

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

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March 2014

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## Community and Board Meetings

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> upstairs at Sliders from 7-8pm. The meeting will offer an opportunity for members to request changes to the by-laws, which are currently under review. A board meeting will follow. If you live in 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. You can review the full meeting agenda when it's available at [www.ridgelysdelight.org](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org). We will also post a link to the meeting agenda on our social media pages. The meetings are community-sanctioned events, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing.

## Police Explorers Need Your Help

Since 1971, the Baltimore Police Department's Law Enforcement Explorers Program has partnered youths with police officers who serve as mentors, teaching them good citizenship, community involvement, and leadership skills. The Explorers have been friends to Ridgely's Delight in the past, helping out at community clean-ups and attending some of our events.

This July, members of the Post will attend a national conference in Indiana, where they will participate in squad and individual competitions. Each Explorer must raise more than \$500 for the registration fee and expenses, and they are asking for help from Ridgely's Delight and surrounding communities. If you can make a donation – every little bit helps – please visit <http://bcsexplorers.webs.com>.

## Welcome to the Neighborhood

Ridgely's Delight is happy to welcome its newest business, Aren't U Special, to 739 Pratt St. The shop offers coffee, signature kakes, kakecups and dessert, and you can also order desserts for delivery to your friends at [www.arentuspecial.com](http://www.arentuspecial.com). Stop by and welcome our new neighbors.

## Happy Hour at Sliders

We'll meet up for First Friday happy hour on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Sliders, starting around 6:30pm. Come out and meet your neighbors and bring a few extra bucks for the 50/50 drawing. We'll be hanging out in the upstairs room. Look for happy hour specials at [www.ridgelysdelight.org/events](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/events).

## Neighborhood Street Closures

Quigley's Half-Irish Pub will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Opening Day by hosting a block party for each event. On Mar. 17, Emory Street in front of Quigley's will be closed all day. On Mar. 31, Portland will be closed from Greene St. to Emory St. all day. Parking will not be available in the specified areas during these events. We will provide updates and reminders about the road closures by email and on our social media pages.

## Baseball Is Back

The Orioles will return to Camden Yards on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The game begins at 3pm, but be prepared for heavy traffic and tight parking all day. Celebrate Opening Day with the neighborhood at a pot luck barbecue in Conway Park from 11am-2pm. The Ridgely's Delight Association will provide paper goods, and there will be barbecues on hand. Please bring a dish to share with others as well as your beverage of choice. Please visit our Facebook page to indicate what you will bring so we can get a head count and make sure all of the bases are covered for a complete menu. We will need a few tables as well, so let us know if you can bring one. If you are not on Facebook, you can send an email to [admin@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:admin@ridgelysdelight.org) or call 410-727-8060. This is a family-friendly, community-sanctioned event.

### Pick-up Day Reminder

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## Wine'tastic News Report

The Wine'tastic Mile "Wine'tastic News Report" is a monthly newsletter about wine, restaurants and fashion along The Wine'tastic Mile. The 1<sup>st</sup> edition will be available soon and can be picked up at The Corner Bistro & Wine Bar. It will include a discount card for patrons of The Wine Bar to receive 15% off their check.

## Don't Walk and Talk or Text

You've probably heard several recent news stories about people being attacked and their cell phone stolen, some of them in our neighborhood. These are crimes of opportunity in which thieves take advantage of people who are too preoccupied with their phone to notice someone coming up to them until it is too late. To avoid becoming a victim of cell phone theft, stay alert when walking and keep your cell phone as well as the rest of your valuables hidden. Never walk with your headphones on because a thief can easily sneak up behind you without your knowledge. If you have to use your phone, wait until you get to wherever you are going or step into a public building along the way. For more safety tips, please visit [www.ridgelysdelight.org/safety](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/safety).

## Adopt a Garden and Win

Is your green thumb itching for spring? To make our neighborhood even lovelier, the Ridgely's Delight Association is excited to announce its first annual Adopt a Garden competition, which will start when Mother Nature approves, approximately April 1<sup>st</sup> and end on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Eleven unique green spaces are up for adoption within Ridgely's Delight, just waiting for your creativity. Prizes are a gift certificate to Peace and a Cup of Joe and dinner for two at the Corner Bistro and Wine Bar.

