

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

May 2019

## Community & Board Meetings May 1st

First Wednesday, May 1st, this monthly meeting is scheduled for 7 pm at a special location: George Washington Elementary at 800 Scott Street in Pigtown. The theme of the meeting is: "Our Neighborhood's Role in The Success of a Community School". In Ridgely's Delight, if you live, own property or a business, then you are welcome to attend Community meetings and Board meetings. We also welcome our western neighbors from Pigtown and the Southwest Partnership to our meeting.

Guest Speaker: Natasha Guynes is the founder of HER Resiliency Center (HER), an organization dedicated to supporting and guiding vulnerable young women ages 18-25 to becoming self-sufficient, independent adults. A native of Louisiana, Natasha has lived in the Baltimore/Washington area for 18 years. She regularly engages in community opportunities to celebrate and support women's leadership, entrepreneurship and mentorship through public speaking, volunteerism and storytelling performances.

## Special Election May 1st

There is a vacancy on the Ridgely's Delight Association Board and the neighborhood bylaws require a special election to fill the open position.

To be eligible to run or vote, community members must attend at least two sanctioned events in the four months prior to the November meeting. These include community and board meetings, clean ups, newsletter delivery, committee meetings, and citizens on patrol walks.

Megan Moorer is the current nominee for the open seat. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland at Baltimore, lives on Melvin Drive, and is super motivated to join the Ridgely's Delight Association Board.

Any member in good standing may be nominated from the floor on May 1. To find out whether you can run or vote, please send an email to our Secretary, AbBear@gmail.com.

## Beautification Committee

Our next Community Dumpster and Cleanup is Saturday, May 18th, from 9 – 12:30. Meet at the Community Shed. Keep an eye out for plant distribution and stoop gardening notices. Please reach out to get more involved by contacting the Committee Chair, Betsy Daggett, or your local Block Captain.

## Live Baltimore – Trolley Tour – May 11

This home buying incentive event will offer participants a chance to meet with real estate experts and community organizations, take a tour of Baltimore neighborhoods, preview homes for sale, AND become eligible for \$5,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance toward the purchase of a home, anywhere in Baltimore City! The May 11th tour will include Ridgely's Delight. This tour will depart from the University of Maryland campus at 621 West Lombard Street. To register and for more information, please visit <https://livebaltimore.com/events/details/trolley-tours/#.XLdu1-hKjD5>

## May is Bike Month

There are many events around town. Sunday, May 5: Bike to the JFX Farmer's Market – there will be a secure bike valet and local prizes. Friday, May 17th is Bike to Work Day: free coffee and pastries at Bikemore in Old Goucher. Register for events and learn more at: <https://www.bikemore.net/calendar/>

## Mark Your Calendars – June Events

In coordination with Live Baltimore, Friday June 7 will be a South Baltimore community Happy Hour at Checkerspot Brewing Company. They will be featuring homes in the stadium area.

Foodstock is coming to Conway Park on Friday, June 21st. Stay tuned for more details on this day-long event that includes community partners, local chefs, panel discussions, food distribution, urban gardening, and a screening of the movie, Wasted. Free and open to the public.

## Baltimore Flower Mart

Friday, May 3 - Saturday, May 4 in Mount Vernon along the promenade and blocks that surround the Washington Memorial in midtown. This will be the first year that the mart will be run by the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy and yes, the Lemon Sticks will return.

## Neighborhood Survey

In the coming months, a member of the Ridgely's Delight Board or a Block Captain will knock on your front door or engage you in a conversation to take a short one page survey on topics relating to what you like best about Ridgely's Delight, what you would like to change, and anything else you wanted to share with us. As a community, we have undertaken the survey as guidance for the Board and to measure community needs and desires.

One lucky survey recipient will be randomly drawn from all completed surveys to win a pair of tickets to a future Orioles home game so we hope that you will participate when the survey is rolled out.

## 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: [arc@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:arc@ridgelysdelight.org)

## Block Captains Needed

With an eye towards sidewalk beautification and neighborhood outreach, the Block Captain program is being rolled out in 2019. From time to time, the block captain will assist with safety reminders such as outdoor lighting, or notifications about alley cleanups. Ideally, every block can have a captain and if you are interested in assisting, please email [President@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:President@ridgelysdelight.org). The position counts towards membership in good standing.

**NEXT STREET SWEEPING DATES**

**May 15 (odd side)**

**May 22 (even side)**

Trash is picked up every Wednesday.

Recycling is picked up every Friday.

Street sweeping occurs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday on the odd side of the street and every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday on the even side of the street.



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**April Meeting Recap**

In advance of our upcoming survey, we asked attendees what positive words describe life in our neighborhood. Top answers included: Neighbors and Friends, Walkable, Historic Feel, Green Space and Trees, O's Games, and Active Community. The neighbors voted to retain the Citizens On Patrol Safety Watch logo. This will be republished as a laminated card for interested residents to display in their front windows. We asked the attendees what qualifying events should count towards membership in good standing. Here were the results:

Qualifying Event	Yes	No
Regular Meetings	x	
Board Meetings	x	
Citizens On Patrol Walks	x	
Publication of the Newsletter	x	
Distribution of the Newsletter	x	
Other Previously Sanctioned Events (PSE)	x	
PSE: Participation in an RDA sponsored cleanup	x	
PSE: Attendance at Committee Meetings	x	
PSE: Attendance at Special Meetings	x	

Approved as Qualifying Events for 2019	Yes	No
Participation in a Committee's Activities ·New activities on Safety Committee; or ·New activities on Beautification Committee	17	3
Representing the RDA at government meetings	16	2
Planting and Maintenance of an RDA - Sponsored Community Garden or Adopted Garden	15	3
Writing a grant application on behalf of the RDA	16	2
Setting Up and Organizing National Night Out (first Tuesday in August)	16	0
Attending National Night Out (which takes the place of the August Meeting)	15	4
Serving as a Block Captain	16	2
Stoop Gardening Participation	11	7
Proof of Cleanup and Neighborhood Maintenance outside of the time frame from a Saturday or sanctioned cleanup (timing related)	14	2
Engagement on a neighborhood issue outside of the realm of a Wednesday Night meeting (timing related)	9	8