

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

May 2015

Community Meeting on May 6th

Our community meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7pm, upstairs at Sliders.

You can review minutes from previous meetings at www.ridgelysdelight.org/minutes. We will also post a link to the meeting agenda on our Facebook page when it's available. The meeting is a community-sanctioned event, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing. The RDA board will hold their monthly meeting immediately after the community meeting.

If you live, work or own property in Ridgely's Delight, you are invited to attend the meetings; however, only board members can vote at the board meeting.

Parking Permit Renewal Registration

Your residential parking permit and visitor's pass will **expire on June 30th**. If you do not have a new permit or pass on your car as of July 1, you will be subject to a ticket. Ridgely's residents can visit our website at www.ridgelysdelight.org/parking for the link to renew permits and passes through the new iParq system starting on May 20th.

Permits and passes will be available for pick-up at the Parking Authority office beginning June 19th. The office will be open one weeknight and one Saturday during the renewal period. Those dates will be published in the June newsletter once they are available. There will also be a neighborhood pick-up on June 24th from 6 to 7:30pm upstairs at Sliders Bar and Grill. Note that you must pay for your permit online by June 18th if you want to participate in the neighborhood pick-up.

If you are having problems with the registration process, contact the office at 443-573-2800. For more information on required documentation and other parking rules, visit www.ridgelysdelight.org/parking.

Permits are \$20 each (limit 4 vehicle permits per legal household). Visitors passes are \$20 each (limit 1 per legal household).

Happy Hour at Patterson Bowling Center

Due to the Orioles home game on the first Friday in May; we will take the happy hour out of the neighborhood. We're going duckpin bowling at the Patterson Bowling Center on May 1st at 7:15pm. Your \$25 ticket covers shoe rental, bowling and a Tommy's Backdoor BBQ sandwich. Bring your own beer, wine and soda (no hard liquor). Space is limited, so email Tom at tomlight1@msn.com to find out if any tickets remain. The bowling alley is located at 2105 Eastern Ave.

Street Sweeping Enforcement

As many people learned last month, the City is now ticketing vehicles that are parked on the side of the street scheduled for street sweeping. Like most city neighborhoods, parking is tight on any day, but sweeping day makes it even more challenging to find a legal spot. If you have off-street parking, please help to make room for others by parking on your property during sweeping hours. If you have extra space, consider inviting a neighbor to park there on sweeping days. If you can't find a spot, remember that the Burgundy Street lot on the south side of the neighborhood has a few spaces. Also, consider parking at meters, which is cheaper than a ticket.

City Closed for Memorial Day

City offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 25.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(May 20th)
Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
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Baseball and BBQ

RDA is organizing a Baseball and BBQ fundraiser to benefit neighborhood cleaning and greening. Come out on Friday, June 12th and enjoy an Orioles vs. Yankees game (7:05pm) with a pre-game BBQ at the Tom Light's house (623 Washington Blvd.) beginning at 4:30pm. Tickets are \$32 each and include the price of game ticket and all the hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, (vegetarian options included) you can eat. Please contact Tom at tomlight1@msn.com for more info or to purchase tickets.

Plant Your Stoop Garden on May 9th

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Ridgely's Delight Association will host a greening event on May 9th at 9am in the Burgundy lot to help neighbors create their own stoop gardens. We will offer free native Maryland plants and Leaf Guard soil, plus use of our community gardening tools. Just bring your green thumb and containers. Participants will be asked to provide a before and after photo of their gardens, which is a requirement for the Parks and People grant. Note that the clean-up is at the same time, and you can participate in one or both events.

Community Clean-up on May 9th

The monthly community clean-up will be held on May 9. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9 a.m. 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. The clean-up is a community sanctioned event.

Ridgely's Pirates Sailing Aug. 7th

Due to the rip-roaring good time we had on last year's Urban Pirates cruise, we're going to take to the high seas – or at least the Chesapeake – again this year. Please join your neighbors on Friday, Aug. 7 for an hour-long, all-Ridgely's Urban Pirates grog cruise and help us pillage the Inner Harbor. Boarding on the pier at Ann and Thames Sts. begins at 7 p.m., and the ship sails from 7:30 to 8:30. Bring your own grog on the 52-foot ship Fearless and enjoy maritime songs, dancing and debauchery. Feel free to dress in pirate gear to get in the mood.

