

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

April 2015

Community Meeting on April 1st

Our community meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1st, at 7pm, upstairs at Sliders. Jennifer Kunze from Chesapeake Climate Action Network will be in attendance to discuss the possibility of freight trains carrying crude oil through Baltimore.

You can review minutes from previous meetings at www.ridgelysdelight.org/minutes. We will also post a link to the meeting agenda on our Facebook page when it's available. The meeting is a community-sanctioned event, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing. The RDA board will hold their monthly meeting immediately after the community meeting.

If you live, work or own property in Ridgely's Delight, you are invited to attend the meetings; however, only board members can vote at the board meeting.

Plant Your Free Stoop Garden

The Ridgely's Delight Association is pleased to announce our first Neighborhood Stoop Gardens project. Thanks to a grant from the Parks & People Foundation, the Association will host a greening event on May 9th at 9am in the Burgundy lot to help neighbors create their own stoop gardens. We will offer free native Maryland plants and Leaf Guard soil, plus use of our community gardening tools. Just bring your green thumb and containers.

Adopt a Garden Update

The Ridgely's Delight Association appreciates the overwhelming support for the Adopt a Garden competition. All of the gardens have been adopted, and we are looking forward to watching the gardens bloom and further beautify our historic neighborhood throughout the next six months.

No Recycling April 3rd

City offices will be closed for Good Friday on April 3rd, and there will be no recycling collection. The make-up day for recycling will be Saturday, April 4th.

Happy Hour at Pratt St. Ale House

This month's First Friday happy hour will be held on April 3rd at Pratt Street Ale House. Come out and meet your neighbors and bring a few extra bucks for the 50/50 drawing, which benefits the community association. The fun will start around 6:30 pm.

Street Sweeping Is HERE

You've heard it on the RDA website, social media pages and email that street sweeping is coming. Well, it's finally here! Street sweeping signs were installed in March, and the program has begun in our neighborhood. Parking is prohibited:

- from 8am to noon on the odd side of the street on the third Wednesday of the month
- from 8am to noon on the even side of the street on the fourth Wednesday of the month

The "no ticketing" grace period has passed. You WILL receive a ticket from the City unless your car is moved from the requested side of the street between 8am and noon on the appropriate days.

The dates, times and sides of the street affected by street sweeping are posted on the calendar at ridgelysdelight.org. If you have an electronic calendar that is compatible with Google, you can copy the events into it as a reminder.

With the newly introduced street sweeping signs, the City also installed new signs that prohibit parking at the end of the block at any time. Please be watchful of the new postings.

Pick-up Day Reminder

Trash pick-up: Wednesdays
Recycling pick-up: Fridays

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(April 15th)
Even Side: every 4rd Wednesday
(April 22nd)

Ridgely's Pirates Sailing August 7th

Due to the rip-roaring good time we had on last year's Urban Pirates cruise, we're going to take to the high seas – or at least the Chesapeake – again this year. Please join your neighbors on Friday, August 7th for an hour-long, all-Ridgely's Urban Pirates grog cruise and help us pillage the Inner Harbor. Boarding on the pier at Ann and Thames Sts. begins at 7pm. The ship sails from 7:30-8:30pm. Bring your own grog on the 52-foot ship Fearless and enjoy maritime songs, dancing and debauchery. Feel free to dress in pirate gear to get in the mood.

Tickets will be available for \$25 apiece – cash or check accepted – at the community meeting and first Friday happy hour. You can also contact admin@ridgelysdelight.org. A maximum of 49 passengers are admitted on each cruise, so don't delay. Please note that we have purchased all the tickets for this cruise, so you can't buy them with a Groupon or through Urban Pirates.

Visit urbanpirates.com for directions to the boarding location, parking information and other details.

Grog cruises are for adults aged 21 and older, and you must provide photo ID to board. Drinks are not sold on board, so bring any adult beverages and mixers that you wish in glass, plastic and cans. Coolers are allowed.

If you can't wait until summer to get your pirate on, you can go to the Privateer Festival April 18th-19th in Fells Point.

Community Clean-up on April 25th

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Apr. 25 in conjunction with the Mayor's Spring Clean-up. Please join us in beautifying our neighborhood as part of a city-wide event. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9 a.m. The event will end at 1 p.m. to adhere to the City's schedule. 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.

We have requested a dumpster for delivery on the morning of April 25th to end of Conway St. **Please do not leave your car at the far end of Conway St. next to the park from the evening of April 24th until the morning of the 25th.** The City will not leave the dumpster if cars block this area.

Hours
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Save the date

Bowling Happy Hour – May 1st
Community Baseball and BBQ – June 12th
Urban Pirates Cruise – August 7th

Fighting crude oil-by-rail in Baltimore*

The Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) is the first grassroots, nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to fighting global warming in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Through litigation, CCAN has helped reduce mercury pollution from a coal plant in Wise County (Virginia) and force the cleanup of three coal ash dump sites in Maryland.

