



NEWSLETTER

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“Greater Riverdale Cares” Raises Over \$20K



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6 – WEEK TRAINING CLASS AT CENTRAL KENILWORTH AVENUE REVITALIZATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

We welcome all languages and we are here to help you. Certificate awarded at course completion.

Online Zoom Classes during COVID-19 pandemic:

Monday – Friday, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Seminars on Fridays:

- Path to US citizenship
- Introduction to computers
- Guest speakers

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45 for textbook / **\$10** for returning students

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The **Greater Riverdale Cares GoFundMe** campaign with partners – CKAR, Office of Councilmember Dannielle Glaros, Kaiser Permanente and GoBrent Realtor has raised over \$20,000 to benefit local restaurants and families in the Greater Riverdale communities. Restaurants that might close because of these uniquely difficult times are paid a stipend which helps to keep their kitchens open and workers employed. The restaurants prepare warm meals that are delivered to communities in Greater Riverdale to feed families in need.

Riviera Tapas, Banana Blossom Bistro, Denizen Brewing Co., Dumms 2Fifty Texas BBQ and Geppetto Catering Inc. have prepared over 2000 meals that have been distributed at various locations in zip code 20737. Families have received elegant meals prepared by these businesses.

We are grateful for all of the supporters that have helped us exceed our goal of \$10,000 and as of 5/15, we have raised over \$20,000. Together, we can support our local businesses, feed our neighbors, and demonstrate that **Greater Riverdale Cares**.

Your gift of \$10 will feed one person; \$40 will feed one family; \$120 will feed three families. No gift is too small – or too large! How many will you feed today?

Thank you for your support!

[greaterriverdalecares/gofundme](https://www.greaterriverdalecares/gofundme)



GREATER RIVERDALE PLACE-BASED INITIATIVE UPDATE



This update summarizes the process that we have engaged in so far and the potential projects that have emerged out of your work. We look forward to hearing your feedback at a Town Hall in the future. We are working on ways to remain engagement with the Initiative ongoing during COVID-19. We are collaborating with a team of architecture students from the University of Maryland to help visualize some of these projects, so please look out for results of that work on social media.

CKAR submitted our Action Plan to Kaiser Permanente for review. This Action Plan contains our recommendations for how to begin implementing your community vision and identified projects. We look forward to sharing this report and next steps with you soon. In the meantime, we are partnering with the

eight schools in our communities and Kaiser Permanente to begin a strategic planning process and to help us respond to needs in the schools. Through the Greater Riverdale Cares program and partnerships with local restaurants and caterers, we are continuing to serve hundreds of meals each week to provide relief during this pandemic. Maryland Non-profits will soon begin to provide capacity-building support to a cohort of Greater Riverdale non-profits. We are excited about all the progress to come.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support Greater Riverdale and this Place-Based Initiative. Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

With gratitude and respect,
Patricia Hayes-Parker,
Executive Director, CKAR CDC, Inc.

We hope that each of you are staying safe and well. During these difficult times, we are continuing to make progress on the Greater Riverdale Place-Based Initiative. You may have already seen the Community Update on CKAR's website at

<https://ckarcdc.org/place-based-initiative-ckar-cdc-riverdale-park/>.



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DesignCenter**



Enterprise

Greater Riverdale Cares GoFundMe has distributed over 2,000 meals to families. Your financial contributions are greatly needed to keep this effort going. Many families are in dire need of meals and we are here to help. Give today by clicking on the link below. Thank you for your Support!

greaterriverdalecares/gofundme

Greater
Riverdale
Cares



CKAR WILL CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2020 WITH TREE GIVEAWAYS



CKAR is now receiving names and contact information for residents and businesses in the Greater Riverdale communities for free tree planting.

Call our office at (240) 608-2527, to reserve your trees or email us at info@ckarcdc.org. Plantings will take place in the fall as soon as we are clear of the COVID-19 pandemic.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: GREATER RIVERDALE CARES



GEPETTO CATERING
SOPHISTICATED • INNOVATIVE • GREEN CERTIFIED
4505 Queensbury Road
Riverdale Park, MD 20737

Masterfully Crafted Catering along with Sophisticated, Innovative, Green Certified is the motto listed on their website and has been representative of the meals they have prepared for families through the Greater Riverdale Cares GoFundMe program.

Staying in? They've got you covered! Geppetto Catering has launched their newest line of Stay at Home Packages delivered right to your door. Each of these have been crafted with YOU in mind. Whether you're planning a date night or dinner for the family, there are options for everyone!

Check out their Blue Plate Special, Pizza Kit at Home, BBQ Cabin Fever Cure, and Stay In and Wine Down Packages on their website!

<https://geppettocatering.com/product-category/stay-at-home-packages/>



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



4700 Riverdale Rd
Riverdale Park, MD 20737

Freshly smoked BBQ. They have: Brisket, Pulled Pork, Beef Ribs, Spare Ribs, Smoked Cheese, you name it! They have all wood-exclusive smoke, no artificial flavors, all fresh and natural. They only smoke the best meat possible, from choice to prime, every time!

