

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

September 2016

Community & Board Meetings Sept. 7th

The monthly community meeting will be held at the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum on Wednesday, Sept 7th at 7pm with a snack provided by Culinary Architecture. A board meeting will follow at the DBFA 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. The meetings are community-sanctioned events, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing.

Community Clean up

The monthly community clean-up will be held on September 10th. 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.

If you know of areas where we should concentrate our efforts, please notify president@ridgelysdelight.org. The clean-up is a community-sanctioned event.

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
(September 21st)

Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
(September 28th)

September Happy Hour

September Happy Hour will be on the second Friday of the month, September 9th at Pickles Pub with appetizers and drink specials starting at 6pm.

Please note: The September Happy Hour will NOT be on the normal first Friday of the month.

September 22nd Baseball and BBQ

Come join your neighbors for a night of Baseball and BBQ as the O's take the Boston Red Sox. Tickets for the game and a BYOB BBQ at Tommy's Backdoor BBQ, 623 Washington Blvd. are only \$20. (PayPal \$1 service charge) Tickets are limited to first come. Don't miss the fun. Contact Tom Light at tomlight1@msn.com for more information.

Emory Street Closure - Sept 23rd

Friday September 23rd, the Babe Ruth Museum will be closing Emory Street from Dover to Portland for a private event prior to the Orioles game. The street will close at 12 Noon to allow for set-up. The street will be re-opened when the event concludes no later than 8PM.

Ridgely's Gamers

Ridgely's Gamers Cranium night is now on September 29th! Bring your sense of humor and a beverage of choice to Community Blend for a night of friends and fun. Contact Jen at jenniferhammitt@gmail.com or join the public Facebook group for updates. See you there!

City Offices Closed September 5th

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day. Parking meters will not be in effect.

Pick-up Day Reminder

Trash pick-up: Wednesdays

Recycling pick-up: Fridays



Monthly Water

Billing is Coming!

This October your water bill will change! Water bills will have a new look and will start arriving on a monthly basis. Everyone who receives a City water and sewer bill will see these changes.

The new easy-to-read monthly bill will make it easier to manage monthly household budgets, discover unusual water usage or leaks sooner, and allow customers to monitor how much water is used. DPW is also adding an online, password-protected website that will show hourly water usage and other account information.

Customers will also now be billed based on the amount of water used instead of a predetermined minimum. Minimum billing charges will be eliminated.

Finally, DPW is proposing a three year package of rate increases of 9.9 percent for water and 9 percent for sewer each year. However, due to the elimination of minimum billing and the change to the rate structure, the impact will vary depending on meter size and consumption. To calculate how these changes may impact your bill, DPW has developed an online interactive tool under the "New Water Billing System" tab on their website.

For more information on the new water billing system changes, rate impact calculation, water bill payment assistance and other information, please visit the DPW website
http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/water_billing.

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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.

www.facebook.com/RidgelysDelight

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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Ridgely's Delight Safety Tips

A few tips to help reduce crimes of opportunity

To prevent vehicle break-ins:

- Always lock your vehicle
- Never leave anything especially valuables in plain view. Even if you don't believe it to be of value, someone else may.
- Never leave your keys or key fob in your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended, this is against the law.
- When possible, park in a well-lit area.

To prevent home break-ins:

- The easiest way into your home is through an unlocked door or window. Don't provide an invitation. Lock your doors and windows.
- Utilize your home security system – Deter thieves with noise or an automatic call to the police. If possible, consider purchasing a home alarm.
- Proper outside lighting – Thieves may choose to bypass a well-lit home.
- Strong exterior doors – Solid wood or metal provides stronger protection against break-ins.
- Block basement windows and window well covers
- Lock pet doors – Make sure your pet door isn't a point of entry for a thief.

To prevent robbery:

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not allow yourself to be distracted by activity such as talking on your cell phone, listening to music or reading.
- Try to travel with others, and walk in well-traveled areas
- Protect your electronics by not displaying them.
- Do not display large amounts of cash when paying for items
- If carry your wallet in your front hip pocket or inside jacket pocket- do not carry in your back pocket.
- If you carry a handbag or purse, carry one that you can grasp with a hand.

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

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- 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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