

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

August 2015

Community & Board Meetings August 5th

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5th upstairs at Sliders at 7pm. A board meeting will follow. 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.

National Night Out August 4th

The Ridgely's Delight Association will participate in the annual National Night Out with a pot luck barbecue in Conway Park on Tuesday, August 4th, beginning at 6pm. The Night Out is a nation-wide event to promote safety, and representatives from the City, as well as Baltimore City and University of Maryland police will be on hand. This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about living safely in the city. The RDA will provide hamburgers, regular and vegetarian hot dogs. Please bring your beverage of choice and a dish to share. RSVP on our Facebook event at www.facebook.com/ridgelysdelight, so we can make sure we have a balanced menu. For the safety and comfort of all, please have children supervised by a parent or guardian and all dogs leashed.

Stay in the Know

Keep up with what's going on in Ridgely's Delight by signing up for our email list. We'll notify you when the newsletter is available online; if there is an emergency, if an important event is coming up and more. Sign up at www.ridgelysdelight.org. We will not share your email address with other organizations. We will only use it to send you periodic emails. Make sure you don't miss our Facebook posts by hovering over the Liked button and clicking on "Get Notifications."

Happy Hour Takes to the Seas

It's finally here after months of publication! On Friday, August 7th, an all-Ridgely's Delight Urban Pirates Grog Cruise will replace this month's first Friday happy hour. Boarding on the Pier at Ann and Thames Sts. begins at 7pm; the Ridgely's Pirates will storm the Inner Harbor! Tommy's Backdoor BBQ will be supplying some edible Pirate Booty, jerk chicken sandwiches and a special island concoction. A few tickets are still available for \$25 payable by cash or check and contacting Tom at tomlight1@msn.com OR \$26 (\$1 service fee) on PayPal at www.ridgelysevents.org. Boarding is at 7pm and the cruise runs from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. 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.) Food and drinks are not sold on board, so bring any additional snacks, adult beverages and mixers that you wish in glass, plastic and cans. Coolers are allowed.

Annual SoBo Softball Classic

Ridgely's Delight will fight to regain its championship title in the 7th annual South Baltimore Softball Classic on Saturday, August 29th, from 11am to 3pm at Swann Park (296 West McComas St.). Even if you don't want to play, come out to cheer on our team and have a great time with your neighbors and other folks from South Baltimore.

There will be a pot luck cookout throughout the day, so please bring any beverages you'd like to drink as well as a dish to share. There will also be a few grills on hand.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(August 19th)
Even Side: every 4rd Wednesday
(August 26th)

Hours
Mon, Tue, Wed
 7:00am—8:00pm
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Could You Be a RDA Board Member?

The Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA) is the group that compiles the Ridgely's Record newsletter, organizes community clean-ups, monthly happy hours, holiday party, barbecues in the park and neighborhood beautification projects. The RDA's main goal is to make life better in Ridgely's Delight.

Our board of directors prioritizes neighborhood projects and decides how community funds will be spent. Board activities should reflect the needs and interests of all of Ridgely's Delight, and the board should be representative of the ages, races, economic and residential statuses of the neighborhood.

A new board is elected every year at the November community meeting. To be eligible for the board, people must live, work or own property in Ridgely's Delight and attend at least two community-sanctioned events during the four months prior to the election.

Board members are expected to:

- attend monthly community meetings, board meetings and events
- participate in neighborhood initiatives
- participate in frequent email discussions on a timely and professional basis
- serve on at least one committee, such as membership or finance

Board members with experience in any of the following areas would be of particular value:

- project management
- community and government affairs
- public works
- communications and marketing
- grant-writing
- bookkeeping
- property management
- event planning
- service on a non-profit board of directors

If you are interested in becoming a board member, please:

- review the by-laws in the Association section of www.ridgelysdelight.org to learn more about the purpose of the board and board members' duties
- attend community meetings if you haven't done so before to familiarize yourself with the neighborhood issues

If you would like to run in the November election, please contact sharon@ridgelysdelight.org by September 15th.



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Community Clean-up August 8th

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Saturday, August 8th. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9am. Pickles will provide free pizza and beer to volunteers after the clean-up. The clean-up is a community sanctioned event.

Safety Tip: Clean Out Your Car

As new students who are not used to city living move into the neighborhood at this time of year, car break-ins tend to rise. To avoid being a victim, leave nothing in your car. Even a few pennies on the floor or a phone charger or GPS mount can attract a thief. If you see someone looking in cars, please call 911 immediately.

Baltimore City Police ask that we work with them to help reduce crime. Follow @BaltimorePolice on Twitter for safety tips and crime reports. The police have solved crimes because people have identified suspects posted in descriptions and videos.

Look for more safety tips to protect your property at www.ridgelysdelight.org/safety.

Stargazing Fridays

Where can you find an open-air, rooftop observatory in the middle of the city? Just head to the Maryland Science Center, where every Friday from 5:30-9pm you can stargaze like an astronomer with the help of the center's 10-foot telescope. Fun fact: The refurbished telescope was built in 1927!



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The Baltimore Museum of Art is home to the internationally renowned Cone Collection, and it holds the largest and most significant collection of Henri Matisse's works in the world. Outside the BMA's walls lies the lavish Sculpture Garden, featuring two terraced gardens, fountains and 34 sculptures. Every Sunday the museum hosts hands-on workshops, interactive gallery tours and more activities for families, including the museum's Family Audio Tour. The tour highlights 20 objects in the collection, and is narrated by Raoudi, Matisse's perky schnauzer.

The Walters Art Museum owns more than 25,000 pieces of art and offers free general admission (excluding special exhibits). Bring the whole family to enjoy special family tours and activities for all ages. Children will enjoy the displays of knights' armor; the statues; the colorful paintings; the furniture; and the many small and lovely objects – including Fabergé eggs. The museum hosts a variety of free family programs as well, from drop-in art classes on Saturdays and Sundays to museum tours with family-friendly guides.

The exterior of the American Visionary Art Museum is almost as interesting as what you'll find inside. The building is surrounded by unique and curious sculptures that you can explore for free!

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.

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