Tickets will be available for \$25 apiece – cash or check accepted – at the community meeting and first Friday happy hour. You can also contact admin@ridgelysdelight.org. A maximum of 49 passengers are admitted on each cruise, so don't delay. Please note that we have purchased all the tickets for this cruise, so you can't buy them with a Groupon or through Urban Pirates.

Visit urbanpirates.com for directions to the boarding location, parking information and other details. Grog cruises are for adults aged 21 and older, and you must provide photo ID to board. Drinks are not sold on board, so bring any adult beverages and mixers that you wish in glass, plastic and cans. Coolers are allowed.

Safety Tip

With the weather heating up, you're probably getting out more. To avoid being a victim, be aware of your surroundings. Don't talk on the phone or plug in your earbuds while walking down the street. Look around you as you walk, not down at the ground. These simple tips can make a big difference.

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Free Legal Clinic May 2nd

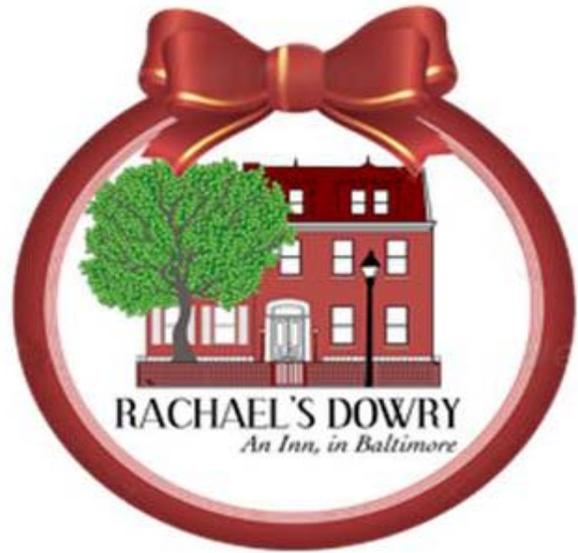
Maryland Legal Aid will hold a free legal clinic from 9am to noon at its office at 500 E. Lexington St. The event is free, open to all and no pre-registration is required. Be sure to bring any relevant legal documents with you.

Moving Out?

As school closes for the summer, many students move out Ridgely's Delight, which means there's a lot of extra trash. Please note that if you leave large items such as furniture and appliances for weekly trash pick-up, you could be fined for illegal dumping. If you are a tenant who has moved out, and your landlord is fined, the amount can be deducted from your security deposit. Therefore, please make sure you properly dispose of your unwanted belongings.

Following are some resources for disposing of your large items:

- Call 311 for bulk trash removal of up to three items, which will be picked up on the first Tuesday of the month. Appointments fill up early, so schedule yours as soon as possible, go to <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Bureaus/SolidWaste/BulkTrash.aspx>
- Sell or give away items on Craigslist or the Ridgely's Delight Nextdoor site. Register at www.nextdoor.com.
- Make a tax-deductible donation to Goodwill.
- Donate small appliances and household items, electronics and clothing to Purple Heart, which benefits U.S. veterans. To schedule a pick-up at your home, visit www.gogreendrop.com.



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Sowebo Celebrates Art

The annual Sowebo Festival will take place around Hollins Market on Sunday, May 24. With three stages of music, food, beer, arts and crafts vendors an art show and kids' activities, there's fun for the whole family. Sowebo Arts, Inc. will sponsor its poster auction on the same day as the festival. Bid on posters by some of the area's most talented artists and help support Sowebo Arts, which promotes economic development through the arts in southwest Baltimore.

Ridgely's Gamers Meet May 21st

Join the Ridgely's Gamers for another round of fun on May 21 at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and there is no fee to play. Details are still in the works, but you can check the Ridgely's Delight or Ridgely's Gamers Facebook pages or the calendar at www.ridgelysdelight.org as the date approaches for information on the location and which game will be played.

Save the date

Community Baseball and BBQ – June 12th
Urban Pirates Cruise – August 7th



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