

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

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October 2014

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## Community and Board Meetings

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-8pm, upstairs at **Peace and a Cup of Joe**. Please note the location change. A link to the meeting agenda will be available in the What's New section of [www.ridgelysdelight.org](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org) and 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.

Residents are also welcome to attend the board meeting which, this month, will occur before the community meeting starting at 6:30pm.

## Ridgely's Awards Best Gardens

Thanks to everyone who adopted a public garden in Ridgely's Delight this year. We have seen beautiful plants bloom and thrive throughout our community all season long. Neighbors and visitors alike have enjoyed strolling through our neighborhood and admiring the gorgeous landscaping. With so much effort placed in the design and maintenance of the gardens, choosing the winners was a challenge for the board. We are happy to honor the winners, who will receive their prizes at the October community meeting:

First prize: Bob Welton and Ben Marks have won a gift certificate to Peace and a Cup of Joe for their lovely gateway garden, which complements the Ridgely's Delight sign at the corner of Washington Blvd. and MLK.

Second prize: Michelle Cookson and her crew have won a gift certificate to the Corner Bistro and Wine Bar for the artistic garden at the corner of Eislen and Russell.

Check the What's New section of [www.ridgelysdelight.org](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org) and our Facebook and Twitter pages for photos of the winning gardens. We hope they will inspire everyone to consider adopting a garden next year.

### **Pick-up Day Reminder**

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

## Orioles Rally at Pickles on the 1<sup>st</sup>

Due to the AL East Division Champion Orioles home playoff game on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Friday happy hour has been changed to an Orioles rally at Pickles at 8pm. Come to the community meeting and head over to Pickles afterward. Wear your Orioles gear or, if you don't have any, wear some orange and black and toast the Orioles. Bring a few extra bucks for the 50/50 raffle.

## RDA Elections in November

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

Board activities should reflect the needs and interests of all of Ridgely's Delight, and the board should be representative of the ages, races, and the economic and residential statuses of the neighborhood. The Ridgely's Delight Association will hold its annual election at the November community meeting. To be a member in good standing and eligible to run or vote, community members must have attended at least two community-sanctioned events in the four months prior to the election. Following is the slate:

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.

## Columbus Day Closing

Monday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> is Columbus Day and City offices will be closed. Parking meters will be in effect.

## Street Closures on October 3<sup>rd</sup>

To celebrate the Orioles' return to the playoffs, Quigley's Half Irish Pub is planning a street festival with live music and a DJ before the game on Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Emory St. will be closed from the south side of Portland to Melvin. If the game starts at 4pm or later, Portland will also be closed from Emory to Russell.

## Run with the Pigs on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Pigtown Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> from noon to 7pm within the 700-800 blocks of Washington Blvd. There will be food and refreshments, a pie-eating contest, carnival games, children's activities, local artisans selling their wares, and of course, the famous running of the pigs.

The music line-up includes regional favorites Rufus Roundtree and Da B'More Brass Factory featuring members of P-Funk as well as Super Bueno. Volunteers are still needed for a variety of activities. Look for more information and find the link to volunteer at [Facebook.com/PigtownMainSt](https://www.facebook.com/PigtownMainSt).

## Kids Club Continues This Month

Thanks to Tina Crandell for leading last month's Kids' Club in yoga. The children had a great time in Conway Park. This month, the group will work on art projects at Sidewalk Café on Washington Blvd. The date, time and details of the event 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](mailto:ndungee261@gmail.com) or 443-326-0535. Please also contact Nicole if you are willing to lead an activity, such as arts, sports, cooking, knitting, mechanics, hiking, gardening, museum visits, music or dance.

## Community Clean-up on October 25<sup>th</sup>

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the Mayor's Fall Clean-up. 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](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/green) for the link to the fee credit application.

## Baltimore Running Festival Is Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>

The Baltimore Running Festival will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Watch for street closures and heavy traffic from morning until early afternoon. Visit [www.baltimoremarathon.com](http://www.baltimoremarathon.com) for street closure and other race information. Good luck to all of our Ridgely's runners!

