businesses

Working at Home during COVID-19 Pandemic

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4. Trying to maintain control over my eating which is a big challenge because home office is right next to my kitchen. ;o)
5. Keeping a positive attitude.
6. Setting goals to complete tasks.
7. Setting exercise goals and completing them.
8. Staying home and resisting temptation to go out for unnecessary reasons.
9. Saying no to relatives and friends who know I'm working at home and want all kinds of favors. Like I'm at home waiting for them to call and give me something to do. Ha-ha!
10. Hoping and praying that my hubby and I don't get this virus.

That's my 10 things to do while at home list. Stay Safe!

*by Jeanette Mitchell
Communications Specialist
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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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He shared a wealth of knowledge about the area, such as the fact that farms were nearby and that the population was just getting started. Houses were selling for \$18,000 across the street from him and Prince George's Plaza was the biggest dairy farm close to DC. There was nothing but cows in the county back in the day.

The Purple Line construction has caused great pain for the Pizza Oven's business. He has lost most of his business from the University of Maryland because of the traffic congestion. People are avoiding the area because of so much construction and traffic congestion. He has lost a lot of business.

Mr. Boileau delights in having people from all over the world to enjoy his delicious pizzas with homemade sauce and dough. He brings books in for them to sign and have had customers from Zimbabwe, Israel and other far away countries sign his books. Some have signed the book and seen someone from their own country. He says they just smile. They also recognize their own money in the books. His international customers also leave some of their own country's money. He's received bills and coins. They are very happy to see someone from their country was also a customer at Pizza Oven.



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Do you own a local business? If you would like to have your business highlighted in the next newsletter, email us at imitchell@ckarcdc.org.

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Economic Relief for Small Businesses

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
Information provided by US Small Business Administration

Prince Georges ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

GUIDANCE FOR BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYERS TO PLAN AND RESPOND TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM

The SBA's **Economic Injury Disaster Loan** program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.



1 Check Disaster Declarations

U.S. Small Business Administration has declared D.C.—including Prince George's County—as an economic disaster area.



2 Apply for a Disaster Loan

Loans are available for businesses and homes affected by disaster.



3 Check Your Status

Log in to your account and check your email for updates.

As a collaborative effort, the Economic Development Corporation, FSC First and the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce are available to assist companies with the loan application process.



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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) MANDATORY Closures in Maryland

- Shopping Malls and Entertainment Venues**
- Bars & Restaurants**: Restaurants can still offer take-out, delivery, and drive-thru options.
- Maryland Courts**: State of Maryland and Prince George's County buildings are closed to the public.
- Fitness Centers**
- Spas**
- Government Buildings**: State of Maryland and Prince George's County buildings are closed to the public.

Prohibited in Maryland

- Gatherings**: No more than **10 PEOPLE** at gatherings, including religious, spiritual, recreational, and sports gatherings **IN ANY LOCATION.**
- Evictions**: Prohibited.
- Shutting Off Utilities to Residential Customers**: Prohibited.

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Pop-Up Food Pantries For Those in Need

Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:00 am to Noon



2 LOCATIONS (Giant Parking Lot)
6000 Greenbelt Rd. Greenbelt, MD 20770
10480 Campus Way South Largo, MD 20774

If you are in need of food, there are other community organizations available to assist. To learn more, go to: www.capitalareafoodbank.org/covid19response

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For information on future Pop-up Food Pantries go to their website:

www.capitalareafoodbank.org/covid19response

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Cierres OBLIGATORIOS en Maryland

- Centros Comerciales y Lugares de Entretenimiento**
- Bares y Restaurantes**
- Tribunales del Estado**: Los edificios del Estado y el Condado están cerrado al público.
- Gimnasios**
- Teatros**
- Edificios Gubernamentales**: Los edificios del Estado y el Condado están cerrado al público.

Prohibido en Maryland

- Reuniones**: No más de **10 PERSONAS** en reuniones, incluyendo religiosas, espirituales, recreacionales y reuniones de deportes **EN CUALQUIER LOCALIDAD.**
- Desalojos**: Prohibido.
- Suspensión de Utilidades a Clientes Residenciales**: Prohibido.

