

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

June 2017

## The Ridgely's Delight Association Community & Board Meetings

Slider's is not available for meetings during Orioles' home games. The June community meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7 June 2017 at 7 p.m. at the *Ridgely's Recreational Park at the corner of Melvin and Penn* (aka the tot lot). If it is raining, we will duck inside a nearby garage on Bankard Lane, thanks to the Pendell-Jones family for their generous offer. Children are encouraged to attend as Soccer Shots will be on hand to do an informal clinic. Feel free to bring your own drinks.

We are excited to have Erika Brockman, the Executive Director of Southwest Baltimore Charter School, and hopefully a representative from George Washington Elementary School as our guest speakers. They will give a quick overview of their schools, tell us what is new, and why parents might consider these schools. Even if you do not have children, we encourage you to learn about our neighborhood schools and what volunteer opportunities might be available.

The RDA board meeting will immediately follow the community meeting.

## Parking Improvements

The Parking Committee is improving the parking in Ridgely's Delight, one space at a time. The committee asked the Parking Authority to change a sign on Melvin Street so two open spaces became RPP and worked with the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum to have the space in front of the museum available for overnight parking. An off limits special parking area on Penn Street is also being changed to daytime meters. The Parking Committee is looking for more volunteers to assist with additional parking initiatives. Contact Clarissa at [clarissa.howison@gmail.com](mailto:clarissa.howison@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining this dynamic group.

### Pick-up Day Reminder

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

## Parking Permit Renewal

Your residential parking permit and visitor's pass will expire on Friday, 30 June 2017. The iParq renewal system is open now for Ridgely's residents and will close on Friday, 9 June 2017. Visit our website at [www.ridgelysdelight.org/parking](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/parking) for the iParq link. If you are having problems with the registration process or require detailed information on required documentation, contact the Parking Authority office at 443-573-2800. First time permits and passes must be picked up at the Parking Authority office, 200 W. Lombard Street, Suite B. The office is offering extended hours on Saturday, 17 June from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday, 29 June from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Before adhering the decal to your car, ensure your new permit matches your license plate by looking at the two punch outs in the alpha-numeric grid on the left side of the decal. The punch outs must match the first and last characters of your license plate. If not, you should go to the Parking Authority office for a new decal.

As a courtesy to the neighborhood, the Ridgely's Delight Association will offer a neighborhood pick-up on Wednesday, 14 June 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., upstairs at Sliders Bar and Grill, 504 Washington Blvd. For more information on required documentation and parking rules, visit [www.ridgelysdelight.org/parking](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/parking).

## Ridgely's Happy Hour

The Ridgely's Delight Association will host our June Happy Hour on the *second* Friday in June, 9 June 2017 at Cheat Day Bar and Grill, 737 Carroll St., in Pigtown beginning at 7 p.m. Join your neighbors for great drinks and food at our newest gathering spot.

### Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
(June 21<sup>st</sup>)  
Even Side: every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
(June 28<sup>th</sup>)

## Delightful Gems

*This article continues our new series that focuses on past and present businesses in our community. This month we are meeting with Sharina and Stacy Baker, the owners of Cheat Day Bar and Grill. Cheat Day Bar and Grill is in the building which formerly hosted Pigtown Tavern and Shakers.*

*My husband and I went to Cheat Day Bar and Grill to arrange our June Happy Hour and were welcomed by the new owners Sharina and Stacy Baker. Both Sharina and Stacy were extremely hospitable and talked about their intentions for our newest, neighborhood bar.*

*What is your goal for your new business?*

Our goal is to become the neighborhood gathering spot. We are offering great food and drinks with a friendly wait staff. We hope to be the place where people host baby showers and bachelor parties, or just come to watch the Orioles play. We signed a 10-year lease and purchased the liquor license, so we are here to stay. We want to become an established part of this community.

*What changes have you made since you purchased the business from Pigtown Tavern?*

We have been expanding the kitchen so that we can offer delicious, home style meals every night of the week. We have mac and cheese, tacos, chicken wings, and ribeye steak. We have a full menu available until 8:30 p.m., then offer a late nite bar menu. We are also adapting our menu to fit local favorites like crab balls and Natty Boh. We have arranged for \$5 parking at the Dollar Store for folks who drive to our restaurant.

*Are you planning additional changes?*

We will offer sidewalk seating beginning next month. On Mondays, we will host Game Night where we invite neighbors to play cards, board games, Connect 4 and Chess, among others. We will start a Trivia Night series on Tuesdays and we have Sip and Paint scheduled for Friday nights as well.

*Several of our neighbors have said your food is awesome. What are some of your specials?*

We have the Stacy Burger, a nice, juicy Turkey Burger, which can be served with fries. We also have a signature "Cheat Day" drink but currently our most popular drink is the Strawberry Hennessey.

*I may have made a doubtful expression, as Sharina went behind the bar and poured my husband and me each a small drink of the Strawberry Hennessey. Stacy said that he has experience running clubs, so he knows how to make a drink. I must say, the drink was amazing.*

Mike and I left with not only securing the June Happy Hour, but with two new friends and a new favorite drink. To learn more about Cheat Day Bar and Grill go to: [www.cheatdaybarandgrill.com](http://www.cheatdaybarandgrill.com), stop by 737 Carroll St., Baltimore, or attend our June Happy Hour.