## Leaf Collection Program Starting

The City will collect bagged leaves every Monday from mid-October until mid-January. The start date will be posted on social media and at [www.ridgelysdelight.org](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org) when available. 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.

## Safety Tip: Call 911

There have been several car break-ins around Penn, Fremont and Melvin Streets in the past several weeks. Many have occurred during the day. The evidence indicates that the same person or persons are responsible for a number of them. If you see something, say something. Call 911 if you see suspicious behavior, like somebody looking in windows, knocking on doors or trying to open doors. Join our Nextdoor site at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and post a description so neighbors can be on the lookout. If someone has attempted to break into your home or car, call 911, even if nothing was taken. This will ensure greater police presence in the neighborhood. If you have non-emergency questions or concerns, please email [safety@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:safety@ridgelysdelight.org).

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## Ridgely's Recreational Park Project

The Ridgely's Recreational Park Project aims to improve the current playground located at the coners of Penn and Melvin by establishing a green, recreational and gathering space for community members of all ages. A description of the Ridgely's Recreational Park Project is found on the Ridgely's Delight neighborhood web page under Tot Lot Renovations. The committee working on this project is currently researching grants and fundraising opportunities. If you have fundraising experience or are able to help with this important initiative please contact [editor@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:editor@ridgelysdelight.org).

## Newsletter Deliverers Needed

If you enjoy receiving the *Ridgely's Record* at your home, can you help to keep it coming? We are seeking a few volunteers to distribute the newsletter at the end of each month, as well as a few substitutes. The copies will be delivered to your door, and it only takes about 15 minutes to cover your route. If you are away or unable to fulfill your duty for the month, you can request that a substitute handle it. As a delivery person, you are considered a member in good standing and may participate in any Ridgely's Delight Association votes. If you would like to volunteer, please email [admin@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:admin@ridgelysdelight.org).

## Proposed By-law Amendments

As mentioned in previous issues, a committee has been reviewing the Ridgely's Delight Associations by-laws throughout the year. To inform the community of the proposed amendments, they are (1) printed below, (2) posted on the RDA website, and (3) there will be printed copies at the next 3 community meetings.

The following proposed amendments are for Terms of Office and Meetings of the Board (regular and special). Community members will vote on whether to accept the amendments at the November community meeting.

### Terms of Office:

The terms of office for Ridgely's Delight's board members and officers shall be for one year. The year will follow the calendar year, starting on January 1 and ending on December 31. While board members and officers are elected in November, their term will not start until the following January.

If board members are not elected in November, there will be a special election called to fill the open RDA positions for officers and board members. If the special election takes place after December 31, the new board will be installed immediately and serve out the remainder of that calendar year term. The current board shall serve until the new board is elected.

### Meetings of the Board of Directors:

The Board shall hold regular monthly meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to the membership of the Association who may participate without voting. Members will be notified in writing of the date of the Board meetings via monthly newsletter or other written and public statement.

Special meetings of the Board (e.g. via electronic means) as specified in the register of resolutions are allowed on an emergency basis when business of the Association cannot wait until the next scheduled Board meeting. The voting means used shall be open to the whole board, and all votes will be cast publicly to the entire board.

Voting in an emergency vote is not closed until all votes have been cast; however actions may be taken by the Board once the issue has received a simple majority of all possible votes in the affirmative or in the negative. The question under consideration and the results of the emergency board vote shall be made public at the next community meeting and will be entered into the meeting minutes. This means should be considered a method of last resort for Board business, and special care should be taken to ensure the issue under vote is stated clearly with reasonable time for discussion, debate, and possible community input as the situation allows. The protocol and format of each means of emergency voting must be specified in the Register of Resolutions before the means are used for an emergency vote.

To find the proposed amendments on the RDA website, go to the What's New section of



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[www.ridgelysdelight.org](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org). For comparison, the current version of the bylaws can be viewed by scrolling to the bottom of the RDA website. If you have any comments or questions, please email [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org).

Community members must attend at least two community-sanctioned events in the four months prior to the meeting to be eligible to vote.

### 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 <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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