

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

October 2017

The Ridgely's Delight Association Community & Board Meetings

The October community meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 October 2017 at 7 p.m. upstairs at Sliders, 504 Washington Blvd. You are welcome to attend if you live, own property, or a business in Ridgely's Delight.

Representatives from the Parking Authority of Baltimore City will attend our meeting to introduce virtual parking permits, a new technology which will eliminate parking stickers and visitor passes. Find out how we will be affected if the Ridgely's Delight neighborhood is selected to participate in the pilot program. How will the new system streamline parking enforcement? How will we transition from one system to the other?

Nikhil Gupta, Site Coordinator for Thread, will also attend to discuss volunteer opportunities with the Baltimore-based mentoring organization. Thread matches a family of 3-4 volunteer mentors with an underperforming high school student, who is confronting significant barriers outside the classroom, for amazing results. 86% of student alumni have completed a 4 or 2 year degree or certificate program.

The RDA board meeting will immediately follow the community meeting.

Trick or Treating in the 'Hood

Halloween is a lot of fun in this neighborhood with neighbors taking advantage of the great Fall weather to meet on their front stoops and pass out candy to all the ghouls, princesses, and super heroes who parade by. Official Baltimore Trick or Treat hours are 6 to 8 p.m., on 31 October 2017. All neighborhood children are invited to gather in the Melvin and Penn Streets Park for the annual Halloween costume photograph at 5:45 p.m.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Ridgely's Delight Association November Elections

The Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA) will hold its annual election at the November community meeting. Members of the RDA Board organize Citizens on Patrol walks, community clean-ups, and social events like the holiday party, monthly happy hours, and movies in the park. Board members should reflect the diversity of our community. Community members must have attended at least two sanctioned events in the four months prior to the November meeting to be eligible to run or vote in the elections.

The slate for the board is as follows:

President: Sharon Reuter

VP of Operations: Chris Conlon

VP of Communications: Al Passarella

Secretary: Jay Pendell Jones

Treasurer: Chad Terry

Parliamentarian: Brad Hutcheson

Members At Large (5 positions): Ab Bear, Mike Jarman, Paul Rubenson, Clarissa Howison, and Chad Wierschke.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

The Mayor's Fall Clean Up

Ridgely's Delight will be participating in the Mayor's Fall Clean Up, Saturday, 28 October 2017 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This annual event gives city residents the opportunity to beautify their neighborhoods while earning \$10 in credits towards their stormwater fees. Meet at the Burgundy Lot community shed at 9 a.m.

Columbus Day

Baltimore City Offices will be closed on Monday, 9 October 2017 in observance of Columbus Day. However, Baltimore City Public Schools will remain open.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(October 18th)

Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
(October 25th)

Delightful Gems

This article continues our series that highlights past and present businesses in our community. This month we are focusing on WhitePaws RunMitts, a neighborhood startup with national appeal.

Can you tell us a little about your product?

WhitePaws RunMitts are a patented, convertible mitten designed for runners.

What was the inspirational moment? The moment you thought RunMitts was a marketable idea?

Every winter I would look for mittens that kept both my fingers and thumbs warm and I could never find one. Since I was a knitter, I decided to invent one. I tried a couple of versions and found that the final design worked the best. Since I was having the problem, I thought others might be too.

How hard was it to get a patent for your idea and how long did it take?

The patent process was a long one, 3 years, but once you start and put your heart and soul in, it's hard to turn back.

You named your company after your dog, Daisy. Is she your running partner?

No, she'd rather sit around and look cute, but my other dog, Vinnie, loves to go running.

You found a local manufacturer to produce your product. What made you decide to 'go local'?

Out of necessity, I own another business in the city and I needed the RunMitts manufacturer to be convenient. However, by staying local, I've found that there's a movement to bring manufacturing back to Baltimore. There's a large Maker community, that's very supportive and has lots of resources.

What advice would you give someone who is thinking of developing his/her idea into a new career?

Don't give up, there are going to be a lot of really rough days. Plug into the local community of Makers. Find

someone you can confide in when times get tough, you'll need someone to talk you off the ledge a lot. You'll never know until you try and you might surprise yourself. Sign up with a SCORE Mentor through the Small Business Administration. SBA wants small businesses to succeed.

Although designed for runners, many neighbors have found that RunMitts, with the small interior pocket made for hand warmers, are perfect for other outdoor activities too. For more information on WhitePaws RunMitts visit: runmitts.com.

