

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

August 2014

Community and Board Meetings

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6th, 7-8pm at Sliders. 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 in the What's New section of www.ridgelysdelight.org and 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.

Let Your Flag Fly

As part of the 200th anniversary of the writing of the national anthem in Baltimore, South Baltimore is participating in an initiative to fly American flags through the Star-Spangled Spectacular Festival in September. The Fly 15 campaign, supported by the mayor, encourages everyone to fly a 15-star American flag, which was the nation's official symbol during the War of 1812. You can buy one at www.starspangled200.com or Google "15 star flag" for other vendors. If you prefer, fly your standard American flag to show your patriotism. The mayor also invites everyone to take part in Red, White and Blue Mondays by wearing our country's colors every Monday.

New Curfew in Effect This Month

You have probably already heard about the new curfew going into effect for Baltimore's youth starting August 8th. Children under 14 years of age must be indoors, accompanied by an adult, or on the sidewalk in front of their homes by 9pm year-round. Teens 14-16 years of age must be indoors by 10pm on school nights and by 11pm on all other nights. Exceptions are permitted when traveling to/from approved school, extra-curricular, or work activities or if teens are expressing their first amendment rights (speech, assembly, religion). The City is working on a brochure with more details, and we will publish the link when available. You can also email questions and comments to curfew@baltimorecity.gov.

Happy Hour Takes to the Seas

As you may already be aware, the Ridgely's Delight Urban Pirates cruise will replace this month's first Friday happy hour since the Orioles have a home game that night. Contact admin@ridgelysdelight.org to find out if any tickets remain. Unfortunately, you will be unable to get them through Groupon or the Urban Pirates website since we have purchased all the tickets for the 7pm adult cruise.

Please join your neighbors on **Aug. 1st** on 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, and the ship sails from 7:30-8:30. Bring your own grog (and photo ID) 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. If you don't have any, you can buy eye patches and other items by the ship. Drinks are not sold on board, so bring any adult beverages and mixers that you wish in glass, plastic and cans. Coolers are allowed.

Ridgely's Kid Club

Do you have kids entering the 1st-5th grade? Join us with your kids on August 17th at 3pm at Conway Park for games and fun in the park. Parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Nicole Dungee (443-326-0535, ndungee261@gmail.com) or Allison Pendell-Jones (443-653-1226, apendelljones@gmail.com). A rain date will be set in the event of bad weather.

This will be the first get together of the Ridgely's Kid Club. The goal is to meet monthly to give the kids an opportunity to make friends in the neighborhood and to learn from fun activities done together. Our neighborhood is full of people with a great variety of talents and interests that kids can learn from and will enjoy. Please also contact Nicole or Allison if you are willing to do an afternoon activity with the kids over the next year. Examples may be arts, sports, cooking, yoga, knitting, mechanics, hiking, gardening, museum visits, music, dance, etc.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

National Night Out August 5th

The Ridgely's Delight Association will participate in the annual National Night Out with a pot luck barbecue in Conway Park on Tuesday, Aug. 5th, beginning at 6pm. The Night Out is a nation-wide event to promote safety. Representatives from the City, as well as City and University of Maryland police will attend. This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about living safely in the city. The RDA will provide a grill and paper goods. Please bring your beverage of choice and a dish to share. So we can make sure we have a balanced menu, please R.S.V.P on our Facebook event at www.facebook.com/ridgelysdelight.

For the safety and comfort of all, we request that children be supervised by a parent or guardian and dogs be leashed.

Jazz Concert Rescheduled

After being rained out twice, we're hoping the third time's the charm for the Brian Dale Jazz Concert in Conway Park. The rain date is Wednesday, Aug. 20th from 6-7:30pm. The Dunbar Jazz Band will perform, led by Charles Funn, who has worked with Wynton Marsalis, Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder. The band plays the music of Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, Count Basie and others. Come early and stay late! Bring your friends, a chair and a picnic basket and enjoy one of the neighborhood's most popular events. You can also order from the Corner Bistro and Wine Bar and have your meal and/or wine delivered to the park. Review the menu at www.cbwinebar.com and place your order from Aug. 18th until 4pm on Aug. 20th. Payment is due when the order is placed.

For the safety and comfort of all, and to comply with City law, we request that all dogs be leashed at the event. In addition, please take extra care in cleaning up after your dog if you take it to the park on the day of the event.




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6th Annual SoBo Softball Classic

Ridgely's Delight will defend its championship title in the 6th annual South Baltimore Softball Classic on Sat., Aug. 9th, from 11am-3pm at Swann Park (296 West McComas St.). If you haven't already signed up for the team, please email Rob at roblapin@gmail.com. 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 and a dish to share. A few grills will also be available.

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, a phone charger, or GPS mount can attract a thief. If you see someone looking in cars, call 911 ASAP.

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 actually solved crimes because people have identified suspects posted in descriptions and videos.

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the Ridgely's Record.**

Frozen in the Conway Park August 16th

Movie Night is back this year and winner of the community movie poll is.....FROZEN! On Saturday, August 16th, RDA, Peace and a Cup of Joe, and the general philanthropy of Mr. Plaisted will sponsor a FREE showing of Frozen on a large, inflatable screen with surround sound in Conway Park. Popcorn included.

Bring your family and friends and a blanket or some chairs.

The movie will begin at sundown, around 8pm.

For the safety and comfort of all, we request that if your four-legged family member attends, he/she remains leashed. In addition, please take extra care in cleaning up after your dog if you take it to the park on the day of the event.



Special thanks to MECU and the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts

Community Clean-up August 16th

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Aug. 16th. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9am. In preparation for movie night, our cleaning efforts will concentrate on Conway Park. Since later that day, movie attendees will be sitting on the lawn, any "accidentally forgotten" doggie leftovers need to be found and removed. If you have a shovel, please bring it along and help this removal process. A HUGE "thank you" in advance for cleaning up after others! Pickles will provide free pizza and beer to volunteers after the clean-up. The clean-up is a community sanctioned event. By participating in the clean-up, you can also receive a certificate that you can use to earn credit toward your storm water remediation fee. Visit www.ridgelysdelight.org/green for the link to the fee credit application.

BARCS adoption fees waived

The adoption fees for all of BARCS rescued cats and dogs are **waived** for the summer, until August 31st.



Could You Be a RDA Board Member?

The Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA) is the group that compiles the Ridgely's Record newsletter and organizes the community clean-ups, monthly happy hours, holiday party, summer 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, and the 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, periodic board meetings and events
- participate in neighborhood initiatives
- participate in frequent email discussions on a timely and professional basis

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

If you are interested in becoming a board member:

- 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 Sept. 15th.

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/chap_process.php

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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