

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

December 2014

No Community or Board Meetings

There will be no December community or board meeting due to the annual holiday party. We'll be back in January with the new board, which was elected in November.

President: Farzana Muhib

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Safety Tips from the Southern District

The following information is courtesy of Major Ian Dombroski of the Southern District.

As we move into colder months, please remember to help decrease your chance of being a crime victim. Remember to lock the doors and windows to your house, even on upper floors. We have seen many burglaries in which suspects enter through unlocked doors and windows or climb to second or third floor window or balcony doors. If you have a window AC unit, remove it now that summer is over. Burglars will often push the AC units in and climb through the window. Inventory expensive items in your household, including electronics and bicycles and note their make, model and serial number. Keep that info in a safe place or with a trusted relative or friend. Remember to lock your car doors and don't leave valuables in your vehicle. Thieves will often walk up and down streets and try each car door. Never leave your car keys in the vehicle unattended. This is against Maryland law and it is also a method many opportunistic car thieves use to steal cars. Never warm up the car, even if directly in front of your house, in the city.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Holiday Party Is December 11th

Whether you own property, rent or work in the neighborhood, and whether you've been here for years or you're new to Ridgely's Delight, we want to see you at the holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 11th from 7 to 11pm. This year's party will be held at Sports Legends Museum, which you can tour for free throughout the evening. Don't forget to invite your friends in the neighborhood.

As usual, we will have a pot luck dinner and cash bar (no credit cards). Please bring an appetizer, entrée or dessert to share. If you don't have time to cook, you can opt to contribute \$10 toward platters provided by Corner Bistro and Wine Bar.

Don't miss the social event of the holiday season. Please R.S.V.P. using one of the following options and indicate what you are providing for the pot luck:

- Visit our Facebook event at facebook.com/RidgelysDelight
- Call 410-727-8060.
- Email admin@ridgelysdelight.org.

The holiday party will be held in lieu of the monthly community meeting and first Friday happy hour. This is a community-sanctioned event, and attendance counts toward becoming a member in good standing in the community association.

Holiday Donations - Help Our Area

The Southern District's annual canned goods, coat and toy drive is in full swing. Please bring your donation at Peace and a Cup of Joe on Pratt St. before Christmas. While the neighborhood normally collects toiletries at the holiday party, using this drop-off point will allow people who are not attending the holiday party to participate. The Southern District Police Community Relations Council will distribute the donations to needy families throughout the Southern District. Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming City Holidays

City offices will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25th and New Year's Day, Jan. 1st. Parking meters will not be in effect on these dates. The City will be open on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, so trash collection will not be affected.

New Parking Survey is Online

Last summer, the Ridgely's Delight Association published an online and paper survey (available at the community meetings) to determine whether residents would like to change the parking rules that are currently in place throughout the neighborhood. Although only a small sample of the community responded (less than 100 people), over 80% of the respondents indicated that they wish to change the rules allowing ONLY permit or guest pass parking at night while leaving the two-hour parking for anyone unchanged during the day. The RDA plans to move forward with the process for asking Baltimore City to consider this new restriction.

Residents who wish to change the parking rules are asked to complete a second survey to indicate the preferred time for the permit-only hours to begin, either 6pm or 10pm. No matter the start time, permit-only parking would end at 8am. This survey is now open and will remain open until the February community meeting. It can be completed online at www.ridgelysdelight.org/survey or in person at the January and February community meetings. Only one survey per residence will be counted.

Next steps:

- Once a time is chosen by the community, a formal request will be sent to the city to change RPP 5 parking areas to permit only at night according to the chosen time.
- The RDA must then start a petition drive that will require 60% of all 450+ households in the neighborhood to sign for the change to pass. ***If you do not support a change to the current parking system, do not sign that petition. If you do support the change, sign the petition.***
- If the petition gathers enough verified signatures, then it will go to our city council member, Eric Costello, and make a few other approval stops before it can be implemented.

Please note that there will be no change to the rules in effect during stadium events, which include Orioles and Ravens games. As always, vehicles that do not display a parking permit or guest pass during stadium events will be ticketed and/or towed.

Ridgely's DAWG Crew


A new Facebook site has been created by a long time resident and dog owner called Ridgely's DAWG Crew. All dog owners and lovers of dogs are welcome to join. It's a great way to connect with your neighbors.

