

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

July 2017

The Ridgely's Delight Association Community & Board Meetings

The July community meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 July 2017 at 7 p.m., upstairs at Sliders, 504 Washington Blvd. You are welcome to attend if you live, own property, or a business in Ridgely's Delight.

Our guest speakers this month will be a representative from 311 who will explain what kind of calls they handle, give us an overview of the 311 app and tell us what happens after we submit a request. We will also have David Pruitt, from the Walter P. Carter Center on Pratt St., give us an overview of their practice, to include their outpatient psychiatric services and outpatient chemical dependency treatment. We will have the opportunity to ask questions after each presentation.

The RDA board meeting will immediately follow the community meeting.

Pigtown Pop-up Park

Imagine the intersection of Washington Boulevard and MLK as a vibrant, active plaza, where pedestrians, cyclists and motorists can catch a glimpse of Pigtown's potential. Pigtown Main Street envisions the intersection as a public space that welcomes everyone from the three surrounding neighborhoods and doesn't just serve as the first stop for drivers coming into Baltimore from I395. They are raising funds to create a temporary pop-up park with cafe tables and chairs, benches, planters and umbrellas, a synthetic lawn and lawn games, and a variety of other assets to make this corner a usable space for our neighborhoods. The park will create excitement among the local community and raise awareness of the permanent solution. Want to learn more? Attend the Citizens of Pigtown meeting on 11 July at 7 p.m. The location will be announced on our website and on Nextdoor.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Jazz Concert in Conway Park

Composer pianist David Bach, winner of the 2016 Maryland Music Awards "Best Jazz Artist", will once again grace us with his Jazz ensemble on Saturday, 29 July 2017 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Conway Park. Bach's recording *Otherworld*, reached #28 on the CMJ National Jazz Chart. Bring your lawn chairs, shatterproof glasses and a bottle of wine for an evening of great music!

New Area 5 Parking Permit

Your old residential parking permit and visitor pass expire on Friday, 30 June 2017. You must have the new Area 5 Parking Permit or visitor pass on your vehicle by Saturday, 1 July 2017 or be subject to parking fines. Contact the Parking Authority of Baltimore City at (443) 573-2800 Ext. 845 if you have questions.

Water Bill Payment Assistance Programs

Baltimore City Department of Public Works offers multiple payment assistance programs to those who may have trouble paying their water bills. Eligible residents include those who are 65 or older and those who qualify for low-income or subsidized allowances. To learn if you qualify, and to have the application mailed to you, call DPW at 410-396-5398.

City Office Closure

Baltimore City Public Offices will close Tuesday, 4 July 2017, to celebrate our Independence Day.

Ridgely's Happy Hour

The Ridgely's Delight Association will not host a First Friday Happy Hour in July due to the numerous events happening around the city.

Street Sweeping Reminder

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

Delightful Gems

This article continues our series that focuses on past and present businesses in our community. This month we are meeting with Jay and Jin, the new managers of the Ridgely's Mini Mart.

When was your Grand Opening and what are your hours going to be?

We had our Grand Opening on Thursday, 22 June 2017. We will be open Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Friday and Saturday our hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., unless the neighborhood would like us to open earlier.

We understand that you manage a restaurant in Columbia, MD and therefore are not new to the service industry. What experiences will you be bringing from that business to this one?

Our deli in Columbia, MD is actually our second successful business. About 20 years ago we owned a liquor store in South Baltimore. I like selecting and purchasing a nice variety of national and local craft brews, wines and hard liquor and selling them to my customers. My wife enjoys running the deli in Columbia where she serves deli sandwiches handmade with Boar's Head cheeses and deli meats. We intend to marry those two successful businesses here in Ridgely's.

We are excited to see that you completely remodeled the interior of the Mini Mart. What did you change? What other new features can we expect in our neighborhood store?

We upgraded the beer and wine coolers, installed new floors, shelving, a gourmet ice cream freezer and a new deli counter, plus we redesigned the checkout counter and computerized the checkout process. We are also changing the name from Ridgely's Mini Mart to Ridgely's Market, to reflect the newer, upscale atmosphere.

You do have an amazing selection of alcoholic beverages and ice cream. Will you be adding additional items?

We currently carry American and Korean food, Almond and Soy milk, juices, snacks, pre-made salads

and packaged deli meats. We are getting more items in each day as we are added to our suppliers' schedules. After we pass the Baltimore City Health Department Inspection, scheduled for July, we can start serving items like those found at my wife's deli, including sandwiches and potato salad. We can also stock any item that the neighborhood wishes to have in their neighborhood market. Just email your suggestions to us at YJKLiquors@gmail.com

Those of us that attended last month's community meeting had a delicious preview of their potato salad and sandwiches. I am looking forward to bringing the deli sandwiches to Orioles' home games. Our Jazz Concert in the Park will also be a great time to try something new from their amazing selection of wines.

Stop by the Ridgely's Market at 631 Washington Blvd and say "Hi" to Jay and Jin.

