

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

December 2017

The Ridgely's Delight Association Year in Review

The Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA) was very busy this year, with a focus on neighbor engagement, neighborhood beautification and community safety. The RDA hosted a jazz concert and a movie night in Conway Park, our first ping pong tournament, and supported Jennifer Hammit as she organized this year's children's Easter egg hunt. Community meetings included guest speakers on a range of topics of interest to our community, including gardening, mentoring, and bike share.

The RDA hosted many neighborhood beautification projects. Community members adopted nine community green spaces through the Adopt-A-Garden project. A core group of volunteers kept the new landscaping in the playground weeded and watered. We also participated in both Mayor's Cleanups, with a record turnout of nearly 20 neighbors at our fall cleanup.

The RDA placed a strong emphasis on crime reduction and safety, maintaining a great working relationship with the Southern District and University of Maryland Police Departments and hosting the National Night Out crime prevention pot luck, promoting police-community partnerships. We continued to support COP on Sunday and Monday nights.

Other successes during the year include:

- Foiled a city-approved plan to park 100 cars on Conway Park during the Orioles' opening day.
- Worked with city agencies to repair a brick wall after a car accident, and facilitated other public works projects.
- Wrote grants and requested donations to fund most of this year's neighborhood events, conserving the RDA budget for future year's events.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(December 20th)
Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
(December 27th)

The Neighborhood Holiday Party

The Ridgely's Delight event of the year will happen on Wednesday, 6 December 2017, upstairs at Sliders Bar and Grille. Join friends, neighbors and distinguished guests at our annual neighborhood Holiday Party. Sliders will host a cash bar and a buffet meal consisting of a veggie and cheese dip tray, salad, barbecue pork with slider rolls, meatballs, chicken tenders, vegetarian baked ziti, and homemade potato chips. The buffet costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and will be open from 6 - 9 p.m.

The RDA will host a neighborhood dessert competition. Attendees will vote for their favorite dessert at 9 p.m., with the winner receiving a Sliders gift certificate and Sliders paraphernalia.

RSVP on the Ridgely's Delight Facebook page.

No Community Meeting in December

The RDA will not host a community meeting in December 2017, in lieu of the Holiday Party. The next RDA Community and Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 January 2018, upstairs at Sliders Bar and Grille. All are welcome who live, own property, or a business in Ridgely's Delight.

Community Dumpster

The RDA has arranged for a dumpster to be at W. Conway St. from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, 23 December 2017.

Baltimore City Government Office Closures

Baltimore City Government offices will close on Christmas Day, Monday, 25 December 2017 and New Year's Day, Monday, 1 January 2018.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Delightful Gems

This article continues our series that highlights past and present businesses in our community. This month we are excited to interview Rachel Sheubrooks, the owner of Sliders Bar and Grille.

When did Sliders Bar and Grille open and how did you decide on the name?

Sliders has actually been a bar and grille dating as far back as 1835. In 1990, it was named Sliders Bar and Grille because of its proximity to a new Major League Baseball stadium. You will notice "771" on all of our marketing materials and throughout our building. We boast the fact that we are 771 feet from home plate.

During game days, you create a large outside area with flat screen TVs, corn hole games, and a full-service bar. It's a great place to go before the game or hang out if you do not have a ticket to the game. Are there other benefits from being across the street at Camden Yards?

I love that we are so close to Camden Yards because of the excitement that resonates out of the stadium on each Orioles' home game. Obviously, it's even more exciting when the Orioles are playing well. It's also a major advantage because Camden Yards is continually voted one of the nicest stadiums in all of baseball. In addition, we have become a destination spot for many fans who visit from out of town. We pride ourselves as being the "friendly" spot to visit while attending a ball game. Due to our location, we also have the opportunity to create a "regulars" relationship with season ticket holders, Orioles' staff, and the players, which is amazing.

For a small neighborhood bar, you have a great mix of craft and national brand beers. How do you decide what to have on tap?

I try to keep the beers on hand that will most satisfy my customers. I also like to support the local brewers because I know how important it is to support local companies. I also change our selection based on the time of the year and what beer is hot at the time. I recently joined forces with a local brewer to have them make Sliders a pilsner beer we call 771. I personally designed the tap handle to reflect our love of Orioles' baseball.

Many people stop by Sliders for lunch or dinner while they are attending conventions at the convention center. What are some of your favorite conventions?

I actually enjoy all of the conventions. They attract visitors from all over the country, so it gives us a chance to show them a good time with our friendly staff and our Baltimore themed bar, and to show off the best bobblehead collection anywhere.

Our Monday Night 'Citizens On Patrol' (COP) walkers always end their walk at Sliders for tacos. This Monday dinner special appears to be a great hit for college students and families alike. What other adaptations have you made to cater to the local crowd?

Mexican Monday is my favorite day of the week as well. I offer a variety of daily specials that allows us to serve good food at a reasonable price. We have \$5 burger day on Tuesday, 50 cent wing day Wednesday, which is very popular, and our namesake \$2 sliders on Thursday. On Friday we mix it up and have \$5 appetizers. Our most popular menu item is the Baltimore tots. In addition to daily food specials we have a variety of drink specials.

For more information on Sliders Bar and Grille visit: slidersbaltimore.com, or stop by 504 Washington Blvd during their normal business hours.