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Tour dem Parks, Hon!

Tour dem Parks, an annual bike ride through Baltimore's parks and neighborhoods will be held Sunday, 11 June 2017. The ride highlights regional parks like Carroll, Patterson, Herring Run & Druid Hill, as well as some quietly tucked away gems. Participants choose from 4 routes: 5 miles (a great family ride completely contained within Druid Hill Park), 15 miles (on the newest section of the Jones Falls Trail), 25 miles (trails and some streets), or 35 miles (for the experienced riders). Rest stops are staffed by mechanics from local bike shops. Registration includes tickets to the after-ride jazz barbecue. All profits from the ride are donated to Baltimore cycling, greening, parks, and environmental groups. For more information or to register go to [www.tourdemparks.org](http://www.tourdemparks.org).

## Summer Renovations

Does summertime add exterior renovations to your "honey do" list? Then this is a friendly reminder that all renovation work requires a Baltimore City permit. Additionally, since Ridgely's Delight is an historic district, work on the outside of your home requires Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) approval prior to beginning any renovation. To review the CHAP guidelines, visit our website at: [http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/chap/chap\\_process.php](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](mailto:arc@ridgelysdelight.org).

## BaltimoreLink

The Maryland Transit Authority (MTA) is launching a massive overhaul of the MTA bus network on 18 June 2017. BaltimoreLink promises to be a more efficient and reliable bus network, replacing Baltimore's current outdated and gridlocked routes. BaltimoreLink states that they will strengthen connections between MTA's bus and rail routes and align the network with existing and emerging job centers. New bus shelters, signage, and other amenities will be added to improve the rider experience. New bus signs will be unveiled on Sunday, 18 June 2017 which feature route destination, route frequency, and the stop ID number. Passengers can text the stop ID number to MTAMD for information on the next bus. MTA is also installing 11 Baltimore City Bike Share stations at MTA rail stations and creating commuter routes between Baltimore and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Annapolis/Kent Island and Columbia/Howard County. To plan your new route, or learn more about BaltimoreLink, call the Transit Contact Information Center, Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 410-539-5000 or visit: [www.baltimorelink.com](http://www.baltimorelink.com).

## Celebrating African American Dads

Join the Reginald F. Lewis Museum on Saturday, 10 June 2017 at 12 p.m. in celebrating African American dads. The museum will celebrate black fathers with live drumming and readings by black dads from the book of poetry *In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall*. This intergenerational collection of poems features new and established African American writers. Guest readers will include WEAA's Farajii Muhammad, and motivational speaker Dr. Lamarr Darnell Shields. Children will create a collage art project involving a father figure with artist Adisa Harkins. Participants are encouraged to bring a photo to use in their projects. Admission to the museum costs \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students with student ID. To reserve your seat call 443-263-1800.

## Pigtown Community Farmers Market

The Pigtown Community Farmers Market will open on Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. in Carroll Park starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. You'll find local vegetables and fruits, eggs, bread, sweet treats, hot meals, and other tasty goodies! Visit [www.pigtowncommunityfarmersmarket.com](http://www.pigtowncommunityfarmersmarket.com) to learn more about local vendors and weekly specials.

## Ridgely's Pirates Sailing

Ridgely's Delight will head for the high seas once again on Friday, 4 August 2017, boarding at 7 p.m. Since the Orioles have a home game on the first Friday of August, we're taking the monthly happy hour out of the neighborhood. 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](http://urbanpirates.com) or at multiple discount ticket venues. Tickets are going fast, so don't delay. Visit [urbanpirates.com](http://urbanpirates.com) for directions to the boarding location, parking information and other details.

## Tiny Tot Safaris

Join the Patterson Park Audubon Center for an hour of fun and education for our youngest nature lovers on Friday, 9 June 2017. Tiny tots ages 2-5 with adult(s) are welcome to meet on the northeast side of the Boat Lake at 10:30 a.m. But hurry, slots fill quickly! To register, call 410-558-2473 or email [baltimore@audubon.org](mailto:baltimore@audubon.org).

## Canine, Feline, Drink Wine!

Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS) is hosting their always popular wine tasting event on Sunday, 11 June 2017, from 3 – 6 p.m. What a terrific way to spend a Sunday afternoon! Taste 75 wines from across the globe, enjoy delicious food, try your luck at the infamous wine pull and bid on some awesome silent auction items - all in a fantastic venue, Second Chance. Your \$50.00 ticket also includes a keepsake engraved wine glass. For more information, contact BARCS at 410-396-4695 or visit their website at: [www.baltimoreanimalshelter.org](http://www.baltimoreanimalshelter.org).



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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, "How did Warner Street derive its name?" The answer: Warner Street derived its name from a prominent Baltimore builder, Michael Warner, who built Rachael's Dowry in 1798.

This month's trivia question is, "What was the original purpose for the building that is currently standing at 723-725 W. Pratt Street?"

## Save the Date-Movie and Concert in the Park

Mayor Catherine E. Pugh and the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks are offering FREE concerts and movies in the parks thru the Rhythms and Reels series, all summer long! 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. 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 people. The movie will start at dusk in Conway Park, but come early to spread out your picnic blankets and lawn chairs. Visit [bcpr.baltimorecity.gov](http://bcpr.baltimorecity.gov) to get a complete list of the over 140 FREE events to be held this summer.



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