Community Clean-Up on December 13th

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13th. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9am. Pickles will provide free pizza and beer to volunteers afterward. 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.

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If you are looking for a running partner, look no further than your neighborhood. There is a new running group on the Ridgely's Delight Nextdoor site. By joining our private social network, you can get updates about safety, items for sale and area news as well as dates and times of the neighborhood running events. To register, visit ridgelysdelightmd.nextdoor.com.

Trash Your Tree and Leaves

The City will pick up live Christmas trees on trash days throughout January. Simply set your tree by your trash can. All tinsel and ornaments must be removed from trees. For more information, call 311.

The City's leaf collection program continues until Jan. 5th. For a Monday pick-up, call 311 before 10pm on the previous Sunday. You may leave up to 20 bags. In addition, trash crews will collect up to 5 bags of leaves on our regular Wednesday trash collection day. Put leaves in clear or labeled bags and place them next to your trash can.

Christmastime in the City

There is enough going on around the City this holiday season to make everyone merry and bright. Following is a list of some of the many activities that are fun for young and old alike.

Lighting of the Monument. On Dec. 4th at the Washington Monument on Charles St., a celebrity lighter will flip the switch that lights the Monument. A fireworks display and laser show will also begin around 7:45pm.

Old Tyme Christmas in Fells Point. On Dec. 6th, get in the spirit with an authentic holiday market, eggnog contest, horse-drawn sleigh rides, reindeer pub run, family holiday activities and the Parade of Lighted Boats at 6pm.

Downtown Dollar or Less Days. On Dec. 6th and 7th, tour several downtown attractions for a dollar or less. Visit godowntownbaltimore.com for the list.

Pet Photos with Santa. Join Harbor East Sunday on Dec. 14th from 1-4pm on the circle at President Street for holiday photos and fun. Support animals in need with a pet food or toy donation to BARCS, The Baltimore Animal Rescue & Care Shelter.

Union Square Cookie Tour. On Dec. 14th, visit some of the largest, most beautiful homes in the City in the neighborhood around Union Square Park and sample homemade cookies at each house. Buy tickets and get more information at www.union-square.us.

Skating at McKeldin Square. by the Inner Harbor runs until Jan. 21st. For hours and rates, visit innerharboricerink.org.

Christmas Markets. Through Christmas Eve, more than 60 vendors will sell traditional European food, sweets and drinks, as well as international holiday gifts, ornaments, jewelry and quality arts and crafts at the Inner Harbor.

New Year's Eve. The giant celebration at the Inner Harbor runs from 9pm to 12:30am and includes music, the official countdown to 2015 and an amazing midnight fireworks display.

For more information on holiday happenings downtown, visit www.baltimore.org.

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Street Sweeping Comes to Ridgely's

The City started its Mechanical Street Sweeping Program in April to reduce trash on City streets and the pollution and waste that goes into the urban streams and Inner Harbor. A few weeks ago, RDA learned that street sweeping signs were scheduled to be installed in Ridgely's Delight by the end of November, with sweeping to begin upon installation.

We have been told that parking will be prohibited from 8am to noon every week on the following days and blocks. You must park on the other side of the street or you will be ticketed.

Thursday

Even Side

600 W. Conway St.
200-300 Emory St.
200-400 S. Fremont Ave.
500-600 S. Paca St.
600-700 Portland St.
500-600 Warner St.
600 Washington Blvd.

Odd Side

500-600 S. Fremont Ave.
600 Melvin Dr.
200-300 Penn St.

Friday

600 Dover St.
500-600 S. Fremont Ave.
600 Melvin Dr.
200-300 Penn St.

200-300 Emory St.
200-400 S. Fremont Ave.
500-600 S. Paca St.
600-700 Portland St.
500-600 Warner St.
600 Washington Blvd.

To lessen the parking burden, the Ridgely's Delight Association has asked Councilman Costello to work with the City to schedule the sweeping less frequently and/or decreasing the number of restricted parking hours on the designated days. We will publish any updates via email, newsletter and on social media.

Traffic signs are subject to enforcement by any agent with the power to do so, including Baltimore Police. Therefore, use caution when parking in areas subject to enforcement at any time and under any circumstances.

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