Curbside pickup, online ordering or delivery by one of their delivery partners: Doordash, UberEats, Grubhub or 2ndKitchen.

<https://www.routeonefun.com/dumms-pizza-2fifty-texas-bbq-riverdale-park/>



6108 Rhode Island Ave, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

ATapa is an appetizer or snack in Spanish cuisine and translates to small portion of any kind of Spanish cuisine. In some bars and restaurants in Spain and across the globe, tapas have evolved into a more sophisticated cuisine. Tapas can be combined to make a full meal [Wikipedia.org].

Rivierera Tapas Bar is open daily for carry out orders. Their menu includes Tacos, Empanadas, Salads and Entrees.

<https://rivieratapasbar.com/>



6202 Rhode Island Ave #116
Riverdale Park, MD 20737

With your convenience in mind, they have launched a Family Meal menu and will soon be introducing their Meal Prep menu. Available for pickup or delivery, your meals can be set for the week without having to leave the comfort of your home; it's one less thing to worry about. These fresh meals can last through the week or be frozen as a meal prep option!

Open for pickup and deliveries Tuesday – Sunday 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Orders may be placed online or by phone.

<https://www.bananablossombistro.com/>



4550 Van Buren Street
Riverdale Park, MD 20737

Denizens Brewery, Inc. is a local beer brewing company that offers 100 beer varieties including traditional lager, ale and Belgian styles. They rotate seasonal selections highlighting barrel aging and sour programs creating a style to suit every taste. They have prepared tasty meals for residents each week.

<https://denizensbrewingco.com/>

OTHER CKAR HAPPENINGS

SUMMER 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/embedddonate.html>

GREATER RIVERDALE PLACE-BASED INITIATIVE SURVEY

Do you want your voice to be heard? Then 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/>

created by CCMA AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers:



Our Mission

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

Transforming our communities:

Better Lives



Better Communities



Better Businesses

CKAR anticipates completion of the Edmonston Road Rain Garden in Fall 2020.



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FROM COUNCILMEMBER DANNIELLE GLAROS' OFFICE

Councilmember Dannielle Glaros' office has a new [eCommentportal](#) that will allow the public to participate in virtual Council sessions. This portal enables residents to register electronically to speak on agenda items scheduled for public hearing or to submit a comment or letter into the official public record.

Overall account creation instructions can be found [here](#). Participants are encouraged to create an account and understand the process prior to the hearing. Check your spam folder for the confirmation email if it does not appear in your inbox.

Please read and following the steps outlined [here](#) (English) and [here](#) (Spanish).

For those unable to use the [eCommentportal](#), comments/written correspondence may be emailed to: clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us or faxed to (301) 952-5178. All testimony and comments received by the deadline will become part of the public record of the meeting. Testimony and comments will not be accepted via social media or by telephone/voice mail message.

FROM GOVERNOR HOGAN'S OFFICE

Governor Hogan has announced that there will be no evictions, utility shutoffs, or utility late fees during the COVID-19 crisis. Tenants must show their inability to pay rent that is related to the pandemic.

<https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2020/03/16/coronavirus-update-gov-hogan-prohibits-evictions-service-shutoffs-during-state-of-emergency/>

PURPLE LINE UPDATES

Northbound Traffic Shift onto Permanent Bridge

New: Beginning on or about May 30, 2020, northbound traffic will shift onto the permanent Baltimore-Washington Parkway bridge over Riverdale Road. This work may take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., until the shift is complete. Flagging operations and temporary lane closures will occur.

FOOD GIVEAWAY LOCATIONS

Starting Monday, April 6, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students can pick up a week's worth of "grab and go" meals in fewer visits. Meal pick-up will occur twice a week going forward. Students can get meals for two days on Mondays and three days on Wednesdays. Breakfast, lunch and a snack are available at 43 sites. Parents may now pick up meals for students who are unable to come to the site by showing a student ID or report card. Meals are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents and guardians are not required to accompany students nor are students required to show ID. Visit the following link to find locations for meal giveaway sites sponsored by Prince George's County Public Schools: <https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus/meal-sites/>

DISTRICT 3 MEAL LOCATIONS:

Riverdale Elementary, William Wirt MS, Templeton Elementary, Carrollton Elementary, Woodridge Elementary, Robert Frost Elementary



FEEDING OUR COUNTY

FOOD PANTRY LOCATIONS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, several food pantries have been set up all over the County. Click on the link below, then enter your zip code or address into the map to search for the food pantry nearest you.

[FIND A PANTRY](#)

GREATER RIVERDALE CARES VOLUNTEERS AT FOOD GIVEAWAY SITES



FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - The County has officially launched our Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which will provide temporary assistance to renters impacted by COVID-19, beginning TODAY, Monday, May 11. This website will provide specific information: mypgc.us/renthelp.



COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
Prince George's Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Temporary rental assistance available to help with rent and utility payments for tenants whose employment income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Program starts on Monday, May 11, 2020
Applications will be accepted and last until all available funds are allocated.

Eligibility:
Renter households residing in Prince George's County:

- Must demonstrate that they are at risk of losing their rental housing or having utilities shut off due to COVID-19.
- Must provide supporting documentation of hardship.
- Must have a current income at or below 80% of area median income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

Please Note!!
Applicants should visit the Emergency Rental Assistance Program webpage at mypgc.us/renthelp, or call 211 or (301) 864-7161.

Payments will be made directly to the landlord or utility company.

Visit our webpage for more detailed information: mypgc.us/renthelp



COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
Programa de Asistencia de Alquiler de Emergencia de Prince George

Asistencia de alquiler temporal disponible para ayudar con los pagos de alquiler y servicios públicos para inquilinos cuyos ingresos laborales han sido afectados negativamente por COVID-19.

El programa comienza el lunes 11 de mayo de 2020
Las solicitudes serán aceptadas y durarán hasta que se asignen todos los fondos disponibles.

Elegibilidad:
Hogares de inquilinos que residen en el condado de Prince George:

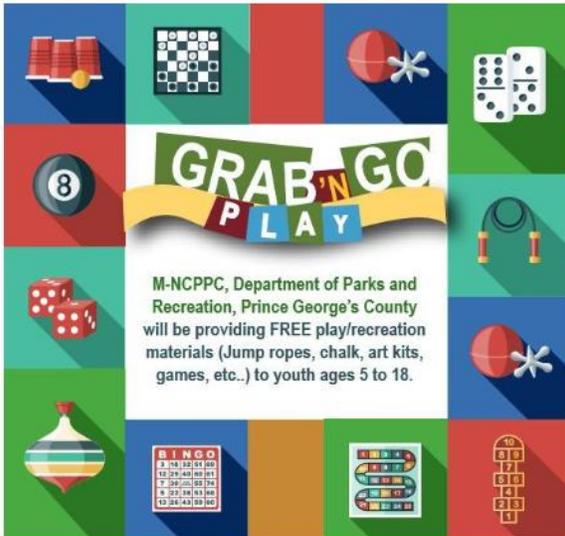
- Deben demostrar que corren el riesgo de perder sus viviendas de alquiler o de que se corten los servicios públicos debido a COVID-19.
- Deben proporcionar documentación de respaldo de las dificultades.
- Deben tener un ingreso actual igual o inferior al 80% del ingreso medio del área, según lo definido por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE. UU.

¡¡Tome Nota!!
Los solicitantes deben visitar la página web del Programa de Asistencia de Alquiler de Emergencia en mypgc.us/renthelp, o llamar al 211 o (301) 864-7161.

Los pagos se realizarán directamente al propietario o la compañía de servicios públicos.

Visite nuestra página web para obtener información más detallada: mypgc.us/renthelp

GRAB & GO PLAY: The Department of Parks and Recreation has launched the “Grab n’ Go Play Program”, providing free activity kits for children. Parents can pick these kits up to keep their children active and engaged. The kits can be obtained at Marlow Heights, Oakcrest, and Glenarden Community Centers.



GRAB 'N' GO PLAY

M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County will be providing FREE play/recreation materials (Jump ropes, chalk, art kits, games, etc.) to youth ages 5 to 18.

Available only on Fridays (12pm -2pm) at the following sites:
Marlow Heights Community Center • Oakcrest Community Center • Glenarden Community Center
For More Info Call: 301-699-2255 TTY 301-699-2544

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[@PGParks](https://www.instagram.com/PGParks)
[@PGParks](https://www.tiktok.com/@PGParks)



GRAB 'N' GO PLAY

M-NCPPC, Departamento de Parques y Recreación, Condado de Prince George's distribuirá materiales GRATUITOS de juegos / recreación (cuerdas para saltar, tizas, kits de arte, juegos, etc.) a jóvenes de 5 a 18 años.

Disponibles solo los viernes (12 p.m. a 2 p.m.) en los siguientes lugares:
Centro Comunitario de Marlow Heights • Centro Comunitario de Oakcrest • Centro Comunitario de Glenarden
Para obtener más información, llame al: 301-699-2255 TTY 301-699-2544

 **Parks & Recreation**
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[@PGParks](https://www.tiktok.com/@PGParks)

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

- **Alamo Mexican Restaurant**; 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**; 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**; 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 & 2Fifty Texas Barbque**; www.dummspizza.com; 4704 Riverdale Rd; (301) 277-2208; delivery and grab n' go
- **Taqueria Y Rostiseria El Rey**; 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**; 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**; 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_tkcqRDfmNV7L8dLrnqfGiR – CKAR CDC's guide to housing, medical, legal, employment, and small business development in the Greater Riverdale community.