The Annual Downtown Partnership Monument Lighting

Kick off the holiday season in Baltimore with the annual Downtown Partnership Monument Lighting on Thursday, 7 December 2017 from 5 – 8 p.m. The George Washington Monument Lighting, to be held on the 600 block of Cathedral Street, features local entertainers, food, holiday activities, and a spectacular fireworks display. A holiday village featuring food vendors, a beer garden, and a special Kids Corner take place in the parks that surround the historic monument.

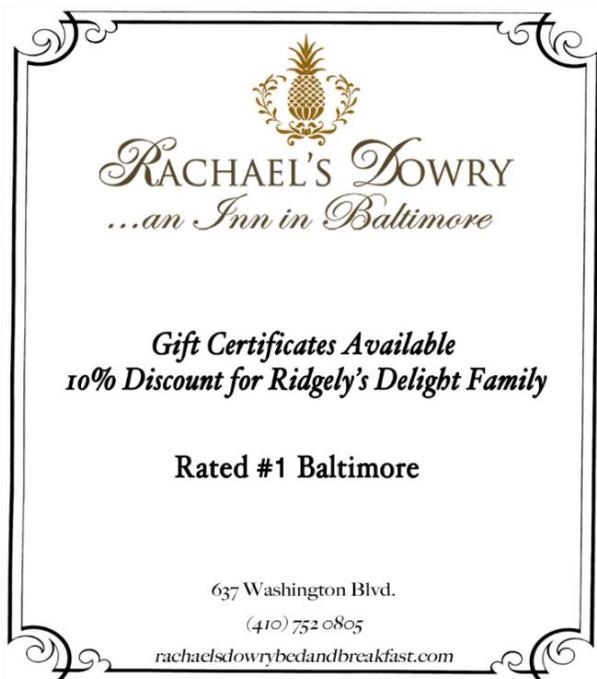
The monument is lit by more than 16,000 LEDs, with each strand containing 200 LEDs and only consuming 12 watts of electricity. In the past, the monument was strung with 1,200 incandescent bulbs, each bulb consuming 40 watts of electricity or about 48,000 watts total. For more information on the Monument Lighting event visit: GoDowntownBaltimore.com or call 410-244-1030.

New Year's Eve Spectacular

The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts invites you to ring in 2018 with friends, live music and a spectacular fireworks display over the Inner Harbor. On Sunday, December 31, Baltimore's New Year's Eve Spectacular begins at 9 p.m. with live music from R&B/Soul artist Alexis Joyce at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater. At the stroke of midnight, a colorful fireworks display lights the sky above the Inner Harbor. Visit promotionandarts.org to learn more.

City Sidewalks

As we move into the winter season, we would like to remind residents they must remove snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their homes or face a fine - \$50 for residential and \$100 for commercial properties.



Parking Committee Year in Review

The RDA Parking Committee has completed a comprehensive parking survey and determined that the neighborhood has 511 residential parking spaces (RPP) and an additional 42 non-RPP spaces. This year, the Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC) has issued 559 active passes and 391 active guest passes to residents. The RDA Parking Committee has reviewed many options to improve parking in the neighborhood.

Options being pursued by the committee include:

- Change the parking renewal month from June to November to accommodate residents who move in the summer.
- Volunteer to participate in the Virtual Parking Permit pilot.

Options the committee decided are not viable include:

- Eliminate Guest Passes – No broad support for this change in the neighborhood.
- Angled Parking on Portland - Previously studied by the neighborhood and the city, rejected as non-viable as it would result in very few additional spaces. Additionally, angled parking would require Portland St. to become ONE-WAY and the north side traffic flow to be reconfigured. Garbage trucks and emergency vehicles could not make the turn from Fremont St. onto Dover St.
- Eliminate Residences that have Private Parking from RPP – PABC states this cannot be done.
- Permit Only 2 Decals per Residence - Requires a legislative change. Since all the stadium neighborhoods allow 4 permits per residence, the change is unlikely to be supported.
- Create a Neighborhood Enforcement Group - PABC states only Enforcement Officers can legally write tickets.
- No Change – The committee feels that doing nothing is not a viable option, so we will continue to identify workable solutions and identify the level of community support for each.

For a full discussion of these options, visit: ridgelysdelight.org/parking.php

Fall Leaves

The Department of Public Works will collect 6-20 bags of leaves every Monday thru 8 January 2018. Just call 311 before Sunday at 10 p.m. for next day collection. Up to 5 bags of leaves will be picked up during our normal trash day. Leaves must be placed in clear or labeled bags.

Neighborhood Trivia

Each month we post a neighborhood trivia question, with the answer published in the following month's Ridgely's Record. Last month's trivia question was, "Pius Schamberger rented the row house at 216 Emory Street and is best known as Babe Ruth's maternal grandfather. What was his profession?" The answer: Pius Schamberger made his living as an upholsterer. This month's trivia question is, "What year did Oriole Park at Camden Yards open?"

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One Dollar Admission Days

Get into the spirit of the Holidays, by visiting one of Baltimore City's local charms. On Saturday and Sunday, 9 and 10 December 2017, MECU, Baltimore's Credit Union, is sponsoring \$1 admission at 12 of Baltimore City's museums and attractions. Visit GoDowntownBaltimore.com for a complete list of venues.

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