The 17th Baltimore Running Festival

The 17th annual Baltimore Running Festival, consisting of a marathon, half marathon, team relay, 5K and Kids Fun Run, will take place on Saturday, 21 October 2017. The event will draw over 25,000 runners and thousands more spectators. Although some of the finish lines have been moved to the Baltimore Inner Harbor, various start lines will still be near Camden Yards. Traffic and parking within and surrounding the neighborhood will be impacted. Visit: thebaltimoremarathon.com to learn more.

Leaf Collection Program

The Department of Public of Works will collect bagged leaves every Monday from 30 October 2017 thru 8 January 2018. To have your leaves picked up on any Monday during the season, call 311 before Sunday at 10 p.m. for next day collection. Each household 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. Leaves must be placed in clear or labeled bags.



Baltimore Project Homeless Connect 2017

Join hundreds of volunteers at the Baltimore Convention Center to help thousands of families and individuals experiencing homelessness obtain critical resources and services. Volunteers will work one-on-one with participants to help them identify and secure needed services, or are assigned to help as needed throughout the event, 11 – 13 October 2017. Lunch is provided. Contact phc@uwcm.org for more details on this volunteer opportunity.

New Rules for Stormwater Fee Credits Take Effect for Baltimore City

New rules for Baltimore's stormwater fee and credit regulations make it easier to earn credits, and provide opportunities for some organizations to be exempt from paying the fee. The number of volunteer hours needed to receive a \$10 Participation Event credit has been reduced to 4 hours from 8 hours. Households that plant trees now can receive a credit of \$5 per tree, up from \$3, for a minimum of two trees with a 1-inch diameter. Neighbors who install a rain barrel with a volume of at least 50 gallons are eligible for a \$25 one-time credit. Additional credit earning opportunities available. Visit: <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/stormwater-fee> to learn more.

16th Annual Pigtown Festival

Squeakness, the popular live pig races return to the 700-900 blocks of Washington Blvd during the 16th Annual Pigtown Festival, from 12 – 7 p.m., 14 October 2017. Enjoy live music by Empresarios, The Players Band and Footwerk, along with food trucks, craft beer, arts & crafts, Kids Zone and much more. Free for all!

Ridgely's Happy Hour

The Ridgely's Delight Association will not host an October Happy Hour. *Peace & a Cup of Joe*, our neighborhood coffee shop at 713 W. Pratt Street, is hosting a *Meet the Neighbors* Happy Hour on 3 November 2017, from 7 – 9 p.m.

Harvest and Hops

Join Emerging Leaders United (ELU) and fellow young professionals for their annual night of fun, networking, and local craft beer in support of United Way's Harvest of Plenty program, which provides Thanksgiving meals to families in need. The event will take place at the Diamondback Brewing Company, 1215 East Fort Ave, Baltimore MD, from 5-8 p.m. on 11 October 2017. There is no cost for ELU members and a \$10 fee for non-members. Contact ELU Director Jeremy Rosendale at Jeremy.Rosendale@uwcm.org for more details.



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Neighborhood Trivia

Each month we post a neighborhood trivia question, with the answer published in the following month's Ridgely's Record. Last month's trivia question was, "Over the last 12 years what were the names of the four coffee shops that were in the building that most recently housed DBFA?" The answer: The four coffee shops that have operated at 625 Washington Blvd are: dog-friendly Cappoochinos, The Chop, Sidewalk, and Café Tesfa.

In honor of all our new neighbors who recently attended New Student Orientation, this month's trivia question is, "What year was the University of Maryland Medical Center founded?"


The Great Halloween Lantern Parade and Festival

This spectacular, FREE event will take place on Saturday, 28 October 2017 with the festival starting at 3:30 p.m. and the parade line-up beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Pulaski Monument in Patterson Park. Baltimore's BEST family Halloween festival features a kid's costume contest, lantern making, hayrides, yoga, live music, an arts & crafts market, and much more. Local food trucks and the beer garden will stay open until 8:30 p.m.

Rise, the theme of this year's parade, is a celebration of nature and community - both thrive, grow stronger, and rise when they're treasured. Celebrate the natural world by creating illuminated lanterns, carrying glowing large-scale artist-made floats, and marching with community bands around Patterson Park. The parade finale includes spectacular storytelling, animation, and music the entire family will enjoy. For more information visit: creativealliance.org.

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

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