

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

April 2012

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Community Meeting is April 4th

Our community meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4th at 7pm, upstairs at Sliders.

All Ridgely's residents, students, renters, and homeowners, are welcome!

Community Happy Hour is April 6th

This month's community Happy Hour will be Friday, April 6th at Alewife (www.alewifebaltimore.com) located at 21 N. Eutaw St. It may be a longer walk than usual to a happy hour venue, but it's worth it! Happy hour specials will be available from 4-7pm and specials include \$1 off all drinks (beer, wine, mixed, etc.), \$2 off appetizers and entrees (not sides), and the featured beer-of-the-day is only \$4.

Community Clean-up is April 21st

This month's community clean-up is Saturday, April 21st from 9-11am. It will coincide with the Mayor's Spring Clean Up and the eve of Earth Day. We hope to have new trees ready to plant. Please meet at the community shed in the Burgundy Lot. Beverages and pizza will be available afterwards at Pickles Pub.

Opening Day

The Baltimore Orioles vs the Minnesota Twins starts at 3pm on Friday, April 6th. Be prepared for traffic and possible parking issues.

8th Annual Privateer Day

Saturday, April 21st is Privateer Day. Walk the plank for Adventure at Fell's Point 2012 Privateer Day with live entertainment and music, vendors, tall ships, a War of 1812 Pier, adult "grog garden," special pirate appearances, children's entertainment & activities pier, the Urban Pirates' ship "Fearless" rides, night-time Pyrate Invasion Pub specials and much more!

Pigtown Flea Market

The citizens of Pigtown are hosting their 1st Flea Market on Saturday, April 14th from 7am to noon in Stadium Lot O at Ridgely St. and West Ostend St. All neighborhoods, students, friends, families, businesses are welcome to come and set up a table or shop. The cost for a table is \$13 if you register by April 1st or \$15 at the gate. There is also a \$1 fee to park. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Nina at 727-481-1586.

Community Game Night

This month the game is Scrabble. The Corner Bistro & Wine Bar will host a Scrabble tournament on Tuesday, April 3rd. Put your Words with Friends on your smart phone down for an evening with the original board game. We are aiming to start around 7pm. The top four scorers from the first round will make it to the winner's table. Games will continue throughout the evening for any late-comers.

Fighting for Freedom!

Kick off the War of 1812 Bicentennial at Fort McHenry in dramatic fashion with a performance of "Fighting for Freedom!" The first public performance will be held on April 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Additional performances will be held on April 23 and 24 at 10am at Fort McHenry and April 27 at the Maryland Historical Society at 6pm. In a collaborative effort between the Baltimore School for the Arts, Maryland Historical Society, and National Park Service, the production includes three scenes about the beginning of America's Second War for Independence. This production is free of charge as part of National Parks Week and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

The production includes three original scenes that include the people history textbooks leave out:

"A Just War?" Experience the infamous Baltimore riots of 1812 in which thousands of angry citizens violently persecuted opponents of the war. Consider the attitudes of everyday citizens of Baltimore, black and white, free and enslaved, and discover why Americans were so bitterly divided over the conflict.

"Off to War!" The War of 1812 began with a series of invasions into Canada. Witness the romance and enthusiasm for a "quick war" gradually die as the conflict wears on. Learn the fate of "the Baltimore Boys" on the Niagara frontier and see how the war in Canada affected those back home.

"A Nest of Pirates" Listen in at a Fell's Point Coffeehouse to hear the experiences of an African-American sailor, a privateering merchant, and a patient wife. Hear tales of swashbuckling sea captains who were the Pride of Baltimore and thumbed their noses at the world famous Royal Navy.

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Happenings in the Neighborhood

To keep current on what's going on in the neighborhood, the Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA) has 3 ways to access up-to-date information. RDA has a Facebook page, a Yahoo Groups page, and a website (<http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/>). To access the Yahoo Group site, go to www.yahogroups.com, create a sign-in (log in and password), then search for "Ridgleys_Delight" (no apostrophe). If you are unable to attend the RDA's monthly meetings, you may find detailed minutes from the meetings on this site within 1 week of each meeting.

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