Fort McHenry Crab Feast

Enjoy delicious BBQ fare and Maryland Crabs at the fourth annual Fort McHenry Crab Feast to be held on Saturday, 29 July from 4 – 8 p.m. Sip libations from Heavy Seas Brewery and Atlantic Wines and jam to the tunes of the Eastport Oyster Boys, all on the historic grounds of Ft. McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine. Tickets are \$75.00 for adults and \$45.00 for children ages 6-20. For more information, call 410-962-4290 ext. 850. Benefits the *Friends of Fort McHenry*.

Security Cameras in Historic Neighborhoods

Concerned with how your new security camera might impact our Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) requirements? Our Ridgely's Delight Architectural Review Committee (ARC) offers these great tips from CHAPS Historic Preservation Design Guidelines:

- Install security cameras in the least obtrusive location possible.
- Select camera models that are as small in scale as possible.
- Do not damage or remove historic materials or obscure historic features when installing security cameras. Attachments should be made through mortar joints rather than masonry.

Baltimore's 4th of July Celebration

The Mid-Atlantic's biggest 4th of July Celebration returns to Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Light up your Independence Day with live music and celebratory fireworks in the heart of Downtown Baltimore. The 4th of July celebration takes place on Tuesday, 4 July 2017, from 7-10 p.m. At 7 p.m., visitors can enjoy live music from the Commodores, the U.S. Navy Jazz Ensemble as they perform contemporary hits at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater at Pratt and Light streets. Then, beginning at 9:30 p.m., the sky above the Inner Harbor lights up with a fireworks show, choreographed to patriotic and contemporary music.

Sail Baltimore will also have four visiting patrol crafts docked in front of the Baltimore Visitor Center, open for public tours on 4 & 5 July from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit sailbaltimore.org to learn more.

Ridgely's Pirates Sailing

We're taking August's First Friday Happy Hour out of the neighborhood. Ridgely's Delight will head for the high seas once again on Friday, 4 August 2017, boarding at the Ann's St. Pier in Fell's Point at 7 p.m, sailing at 7:30 p.m. Join your neighbors and enjoy the views of Baltimore's Inner Harbor on this hour-long Pirate adventure. Tickets are available for \$25.00 on-line at urbanpirates.com or at multiple discount ticket venues. Tickets are going fast, so don't delay. Visit urbanpirates.com for directions to the boarding location, parking information and other details.

National Aquarium's Student Play and Animal Encounter

The Enoch Pratt Free Library and the National Aquarium have joined together to bring an Animal Encounter experience to Pigtown area children ages 3-9. The National Aquarium's *Aquarium on Wheels* program is proud to present this year's student play, "Justice for the Chesapeake Bay" at your local library. Learn about our local ecosystem through a performance, an animal encounter, and interactive games and activities at the Pratt Library, Washington Village Branch, on Thursday 13 July from 2- 3 p.m. Thanks to a generous donation from T. Rowe Price, the event is free but groups of five or more must call 410-396-1099 to register.

Save the Date-Movie in the Park

On Wednesday, 23 August 2017, we will host Moana, a Walt Disney animated, PG rated movie about an adventurous teenager who braves the ocean to save her Hawaiian people. The movie will start at dusk in Conway Park, but come early to spread out your picnic blankets and lawn chairs.

Mayor Catherine E. Pugh and the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks are offering FREE concerts and movies in the parks through the Rhythms and Reels series, all summer long! Visit bcrp.baltimorecity.gov to get a complete list of the over 140 FREE events to be held this summer. Follow Recs and Parks on Twitter @RecNParks or call 410-396-7900 to check for weather cancelations before heading to the park.

Artscape

Artscape, America's largest free arts festival showcases continuous musical performances by local, regional and national talent on multiple outdoor stages. The event also features indoor and outdoor visual arts exhibitions, theater, opera, dance, street theater and special activities geared towards children. Artscape takes place Friday, 21 July through Sunday, 23 July 2017 along Mount Royal Avenue and North Charles Street. Visit artscape.org for program listings, news and more.

ERASE Library Fines

Children and teens can erase library fines and fees this summer by reading at the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Find out how you can earn "Pratt Bucks" at your Pratt Library, Washington Village Branch.



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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, "What was the original purpose for the building that is currently standing at 723-725 W. Pratt Street?" The answer: The building was constructed around 1916-1917, according to information in Baltimore City Directories and Sanborn Insurance Maps. It formerly housed Atlantic Carpet Cleaning and Storage Company. Before vacuum cleaners were invented, the firm took in carpets for cleaning and stored them over the summer. When the weather turned cooler, customers took back their carpets to keep the floors warm. After the invention of the vacuum, the building was sold and later used for furniture storage.

This month's trivia question is, "Who was Barney Farnham, the gentleman who the neighborhood honored by dedicating the Conway Park Rose Garden?"

Pigtown Community Farmers Market

The Pigtown Community Farmers Market is open on Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. in Carroll Park, until the end of October. You'll find local vegetables and fruits, eggs, bread, sweet treats, hot meals, and other tasty goodies! Visit www.pigtowncommunityfarmersmarket.com to learn more about local vendors and weekly specials.



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