

RIDGELY'S RECORD

A Newsletter for the Residents and Businesses of Ridgely's Delight, an Historic Community

July 2016

Community & Board Meetings June 6th

The monthly community meeting will be held upstairs at Sliders on Wednesday, July 6th at 7pm. A board meeting will follow at 8pm.

If you live or own property or a business in Ridgely's Delight, you are welcome to attend both meetings; however, only board members are allowed to vote at the board meeting.

A link to the meeting agenda will be available on our Facebook and Twitter pages when it is available. The meetings are community-sanctioned events, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing

Movie Night: July 16th

Join your neighbors at Conway Park for family friendly movie night! Enjoy "1776" on a giant screen with surround sound. Bring your family and friends, a blanket or some chairs. The movie will begin at sundown, around 8pm. A movie isn't complete without popcorn, so we'll provide it for free. A grill will be available for your cooking pleasure. Everyone is welcome!

Street Sweeping Reminder

Street sweeping helps keep our streets clean, prevent storm drain blockage and protect waterways from hazardous materials. Each month, the odd sides of the street are swept on the 3rd Wednesday and even sides on the 4th Wednesday. Please be mindful of the schedule and move your car before 8am on these days.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(July 20th)

Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
(July 27nd)

Pick-up Day Reminder

Trash pick-up: Wednesdays

Recycling pick-up: Fridays

Ridgely's Delight Safety Tips

A few tips to help reduce crimes of opportunity

To prevent vehicle break-ins:

- Always lock your vehicle
- Never leave anything especially valuables in plain view. Even if you don't believe it to be of value, someone else may.
- Never leave your keys or key fob in your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended, this is against the law.
- When possible, park in a well-lit area.

To prevent home break-ins:

- The easiest way into your home is through an unlocked door or window. Don't provide an invitation. Lock your doors and windows.
- Utilize your home security system – Deter thieves with noise or an automatic call to the police. If possible, consider purchasing a home alarm.
- Proper outside lighting – Thieves may choose to bypass a well-lit home.
- Strong exterior doors – Solid wood or metal provides stronger protection against break-ins.
- Block basement windows and window well covers
- Lock pet doors – Make sure your pet door isn't a point of entry for a thief.

To prevent robbery:

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not allow yourself to be distracted by activity such as talking on your cell phone, listening to music or reading.
- Try to travel with others, and walk in well-traveled areas
- Protect your electronics by not displaying them.
- Do not display large amounts of cash when paying for items
- If carry your wallet in your front hip pocket or inside jacket pocket- do not carry in your back pocket.
- If you carry a handbag or purse, carry one that you can grasp with a hand.

Renovations Underway

Ridgely's Recreational Park Project

Great news! Renovations are underway at our neighborhood playground located at the intersection of Penn and Melvin streets. Renovations are expected to be complete this fall. Among improvements will be new seating, outdoor exercise equipment, a ping pong table, new lighting, and landscaping. Plans can be viewed on the neighborhood website: <http://www.ridgelysdelight.org>. The completed project will be a great recreational and gathering space for all.

Kid's Club Lemonade Stand-July 10

The neighborhood Kid's Club is planning to raise money for ping pong paddles and a bike rack by selling lemonade and treats at their lemonade stand. The tentative date for the lemonade stand is July 10th but look for updates and specifics on Next Door and the Ridgely's Facebook page. It would be great if the community could come together to support the kids and contribute to the new community gathering space

Community Clean up

The monthly community clean-up will be held on July 9th. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9 a.m. Pickles will provide free pizza and beer to volunteers after the clean-up.

If you know of areas where we should concentrate our efforts, please notify president@ridgelysdelight.org. The clean-up is a community-sanctioned event.

New Parking Permits in Effect

New residential parking permits and visitor's passes take effect July 1st. Don't forget to apply your new sticker to your windshield. Be sure to remove the old one to avoid a ticket. If you have not picked up your permit yet, you must go to the Parking Authority office at 200 W. Lombard Street.

City Closed July 4th

City offices will be closed for Independence Day on July 4th. Parking meters will not be in effect.

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Renovation Reminder

All renovation work requires a city permit. Additionally, since Ridgely's Delight is an historic district, work on the outside of your home requires CHAP approval prior to beginning any renovation. To review the CHAP guidelines, visit

<http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/chap>

Feel free to contact the Ridgely's Delight Architectural Review Committee (ARC) with any renovation related questions at arc@ridgelysdelight.org.

Proposed bylaw amendments are in bold.

Notes about the proposed changes follow in italics.

ARTICLE III: Membership

2) Member in good standing: In order to remain a member in good standing and be eligible to vote, a member must be at least eighteen (18) year of age and must attend at least **three (3)** regular meetings, board meetings, or previously sanctioned community events within **six (6)** months prior to the meeting at which a vote will be cast.

Notes: The proposed change is actually a reversion from the 1996 amendment to the numbers in the original bylaws. But the important passage "or previously sanctioned community events" from the 1996 amendment would remain.

ARTICLE VIII: Committees

1) General: The standing committees shall be a Finance Committee, a Membership Committee, a Nominating Committee, **and an Architectural Review Committee.** Such other committees as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the board.

Notes: The RDA bylaws do not include an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) among its standing committees. This is likely because the original bylaws predate the creation of the Ridgely's Delight Historic District. The Baltimore City Commission for Historic & Architectural Preservation (CHAP), which administers the historic district, suggests but does not require an ARC. CHAP does require, at a minimum, that the historic district puts forth a liaison.

2) Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall advise the Board and the Association on fiscal matters and shall **review** the books and accounts in June of each year. The committee shall consist of the Treasurer and no less than two Association members appointed by the President. The chairman of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Association President and shall not be the Treasurer.

Notes: The proposed amendment would change the existing word "audit" to "review," in accordance with current best practice.

5) Architectural Review Committee: The Architectural Review Committee shall liaise with the Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) regarding the Ridgely's Delight Historic District, and may consider other architectural concerns of the neighborhood. The leadership and makeup of the committee shall be outlined in the Registry of Records

Notes: The proposed definition of the ARC includes two parts. The first is to liaise with CHAP to fulfill the functional needs of the Ridgely's Delight Historic District. The second is to address broader architectural concerns of the neighborhood which may not directly involve CHAP or historic preservation. Because the historic district is a distinct legal entity from the Ridgely's Delight Neighborhood, its committee chair should not be appointed by the RDA president (like the other standing committees). And because the makeup of the ARC changes over time, its leadership and structure should remain flexible. Therefore its exact structure is best left to the Registry of Records, not the bylaws.

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www.ridgelysdelight.org

Download the newsletter or find information about events, trash pick up, or on going projects

- Follow us on Facebook:

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Upcoming Neighborhood Events

July 16th, Dusk: Movie night: 1776

August 2nd, Dusk: Movie night: The Sandlot

Ridgely's Gamers

We will be taking a break for July but we'll be back in August with another great game.

Contact Jennifer at jenniferjhammitt@gmail.com with any questions. Play on!

www.ridgelysdelight.org

Have a City related concern and/or need to contact your councilman?

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