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Restaurants in Greater Riverdale providing Grab n' Go and Delivery Service

- **Alamo Mexican Restaurant** (no email); 5508 Kenilworth Ave.; (301) 927-8787 – grab n' go; no delivery
- **Boston Market**; www.bostonmarket.com; 6121 Kenilworth Ave.; (301) 277-1350 – delivery through DoorDash & grab n' go
- **El Rodeo** (no email); 6258 Kenilworth Ave.; (301) 927-0202 – grab n' go; no delivery
- **La Flor De Puebla Bakery**; www.laflordepueblabakery.com; 6300 Kenilworth Avenue; (301) 699-8708; grab n' go; no delivery
- **Asian Restaurant** (no email); 5401 Kenilworth Ave. B; (301) 927-4942 – grab n' go; delivery
- **District Taco**; www.districttaco.com; 6710 45th St Suite A; (240) 623-0160; grab n' go; delivery
- **Pizza Oven Inn**; mypizzaoven.com; 6029 66th Avenue; (301) 459-1030; grab n' go; no delivery
- **Taqueria El Rey** (no email); 6017 66th Ave; (301) 459-2230; grab n' go; delivery
- **El Comalito**; www.pupuseriaelcomalito.com; 6100 Baltimore Ave; (301) 864-4600; grab n' go; no delivery
- **El Sitio Restaurant** (no email); 5837 Riverdale Rd; (301) 864-1850; (301) 864-1850; no info
- **Starbucks**; www.starbucks.com; 4501 Van Buren St; (202) 768-6413; grab n' go
- **Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins**; www.dunkindonuts.com; 5603 Riverdale Road; (301) 803-8465; grab n' go
- **The Habit Burger Grill**; www.habitburger.com; 4502 Van Buren St; (240) 860-0700; grab n' go
- **Geppetto Catering, Inc.**; <https://geppettocatering.com>; 4505 Queensbury Road; (301) 927-8800; catering
- **MOD Pizza**; <https://modpizza.com>; 4401 Woodberry St; (240) 825-4256; grab n' go by phone
- **Maria Bonita Restaurant**; (no email); 5612 Kenilworth Avenue; (240) 825-4329; pick-up only
- **Dumm's Pizza and Subs**; www.dummspizza.com; 4704 Riverdale Rd; (301) 277-2208; delivery and grab n' go
- **Taqueria Y Rostiseria El Rey**; (no email); 5401 Carters Lane; (301) 454-8145; grab n' go; no delivery
- **Queensway Restaurant and Catering**; www.queenswayfood.com; 5851 Riverdale Road; (301) 699-8002; no delivery; grab n' go only
- **McDonald's**; (no email); 6228 Baltimore Ave; (301) 277-6370; no delivery; grab n' go only
- **McDonald's**; (no email); 5600 Riverdale Road; (301) 277-6849; no delivery; grab n' go only
- **Jersey Mike's Subs**; www.jerseymikes.com; 6761 45th St; (240) 770-3456; no delivery; grab n' go only
- **Burton's Grill & Bar**; 4440 van Buren St; (240)825-3988; Closed 3/19-3/26
- **Pollo Fiesta Restaurant**; (no email); 6408 Kenilworth Ave; (301) 277-0298; no delivery; grab n' go only
- **Whole Foods**; www.wholefoodsmarket.com; 6621-B Baltimore Avenue; (240) 487-7575; grab n' go only
- **Riviera Tapas Bar**; www.rivieratapasbar.com; 6108 Rhode Island Avenue; (240) 825-3868; grab n' go only
- **Zheng's Restaurant**; (no email); 6019 66th Avenue; (301) 459-0707; grab n' go only
- **Banana Blossom Bistro**; 6202 Rhode Island Avenue Suite 116; (301) 277-8500; delivery and grab n' go, online and phone orders only

Other Helpful Resources:

<https://conta.cc/3baVI1K> -- COVID- English
<https://conta.cc/2x8hVPj> -- COVID - Spanish
<https://www.hookhall.com/helps> - Restaurant workers relief fund
https://drive.google.com/open?id=196vkSnUvP_tkc_qRDfmNV7L8dLrnqfGiR – CKAR CDC's guide to housing, medical, legal, employment, and small business development in the Greater Riverdale community.