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

April 2016

Community & Board Meetings April 6th

The monthly community meeting will be held at the Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance (DBFA) Community Blend at 625 Washington Blvd on Wednesday, April 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

To learn more about DBFA please visit their website: www.baltimorefamilies.org

Mayor's Spring Clean Up 2016

Ridgely's Delight will be participating in the Mayor's Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 23.

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. Anyone who puts in 4 hours that morning can receive a certificate that can be used toward a credit on your stormwater fee. If you know of areas where we should concentrate our efforts, please notify president@ridgelysdelight.org. The clean-up is a community-sanctioned event.

Please note that the City will not be supplying us with a dumpster this year.

Babe Ruth Museum Community Forum

The Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum will host a public, community forum on Tuesday, March 29th beginning at 7:00pm. The purpose of this forum will be us for an open forum to discuss upcoming events in the neighborhood. Museum staff will be on hand to answer questions, and to discuss and alleviate any potential concerns. The forum will be held at the Birthplace Museum – 216 Emory Street.

APRIL Happy Hour and Light City Baltimore - Save the Date

Join your friends on April 1st at 5:30pm at Slider's for an adventure as we all walk down to the Inner Harbor for Light City Baltimore - a festival of art, music and innovation that will paint Baltimore with light and art. This event is for the entire family!!!

Opening Day Activities

Our Orioles finally return to Camden Yards this month, and Opening Day at Camden Yards will be April 4th. 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 also be holding an event, that will have Emory street from Dover to Portland closed. Residents will still be able to access Dover street via Emory from Pratt Street. Go O's!

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 (April 20th) Even Side: every 4rd Wednesday (April 27th)

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Ridgely's Gamers are back

Bring your favorite flannel and join us April 14 at Peace & A Cup of Joe for 80s/90s Pop Culture Trivial Pursuit! As always, byob with food and coffee for purchase - contact Jen for details at jenniferjhammitt@gmail.com. or join the Ridgely's Gamers Facebook group for news, updates, and to share your input on what youwould like to play. Game on!

New Municipal Trash Cans

Baltimore City is providing one free 65-gallon trash can to every residential address that currently receives trash collection service by the City. Using these cans should help keep our neighborhoods and waterways clean, reduce the rodent population, reduce strain on our workers and make trash collection more efficient.

Distribution of the cans for Ridgely's Delight will begin June 2016. Hang tags will be posted at each property approximately 10 days before delivery. A neighborhood delivery schedule will be posted at http:// publicworks.baltimorecity.gov and updated regularly.

To request a smaller can please call 311 before April 20th. Resdients requesting smaller cans must be a part of a block-long group and have front collection.

To opt-out of the program, please submit the opt out form to publicworks@baltimorecity.gov by April 20th. The opt-out form may be found here: http://tinyurl.com/jfdtak3.

<u>April 20th</u> is the last day to opt-out or request a smaller can.





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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.



Upcoming Neighbor Events

- April 1st, 5:30pm: Happy Hour Light City
 - Meet up at Sliders; Attendance is Free;
- April 23rd, 9:00am: Mayor's Spring Clean Up 2016

Meet at the community shed at the Burgundy lot

May 6th, TBD: Happy Hour

May 21st, Dusk: Movie night

Attendance is Free; Movie TBA;

Connect with your Neighborhood

• Bookmark the neighborhood website:

www.ridgelysdelight.org

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

• Follow us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/RidgelysDelight/ And don't forget to share your pictures from the neighborhood events.

• Join Nextdoor:

ridgelysdelightmd.nextdoor.com A private social network for neighboods. The app is available for Android and Iphone.

• Stay informed:

Add yourself to the Ridgely's email list and keep in touch with what's going on in the neighborhood. These emails are only occasional, we promise not to spam your mailbox. Sign up at http://tinyurl.com/h72yu7d



Safety Tips:

When thieves find a home that's easy to break into, they tend to hit other homes in the neighborhood. If they have difficulty breaking in, they tend to move to other areas. That's why it's important for everyone in Ridgely's Delight to make their homes as secure as possible. Following are some tips to help:

• Install a deadbolt lock. Lock your doors every time you leave the house, even if you're going out for just a few minutes during the day.

- Keep garage doors closed and locked.
- Secure sliding doors and windows.

• Don't leave valuables near the windows where they will be visible from outside.

• Mark your property with an engraver to help police in identifying and returning stolen property. Make a property identification list.

• Buy a burglar alarm and test your system monthly.

• Leave a light on a timer. Close bedroom drapes or blinds.

• Keep your front light on at night.

• Work with your neighbors. When you are going to be away, tell trusted neighbors and ask them to watch your property. Have neighbors maintain your yard. When on vacation, have someone cut the grass. Shrubbery should not hide neighbors' view of windows or doors. Have someone pick up newspapers and mail. Tell neighbors to call police if they notice anything suspicious.

If you see something, say something. Call 911 if you see suspicious behavior, like somebody looking in windows or trying to open doors.

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

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