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

November 2014

Community and Board Meetings

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at 7pm, upstairs at Sliders. As last year's term for the RDA Board of Directors nears an end, this is the annual meeting at which we vote for the new RDA Board. It is also time to vote on the proposed by-law amendment. Exact wording for the amendment can be found in the last 2 editions of the Ridgely's Record and in the What's New section of www.ridgelysdelight.org. A link to the meeting agenda can be found on our Facebook and Twitter pages. 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.

Current slate for the RDA Board of Directors

President: Farzana Muhib

VP of Operations: Maggie Webbert

VP of Communications: Joanne Drummond

Secretary: Eric Davis
Treasurer: Michele Vitolo

Parliamentarian: Paul Rubenson

Members At Large (5 positions): Brad Hutcheson, Emily Clark, Bill Reuter, Themar Long, Tom Light,

Andy Rubin, Rob LaPin, Al Passarella

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Safety Tip: Call 911

As the holidays approach, criminals are more likely to look for potential victims. Remember to walk in groups, especially at night, and keep your valuables hidden. Be sure to call 911 if you see suspicious behavior. If you have non-emergency questions or concerns, please email safety@ridgelysdelight.org.

Happy Hour at Horseshoe

After several requests from the neighborhood, we have booked this month's first Friday happy hour at Johnny Sanchez in the Horseshoe Casino. Johnny Sanchez is a spirited taqueria by celebrity chefs John Besh and Aarón Sánchez, which offers fresh ingredients that are farmed and fished responsibly and locally. Come out and party with your neighbors in the bar area for an extended happy hour until 9pm! Drinks and appetizers are half price.

Thank You to Sidewalk Espresso Bar

The neighborhood Kid's Club would like to extend many thanks to the Sidewalk Espresso Bar for hosting the October Kid's Club and for giving the kids complimentary ice cream. The kids showed their artistic side last month, painting fall scenes from around the neighborhood.

Activities planned for the upcoming months are hiking, legos, and book club with an author. The date, time and details of events will be announced by email and on the Ridgely's Facebook page when finalized. If you have kids in first through fifth grade and would like to participate, or if you have questions, please contact Nicole Dungee at ndungee261@gmail.com or 443-326-0535. Please also contact Nicole if you are willing to lead an activity.

City Holiday Closings

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

November 4th: Election Day November 11th: Veterans Day November 27th: Thanksgiving

Parking meters will not be in effect on Thanksgiving.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Shop Small for Special Deals Nov. 29th

Small Business Saturday is a national event that falls on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, a day when consumers are encouraged to shop, dine and use the services of small businesses. Please support our neighborhood small businesses on Small Business Saturday, which takes place on Nov. 29th.

Circulator Under Review

In October, Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young introduced a resolution calling for a hearing into the efficiency of the Charm City Circulator, Baltimore's free public bus system.

With the current operating contract for the Circulator set to expire at the end of 2014, Council President Young said that he's looking to make sure the program is running as smoothly as possible. This includes the potential installation of fare boxes. The Council will announce plans to hold a public hearing on Council President Young's resolution in the coming weeks. If you would like to offer feedback on the issue, please feel free to contact the Council President at councilpresident@baltimorecity.gov

Community Clean-up on November 15th

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15th. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9am. Pickles will provide free pizza and beer to volunteers afterward. The clean-up is a community sanctioned event. By participating in the clean-up, you can also receive a certificate that you can use to earn credit toward your storm water remediation fee. Visit www.ridgelysdelight.org/green for the link to the fee credit application.

Leaf Collection Program

The City will collect bagged leaves every Monday through January 5th. To have your leaves picked up on any Monday during the season, call 311 before Sunday at 10pm for next-day collection. You can make multiple appointments for up to two months prior to the pick-up date and leave out up to 20 bags each time. In addition, trash crews will collect up to five bags of leaves on our regular Wednesday trash collection day. Put leaves in clear or labeled bags and place them next to your trash can.

Holiday Party Is December 11th

Whether you own property, rent or work in the neighborhood, and whether you've been here for years or you're new to Ridgely's Delight, we want to see you at the holiday party. This year's event will be held at Sports Legends on Dec. 11th from 7-11pm. As usual, we will have a pot luck dinner and cash bar (no credit cards). You can also tour the museum for free. Please bring an appetizer, entrée or dessert to share. If you don't have time to cook, you can contribute \$10 toward platters provided by The Corner Bistro and Wine Bar.

