

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

October 2016

Community & Board Meetings Sept. 7th

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wednesday October 5th 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
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 Hilloerfer, 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: Fridays

October First Friday Happy Hour

October Happy Hour will be on the First Friday of the month, October 7th From 6pm to 8:30pm. Location is to be determined as the Orioles are in contention to be in the playoffs. Go O's!

Community Clean up

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. 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. The clean-up is a community-sanctioned event. Participating property owners can earn credits to reduce their Stormwater Fee.

Baltimore Running Festival October 15th

The Baltimore Running Festival will take place on Saturday, October 15th. Watch for street closures and heavy traffic from morning until early afternoon.

Visit www.thebaltimoremarathon.com for street closure and other race information. Good luck to all of our Ridgely's runners!

City Offices Closed October 10th

City offices will be closed on Monday, October 10th for Columbus Day. Parking meters will be in effect.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Street sweeping helps keep our streets clean, prevent storm drain blockage and protect waterways from hazardous materials. Each month, the odd sides of the street are swept on the 3rd Wednesday and even sides on the 4th Wednesday. Please be mindful of the schedule and move your car before 8am on these days.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(October 19th)

Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
(October 26th)



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Safety Tip

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.

Parking Suggestions

Parking is at a premium here in Ridgely's Delight. It isn't as bad as Canton or Federal Hill, but we can all help each other by being aware of the impact a bad parking job can have on your neighbors. Here are a few simple suggestions: Park to the signs with your front or rear bumper, Park to the corners of cross streets (without blocking pedestrian walkways), Don't leave more than 18 to 20 inches between cars. Also let your visitors know to follow these simple suggestions. Should you see any abuses of parking or visitor passes, please report them to the RDA Board.

Ridgely's Gamers

Please join us October 27th for a spooky Halloween edition of Ridgely's Gamers! We'll be working together to prevent the zombie apocalypse with a great new game, Pandemic. 8pm at Community Blend, please contact Jenniferjhammitt at gmail dot com or follow our Facebook page for updates

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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.

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.

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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

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

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Connect with your Neighborhood

- Bookmark the neighborhood website:

www.ridgelysdelight.org

Download the newsletter or find information about events, trash pick up, or on going projects

- Follow us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/RidgelysDelight/

And don't forget to share your pictures from the neighborhood events.

- Join Nextdoor:

ridgelysdelightmd.nextdoor.com

A private social network for neighborhoods.

The app is available for Android and Iphone.

- Stay informed:

Add yourself to the Ridgely's email list and keep in touch with what's going on in the neighborhood. These emails are only occasional, we promise not to spam your mailbox. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/h72yu7d>

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