

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

November 2016

Community & Board Meetings

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wednesday November 2nd 7pm upstairs at Sliders. A board meeting will follow at 8pm.

If you live 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.

A link to the meeting agenda will be available on our Facebook and Twitter pages when it is available. Each meeting is a community-sanctioned event, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing.

RDA Elections in November

The Ridgely's Delight Association will hold its annual election at the November community meeting. Following is the current slate:

President - Sharon Reuter, Tom Light
VP of Operations - Chris Conlon
VP Communications - Kate Leitkowski
Secretary - Eric Davis
Treasurer - Chris Crook
Parliamentarian - Brad Hutcheson
Members at Large (5 Seats) - Al Passarella,
Rob Ridgely, Chris Firehock, Paul Rubenson,
Matt Hilloefer, Clarissa Howison

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. To be eligible to run or vote, community members must attend at least two sanctioned events in the four months prior to the November meeting. These include community and board meetings, clean-ups; newsletter delivery; committee meetings; Citizens on Patrol walks; If you are unsure of your eligibility, contact Eric Davis at eggnogg@gmail.com.

Pick-up Day Reminder

Trash pick-up: Wednesdays
Recycling pick-up: Friday**

November First Friday Happy Hour

November Happy Hour will be on the First Friday of the month, November 4th starting at 6:30pm. Free appetizers while they last!

Ridgely's Delight Annual Holiday Party

Music, Dancing, Food and Fun. The entire neighborhood is invited to the Ridgely's Delight Annual Holiday Party at Frank & Nic's West End Grille on Saturday, December 17th at 7pm. Featuring a cash bar and a sponsored buffet (Thank you Matt Hilloefer).

If you bring a Potluck Dish you can come for FREE!!! The Best Potluck Dish will win Orioles vs Yankees tickets.

Santa will be there for kids of all ages! There will also be a 50/50 Raffle to support RDA events in 2017 such as movie nights and music.

Tickets are available for \$20 per person at the door, kids under 12 eat free.

Or pay \$17 to Tom Light 623 Washington Blvd in advance or Use PayPal at www.ridgelysevents.org FROM November 1st until December 15th and pay only \$16 plus a \$1 service fee.

City Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day and Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. Parking meters will be in effect for both days.

**Recycling pick up for the 11th is rescheduled for Saturday November 12th.

City offices will be closed on Thursday November 24th for Thanksgiving Day, Parking Meters will NOT be in effect on this day.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(November 16th)
Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
(November 23rd)



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Upcoming Happy Hours 2017

For those who like to plan ahead for your good times, here are your upcoming Happy Hours for next year

January 6th at The Pigtown Tavern starting at 6:30pm.

February 3rd at Pickles Pub at 6:30pm

March 3rd will be a Bowling Night at Patterson Bowl Center, 2105 Eastern Ave. from 6:30 until 10pm

April 14th at Sliders at 6:30pm (note this is the 2nd Friday of the month)

Ridgely's Gamers Tribute to our Midwest Families: Euchre Night!

It's that time of year again, where we gather round with family, friends, football, and in my case, euchre! Join us at DBFA Community Blend on November 17 at 8 pm for another great euchre night - byob and a spare deck to share. Novices and experienced players welcome, contact Jennifer for questions at Jenniferjhammitt@gmail.com or join our public Facebook group. See you there!

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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

<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.

Could You Be a RDA Board Member?

The Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA) is the group that compiles the Ridgely's Record newsletter, organizes community clean-ups, monthly happy hours, holiday party, barbecues in the park and neighborhood beautification projects. The RDA's main goal is to make life better in Ridgely's Delight.

Our board of directors prioritizes neighborhood projects and decides how community funds will be spent. Board activities should reflect the needs and interests of all of Ridgely's Delight, and the board should be representative of the ages, races, economic and residential statuses of the neighborhood.

A new board is elected every year at the November community meeting. To be eligible for the board, people must live, work or own property in Ridgely's Delight and attend at least two community-sanctioned events during the four months prior to the election.

Board members are expected to:


- attend monthly community meetings, board meetings and events
- participate in neighborhood initiatives
- participate in frequent email discussions on a timely and professional basis
- serve on at least one committee, such as membership or finance

Board members with experience in any of the following areas would be of particular value:

- project management
- community and government affairs
- public works
- communications and marketing
- grant-writing
- bookkeeping
- property management
- event planning
- service on a non-profit board of directors

If you are interested in becoming a board member:

- review the by-laws in the Association section of www.ridgelysdelight.org to learn more about the purpose of the board and board members' duties
- attend community meetings if you haven't done so before to familiarize yourself with the neighborhood issues




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Proposed bylaw amendments are in bold.

Notes about the proposed changes follow in italics.

ARTICLE III: Membership

2) Member in good standing: In order to remain a member in good standing and be eligible to vote, a member must be at least eighteen (18) year of age and must attend at least **three (3)** regular meetings, board meetings, or previously sanctioned community events within **six (6)** months prior to the meeting at which a vote will be cast.

Notes: The proposed change is actually a reversion from the 1996 amendment to the numbers in the original bylaws. But the important passage "or previously sanctioned community events" from the 1996 amendment would remain.

ARTICLE VIII: Committees

1) General: The standing committees shall be a Finance Committee, a Membership Committee, a Nominating Committee, **and an Architectural Review Committee**. Such other committees as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the board.

Notes: The RDA bylaws do not include an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) among its standing committees. This is likely because the original bylaws predate the creation of the Ridgely's Delight Historic District. The Baltimore City Commission for Historic & Architectural Preservation (CHAP), which administers the historic district, suggests but does not require an ARC. CHAP does require, at a minimum, that the historic district puts forth a liaison.

2) Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall advise the Board and the Association on fiscal matters and shall **review** the books and accounts in June of each year. The committee shall consist of the Treasurer and no less than two Association members appointed by the President. The chairman of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Association President and shall not be the Treasurer.

Notes: The proposed amendment would change the existing word "audit" to "review," in accordance with current best practice.

5) **Architectural Review Committee: The Architectural Review Committee shall liaise with the Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) regarding the Ridgely's Delight Historic District, and may consider other architectural concerns of the neighborhood. The leadership and makeup of the committee shall be outlined in the Registry of Records**

Notes: The proposed definition of the ARC includes two parts. The first is to liaise with CHAP, to fulfill the functional needs of the Ridgely's Delight Historic District. The second is to address broader architectural concerns of the neighborhood which may not directly involve CHAP or historic preservation. Because the historic district is a distinct legal entity from the Ridgely's Delight Neighborhood, its committee chair should not be appointed by the RDA president (like the other standing committees). And because the makeup of the ARC changes over time, its leadership and structure should remain flexible. Therefore its exact structure is best left to the Registry of Records, not the bylaws.

Have a City related concern and/or need to contact your councilman?

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- Stay informed:

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