Don't miss the social event of the holiday season. Please R.S.V.P. by going to the event at Ridgely's Delight's Facebook page, sending an email to admin@hotmail.com or calling 410-727-8060. Be sure to indicate what you are providing for the pot luck so we can plan a balanced menu. Don't forget to invite your friends in the neighborhood.



Ridgely's Recreational Park Project

The Ridgely's Recreational Park Project aims to improve the current playground located at the corners of Penn and Melvin by establishing a green, recreational and gathering space for community members of all ages. Take a look at the proposed plans which can be downloaded from http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/park.php.

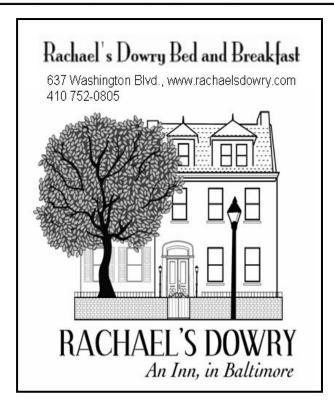
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Aquarium's Fridays After Five

The National Aquarium's Fridays After Five access program has returned. Every Friday, those entering the Aquarium between 5pm and 8pm (exploring until 9:30pm) will enjoy a low admission price of \$12.

Fridays After Five is a great way for visitors to discover the wonders of the Aquarium's collection of more than 17,000 magnificent animals and explore exhibits including the award-winning Blacktip Reef exhibit at a greatly reduced price. Tickets for Fridays After Five, including "Fiesta Latina," "Fluid Art" and "Holiday Celebration" can be purchased at aqua.org/afterdark or by calling 410-576-3800.





From Rye to Raphael: The Walters Story

The Walters Art Museum began as the private passion of two men, William T. Walters (1819–1894) and his son Henry (1848–1931), but grew into a public mission to bring art to the people of Baltimore. Building a collection of staggering depth and scope, they assembled more than 20,000 items-the majority of the art objects that constitute the Walters Art Museum as we know it today.

The current exhibit, From Rye to Raphael: The Walters Story, brings together for the first time an extraordinary group of art and artifacts to illustrate the intriguing stories behind the magnificent gift to the City from the Walters family. The dramatic new installation features 200 works chosen for their beauty and craftsmanship as well as never-beforeseen Walters family photographs and historic material culled from the museum's archives. At the end of the installation, which celebrates the 80th anniversary of the opening of the Walters Art Museum, visitors are invited to consider the impact of giving on our community today.

Water and Sewer Protection Plans Available for Homeowners

Did you know that as a homeowner you are responsible for the exterior water and sewer lines leading from your house to the street? Depending on your homeowners insurance, you may or may not be covered for maintenance or repairs. The City of Baltimore has partnered with HomeServe USA to provide homeowners with an opportunity to buy a repair plan. Under the HomeServe plans, Cityapproved licensed plumbers who are local and insured will make service repairs that meet Baltimore City code specifications. The plans even cover damage due to normal wear and tear.

This coverage is not mandatory, and homeowners are free to purchase plans from other companies. However, the City is endorsing HomeServe. In addition, the City's agreement with HomeServe provides for monthly review of the company's performance.

As a homeowner, you should consult with your insurer to confirm coverage for exterior water and sewer breaks before purchasing a service plan. For more information or to enroll in a service plan, visit BaltimoreServiceRepairs.com or call HomeServe toll-free at 1-855-807-6631.

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Kerplunk: Family Drop-in Art Classes

Create your next masterpiece at one of the Creative Alliance's drop-in art classes. Held at the repurposed landmark Patterson Movie Theater, the classes, featuring kid-friendly art projects, are held every Saturday from noon to 3pm. The Patterson is located at 3134 Eastern Ave. in the Brewer's Hill neighborhood. See their website for more info: http://www.creativealliance.org/

Zoo Zoom – November 23rd

Here's your chance to RUN WILD in the Zoo! Whether you have the speed of a cheetah or pace of a tortoise, join The Maryland Zoo for this wildly popular annual event. Choose from either an 8K race or 1 Mile Family Walk/ Fun Run. Both courses run right through the center of the Zoo alongside the animals and right by the Zoo's new Penguin Coast exhibit. Registration also includes admission to the Zoo! Whatever you do, be sure to race to register as spaces for this special event fill traditionally sell out early. fast and See http://www.marylandzoo.org/event/zoo-zoom-2014/ for race times, registration details and fees.



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. review **CHAP** guidelines, the visit http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/chap

Feel free to contact the Ridgely's Delight Architectural Review Committee (ARC) with any related renovation questions arc@ridgelysdelight.org.



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