

RIDGELY'S RECORD

A Newsletter for the Residents and Businesses of Ridgely's Delight

April 2010

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Community Meeting is April 7th

Our monthly meeting is at Frank and Nics at 7pm in the private room.

Community Happy Hour is April 2nd

First Friday Happy Hour will be held at Sliders from 6pm until close. Specials include \$2.00 domestic drafts, 3.00 rail drinks, \$4.00 wings and \$1.00 off appetizers.

Conway Park Pergola to Be Dedicated

On Friday evening, April 16, at 6:30 we will dedicate the new pergola in Conway Park in memory of Barney Farnham. A reception will follow the brief ceremony. Everyone in the neighborhood, as well as friends of Barney from elsewhere, are invited to join the festivities.

As rector of Memorial Episcopal Church on Bolton Hill for 29 years, Barney brought vitality, growth, and stability to what had become a dying urban parish. His contributions to the surrounding community and the city beyond were numerous.

As his retirement approached, he and his wife Suzanne purchased a boarded up row house on Paca Street and restored it under the Maryland Historic Trust. They moved in on the first week of February, 1998. Barney quickly gained the admiration, respect, and affection of his neighbors. He was always out and about, greeting people, striking up conversations with adults and children alike, picking up trash from the gutter, taking inventory of streetlights that were out, and reporting problems to the appropriate authorities. He volunteered two days a week at George Washington Elementary in Pigtown and served on the boards of the Ridgely's Delight Association and the Babe Ruth Museum. He was an avid fan of both the Orioles and the Ravens, which is why the bench beneath the pergola faces Camden Yards.

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Parks and People Foundation Grant Awarded

The Ridgely's Delight Association was awarded a Parks and People Foundation grant for \$600.00 on March 16. The Neighborhood Greening grant was awarded to the Association for the construction of a community tool shed with rain buckets, the installation of a weed barrier, and plants in the Burgundy Street parking lot. Planning and design for this project will begin at the next community meeting. Please contact Mark James dufour.sail@yahoo.com or 410-499-0183 if you are interested in volunteering with this project.

Winter Neighborhood Clean-up

Our winter cleanup is for April 17. A dumpster has been arranged to be dropped off on the following Wednesday, April 20.

Volunteers are needed to clean and remove debris and leaves from our streets. Residents interested in volunteering please meet at the Sunoco at 9:00 AM. As always, we will be retiring to Pickles Pub for drinks and lunch.

Save the Date for Baltimore Retail Week

If you've never been shopping Downtown or haven't been to a new store in some time, now's your chance! From April 16-25, participating retailers all throughout Downtown Baltimore will be offering unofficial tax-free shopping, and other discounts and specials. Check www.godowntownbaltimore.com for more information.



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Baltimore Heritage Comes to Ridgely's

On April 24th Ridgely's Delight will be hosting a Baltimore Heritage Tour. The Baltimore Heritage leads tours throughout the city to explore the stories, myths, people, and places that make Baltimore charming. The Heritage trail follows the intricate thread of Baltimore neighborhoods, historic buildings, family businesses, artists and craftsmen that weave a larger tale of our city's character - past - present and future. Prominent community elements that we would like to highlight during this tour are some of our great neighborhood gardens. If you are interested in having your personal garden on the tour, please email Mark James (dufour.sail@yahoo.com). More details to follow in the March and April Record.

The Baltimore Heritage announces each monthly tour by email about two weeks ahead of time. To receive email announcements, send your name and email address to hopkins@baltimoreheritage.org. Their email list is not shared with any other organization, and you should expect to receive about one email per month.

See <http://www.baltimoreheritage.org/index.html> for more information on Baltimore Heritage.

Thank You

To Walt from Dover St. for constantly keeping the 700 block of Dover free of trash and weeds.

To Ben from Melvin St. who thought he may need to miss a community clean-up so he spent one weekday morning removing trash and debris from Penn St. in front of the tot lot.

To Dave from Washington St. who took a trash can and shovel to Conway Park and picked up the excess dog poo left over after the winter storms.

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Waste and Receptacle Reminder

Please be aware that it is the law to maintain clean sidewalks and alleys and to only put your trash can out for trash day. Understandably, people may not want to remove their trash receptacle from the front of their house because, in many cases, this would require it to be taken through the house. But it is not only unattractive to see waste receptacles constantly in the fronts of houses, but the smell may prove to be overwhelming as the summer months approach. Please follow the city's guidelines below:

- Use durable trash **cans** with **tight fitting lids**
- Placing trash in bags for collection is illegal and feeds rats
- No more than 3 (32 gal) cans per address
- Place cans between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. the **evening before** collection
- Don't block alleys and sidewalks with your cans and keep your sidewalks, gutters and alleys trash free
- Never pile bags on the corner of your block or end of your alley
- Call 311 for bulk pick up - if it doesn't fit in your can - it's BULK!
- Violations can cost you as much as \$500 per citation



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