

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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



September 2014

Community and Board Meetings

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd from 7-8pm. However, due to an Orioles home game, our meeting will take place in the **Curran Room** on the fourth floor at City Hall, 100 Holliday Street. Please note that we must provide a list of names of people attending prior to the meeting, so if you have not been to a meeting this year and plan to go, please email president@ridgelysdelight.org by Sept. 2nd. You must also bring a government-issued ID to enter the building. Metered parking is available or you can take the Charm City Circulator. If you live or own property or a business in Ridgely's Delight, you are welcome to attend the meeting. A link to the meeting agenda will be available in the What's New section of www.ridgelysdelight.org and on our Facebook and Twitter pages when it is available. The meeting is a community-sanctioned event, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing.

Street Sweeping August 30th

The Ridgely's Delight Association has just learned that Department of Public Works will sweep the streets of Ridgely's Delight on Saturday, Aug. 30th. It may be a slight inconvenience, but it would be extremely helpful if cars are off the street that day. One possibility is to park in the Burgundy lot, the small lot by Conway Park. Please note that this is a one-time sweeping and the city will be using a smaller sweeper. We are working with the City to add Ridgely's Delight to the weekly program that takes place in other neighborhoods.

Welcome, New Neighbors

We tend to see many new faces at this time of year as the fall semester begins. If you are new to the neighborhood, welcome! Be sure to visit the What's New section of www.ridgelysdelight.org, where you can download a new neighbor flier, which offers some information to help you get settled.

Shindig Returns to Pigtown

The Shindig Music Festival will return to Carroll Park on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Jane's Addiction and Rise Against will anchor the two main stages. Other bands include Gogol Bordello, Clutch, Fishbone, and more. Tickets are available at www.theshindigbaltimore.com and Sound Garden in Fells Point.

Happy Hour at Dempsey's

The monthly first Friday happy hour will be held at Dempsey's Brew Pub on Sept. 5th. If you have never been to this bar/restaurant at Camden Yards, go through the main entrance on Eutaw Street by the Babe Ruth statue, and you will see it on your left. This is a family-friendly venue, so feel free to bring the kids.

Casino Open for Business

The Horseshoe Casino will open Tuesday, Aug. 26th with a VIP reception at 6pm. The doors will open to the public at 9pm. The casino holds 6,000 people, but Horseshoe expects more than 10,000 on opening night. Guests will wait in line along Warner Street and in the parking lot south of Stockholm Street. Both streets will be closed to traffic for the evening. Heavy crowds and traffic are expected throughout the week and the following weekend. When the casino parking garage fills up, cars will be directed to the downtown garages. Since the Orioles will be in town during the opening week of the casino, and Navy will play at M&T Bank Stadium on Aug. 30th, parking restrictions will be effect throughout the neighborhood. The City has promised strict enforcement and towing.

The casino has plenty to offer, including casual, upscale and quick-bite restaurants and several bars, some of which are open around the clock. You can take the Charm City Circulator's temporary casino route from Pratt and Lombard to Warner and Stockholm Streets from Aug. 26th to 30th if you don't feel like walking down Russell. To find out more about Horseshoe, visit www.caesars.com/baltimore.

Food Truck Rally on September 11th

Quigley's Half-Irish Pub and The Gathering will sponsor a food truck rally on Portland Street on Sept. 11th before the Ravens-Steelers game. Due to the event, Portland Street will be closed from Greene Street to Emory from 9am-10pm on that date. Look for more information about the rally on our social media pages as the date approaches.

City Offices Closed September 1st

City offices will be closed for Labor Day.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Congrats to Allison

Allison Pendall-Jones, a longtime resident of Ridgely's Delight, was recently elected as the new president of Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance (DBFA). She will be the second president in DBFA's six-year history. Allison, Assistant Director of Resident Services for Greater Baltimore AHC and mother of two, was unanimously approved by DBFA's board of directors and succeeds DBFA co-founder Judy O'Brien, who will remain with the organization in another capacity.

DBFA creates opportunities, resources and advocates for families in downtown Baltimore. Anyone interested in learning more about the organization, joining (membership is free) or volunteering can contact Allison at apendelljones@gmail.com

Kids Club Resumes This Month

The first meeting of the Kids Club was a big success, with snow cones and fun for all. The date, time and details of the September 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 443-326-0535 or ndungee261@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to do activities with the kids over the coming months. Contact Nicole if you are willing to lead an activity, ie. arts, sports, cooking, yoga, knitting, mechanics, hiking, gardening, museum visits, music or dance.

Community Clean-up on September 13th

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th at a later time than usual. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 10am. Due to the large crowds expected for the Yankees game, Pickles will be unable to provide free pizza and beer afterward. On the bright side, we are expecting a **dumpster** in Conway Park by mid-morning. The clean-up is a community sanctioned event. By participating in the clean-up, you can also receive a certificate for credit toward your storm water remediation fee. Visit www.ridgelysdelight.org/green for the link to the fee credit application.

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

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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 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.

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.

If you would like to run in the November election, please contact sharon@ridgelysdelight.org by Sept. 15th.

Star-Spangled Spectacular

Star-Spangled Spectacular is a free festival Sept. 10-16 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our national anthem. The event at the Inner Harbor will feature tall ships, Navy ships, the Blue Angels, living history demonstrations, a family fun zone and live musical performances. On September 13th, there will be a star-studded patriotic concert and a fireworks display over Fort McHenry and the harbor, which will broadcast live on PBS's *Great Performances*. For more information, visit www.star-spangled200.com.

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Safety Tip: Secure Your Home

Last month, we reminded everyone, new neighbors especially, to leave nothing visible and lock the doors when leaving your car. This month, we'll focus on your home.

When thieves find a home that's easy to break into, they tend to hit other homes in the neighborhood. If they have difficulty breaking in, they tend to move to other areas. That's why it's important for everyone in Ridgely's Delight to make their homes as secure as possible. Following are some tips to help you do that.

- Install a deadbolt lock. Lock your doors every time you leave the house, even if you're going out for just a few minutes during the day.
- Keep garage doors closed and locked.
- Secure sliding doors and windows.
- Don't leave valuables near the windows where they will be visible from outside.
- Mark your property with an engraver to help police in identifying and returning stolen property. Make a property identification list.
- Buy a burglar alarm and test your system monthly.
- Leave a light on a timer. Close bedroom drapes or blinds.
- Keep your front light on at night.
- Work with your neighbors. When you are going to be away, tell trusted neighbors and ask them to watch your property. Have neighbors maintain your yard. When on vacation, have someone cut the grass. Shrubbery should not hide neighbors' view of windows or doors. Have someone pick up newspapers and mail. Tell neighbors to call police if they notice anything suspicious.

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 and post a description so neighbors can be on the lookout.

If you have non-emergency questions or concerns, please email safety@ridgelysdelight.org.



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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.

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