Would you like to nurture fragrant roses in our memorial garden, start a Mommy and Me garden near the tot lot or a design a new garden from scratch? We have all kinds of gardens ranging from large plots suitable for veggies or sunflowers to pots that will hold only a few pansies.

A map of the garden locations and descriptions and a link to register are available at [www.ridgelysdelight.org/green](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/green). The map and a sign-up sheet will also be presented at our March community meeting. Adoption is on a first come-first served basis, and you can team up with a neighbor on a plot. You can provide your own plants or request reimbursement for up to \$50 from the Association. The Association will also provide free mulch and use of community tools.

## Community Clean-up Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to accommodate those who can't make it on Saturdays. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9am. Pickles will provide free pizza and beer to volunteers after the clean-up. If you know of areas where we should concentrate our efforts, please notify [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org). The clean-up is a community sanctioned event.

## Rumblings from Ridgely's

Longtime Ridgely's resident Tom Light invites everyone to check out his new blog\*\*. Rumblings from Ridgely's offers a lighthearted look at life in our little downtown neighborhood, from his early days of finding a home to his current attempts to explain to outsiders that although we're next to Camden Yards, we're neither Otterbein nor Pigtown. Find the blog at [www.rumblingsfromridgelys.com](http://www.rumblingsfromridgelys.com).

\*\*Note that this blog is not affiliated with RDA. The Association does not endorse the site and is not liable for its content.

## Do You Do Your Doggie Duty?

A dog may be man's best friend, but owners who don't pick up after their pets are not popular in Ridgely's. In fact, they are breaking the law and can be fined at least \$200. Please be sure to carry a bag to pick up after your pooch every time. Also, please keep your dog on a leash when walking around the neighborhood. While your dog may be friendly to you, it might frighten other dogs or people, especially children, when it's not on the leash. It can also run into oncoming traffic.

One of the benefits of living in Ridgely's Delight is that the community is exceptionally dog-friendly, and most owners are responsible. Unfortunately, there have been some complaints about dogs off leash in Conway Park. Please note that Conway Park is not an official dog park. An unleashed dog is against the law and if you choose to allow your dog off the leash, you are taking responsibility for its actions. And again, there is the potential of being fined. If you are ever annoyed by a dog owner who doesn't clean up after his/her dog or lets it run off the leash, you have the option to take a picture and call 311 to report it.

## Dumpster Etiquette

Dumpsters that are on private property in the neighborhood are only to be used by the residents in that complex. The building manager hires a private service to pick up that trash for that building only. These dumpsters are not for community use. It might be tempting to put your trash or worse yet, bulk trash, in them when you miss the curbside pickup. However, it is illegal to use, has created ill will, and produced unsightly overflowing garbage on the ground.




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## RDA By-laws in Review

The original by-laws were drafted in the 1970s and are in need of some updating. At this point, the review committee has identified specific content in need of clarification/updating. The next step is to thoroughly define each issue and devise solutions. This process is expected to take a few months before a proposed draft is presented at a monthly community meeting. Please keep in mind, all community input from the by-laws meetings, monthly meetings, and emails to the president will be discussed and considered. In addition, if you'd like to serve on or participate in meetings of the by-laws committee, feel free to attend. Or if you have suggestions for revisions, please email [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org). You can review the current by-laws in the Association section of [www.ridgelysdelight.org](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org).

Please note that the next RDA by-laws committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will begin at 7pm and will be held at the Davis household. Please email [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org) for the address.

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## Chamber Music from Peabody

The First Unitarian Church of Baltimore presents Chamber Music from Peabody. The performance begins on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and runs approximately 2.5 hours. It includes two masterworks by Ludwig van Beethoven: his dramatic early String Quartet in c minor (Op. 18#4) and the towering late String Quartet in C# minor (Op. 131). Performers will include faculty members Michael Kannen and Maria Lambros, as well as students Nikita Borisevich, Orin Laursen and the Atlas String Quartet. The program will take place in the Sanctuary on the corner of Charles St. and Franklin St. Admission is \$10 per person, \$5 for students, with a \$25 family maximum. For more info, please contact the Music Committee at First Unitarian at [music@firstunitarian.net](mailto:music@firstunitarian.net), or (410) 685-2330.

## 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 [www.ridgelysdelight.org/chap](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/chap)

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).

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