CCAN would like to alert Marylanders that Targa Terminals, located in South Baltimore, recently applied for a construction permit to expand and retrofit its existing export pier to store, handle, process and ship more than nine million barrels of crude oil per year to East Coast refineries. The oil industry is targeting Baltimore as an easy through-way to export crude oil. CCAN and others believe a crude oil train or port explosion could threaten thousands of Baltimore residents, local property and the environment. The goal of CCAN is to spread the news about the possibility of Targa Resources transporting crude oil by rail through Baltimore.

For more information about CCAN, their campaign to keep crude oil out of Baltimore, possible significant sections of Maryland to be affected by an accidental derailment, and additional resources can be found at

<http://chesapeakeclimate.org/maryland/fighting-crude-oil-by-rail-in-baltimore/>

*Information obtained from the CCAN website and personnel

Ridgely's Gamers

The next meeting of the Ridgely's Gamers is planned for Thursday, April 23rd at 8pm at Cafe Tesfa. We are looking at playing either Pictionary or Taboo, so come out and meet your neighbors! Interested? You can contact Jennifer Hammitt at jenniferhammitt@gmail.com for more information, or join the Ridgely's Gamers Facebook group for news, updates, and to share your input on what you would like to play. Game on!

Bowling Happy Hour in May

Due to the Orioles home game on the first Friday in May; we will take the happy hour out of the neighborhood. Join your friends and neighbors for a night of duckpin bowling at the Patterson Bowling Center on May 1st at 7:15pm. Your \$25 ticket covers shoe rental, bowling and a Tommy's Backdoor BBQ sandwich. Bring your own beer, wine and soda (no hard liquor). Space is limited, so sign up today by emailing Tom at tomlight1@msn.com. The bowling alley is located at 2105 Eastern Ave.

Opening Day Activities

Our Orioles finally return to Camden Yards this month, and Opening Day at Camden Yards will be April 10th. The game starts at 3pm so there will be plenty of traffic and activity in the area from early morning through the evening. Quigley's Half Irish Pub will hold its annual Opening Day event. This opening day event will have **Portland Street between Greene to Emory closed for most of the day**. The Babe Ruth Museum will not be holding an event, so residents so not need to worry about any more street closures in the neighborhood on opening day. Go O's!

Baseball and BBQ

RDA is organizing a Baseball and BBQ fundraiser to benefit neighborhood cleaning and greening. Come out on Friday, June 12th and enjoy an Orioles vs. Yankees game (7:05pm) with a pre-game BBQ at the Tom Light's house (623 Washington Blvd.) beginning at 4:30pm. Tickets are \$32 each and include the price of game ticket and all the hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, (vegetarian options included) you can eat. Please contact Tom at tomlight1@msn.com for more info or to purchase tickets.

2015 Pigtown Charity Golf Open

Join Pigtown for its 2015 Charity Golf Open on Friday, June 26th from 8:30am-1pm. The event will be held at Carroll Park Golf Course, 2100 Washington Blvd. Enjoy a round of golf, complimentary buffet lunch, prizes, contests, giveaways and more. All proceeds benefit Pigtown Main Street, a nonprofit organization dedicated to revitalizing the Washington Boulevard commercial corridor in Historic Pigtown. Buy tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/PigtownGolf>. Hurry! Early bird prices expire April 30th.

Safety Tip

A man was recently seen trying to open doors on the north side of the neighborhood. As the days grow warmer, please remember to protect your home from break-ins by keeping your door locked at all times. Also, when you go out to go to bed, close and lock your first floor windows. If you see suspicious activity or a crime in progress, call 911. Please notify safety@ridgelysdelight.org if you have a safety question or if you are a victim of crime so we can monitor the activity in the neighborhood and keep track of trends.



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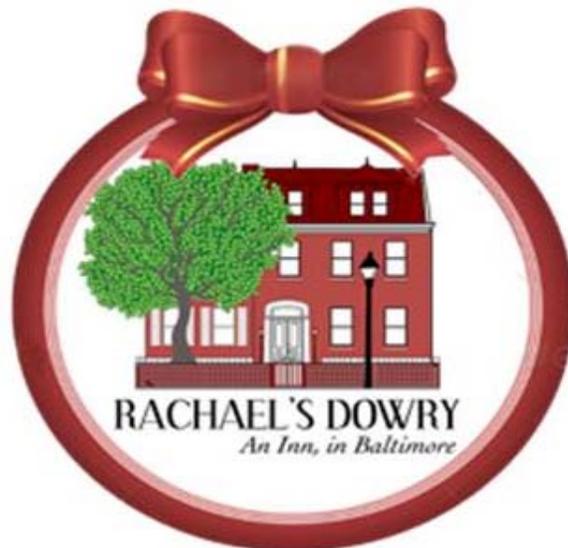
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