

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

February 2010

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## **Community Meeting is February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

## **Community Happy Hour**

First Friday Happy Hour will be held at Frank and Nics on February 5, 2010 starting at 6pm. Food specials include \$5 calamari, chicken quesadilla, and chicken wings. Drink specials include \$2.50 Miller Lite draft and Coor's light bottles, \$4 rail cocktails and house wines, and \$7 specialty cocktails.

## **Winter Neighborhood Clean-up**

Due to the winter storm last December, this year's winter cleanup is rescheduled for Saturday, **February 20** between 9–12 am. 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.

## **New Traffic Patterns**

Dedicated bus-bike lanes have gone into effect on Lombard and Pratt Streets between Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and President Street. These specially-striped lanes give priority to bicycles and busses, including the new Charm City Circulator. Drivers may also use the lanes for making right turns. Motorists found in violation of the dedicated lanes are subject to a \$90 fine, and the citation may result in points against the driver.

## **Free Charm City Circulator**

The Orange route of the Charm City Circulator, the first of three planned routes for this free inter-Downtown transportation network, was scheduled to begin in January. Buses on the Orange route will run on a loop between Hollins Market and Harbor East, transporting Downtown riders through the BioPark, University of Maryland, City Center, and along the Waterfront. Riders can catch state-of-the-art, zero-emission buses every ten minutes. A route map with list of stops, hours of operation, and more information is at <http://www.charmcitycirculator.com>.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **Zero Hour Parking Policy Not Accepted**

Parking in the Ridgely's Delight neighborhood can be anything but a delight. There are 427 on street parking spaces, but 441 registered residents. To help alleviate possible parking problems, a zero hour parking policy was proposed as an option for the Ridgely's Delight neighborhood at the January community meeting. Simply stated, zero hour parking would NOT allow anyone without a No.5 permit to park on the neighborhood streets from 6pm-6am. However, two hour parking for those without a permit would continue to be allowed from 6am-6pm. Most resident were very unsatisfied with this proposal. After a vote, there was an overwhelming majority to maintain the current parking restrictions. Many residents were also proponents of a more regular enforcement of the current restrictions. As a result, a Ridgely's Delight Parking Committee, composed of 7 residents, was established to coordinate with Baltimore City's Residential Parking Committee in hopes to address neighborhood parking problems and target flaws in the Parking Authority's enforcement division.

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## Voting Eligibility

In order for a resident to be eligible to vote on community issues, he/she must be a "member in good standing" as stated in the by-laws of the Ridgely's Delight Community Association. To remain a member in good standing, "a member must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and must have attended two (2) regular or board meetings or previously sanctioned community events within four (4) months prior to the meeting at which the vote will be cast." Examples of community sanctioned events are neighborhood cleanups or any specific neighborhood improvement project such as pergola construction, fence construction, and plantings.

It is therefore imperative that residents sign the attendance sheet at each event. Every effort will be made to ensure accurate attendance records, and event attendance will be listed on the Ridgely's Delight yahoo group website within a few days of each event. Residents are encouraged to check these lists to verify their names are included if they attended the event.

To access the Ridgely's Delight association group site, go to [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com), create a sign-in (log in and password), then search for "Ridgleys\_Delight" (no apostrophe). The association by-laws have also been uploaded to this site, file name bylaws.pdf.

## Expressions in Motion

January's edition of the Record contained an ad about Expressions in Motion, a full service dance center who offer a wide range of classes for ages 3 to adult. Although their website address is visible on the electronic copy at <http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/record/>, it was not visible on the paper copy. To correct this omission, the contact information for Expressions in Motion is 756 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230, 410.366.2626, <http://exmbaltimore.com>



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## Babe Ruth Bash February 5

Join a lineup of local sports stars, including Baltimore Blast, Bullets, Colts, Orioles, Ravens, Maryland Terps and Olympic champions at Sports Legends Museum on Friday, February 5 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. to celebrate the 115th birthday of sport's greatest star, Babe Ruth. Witness the presentation of the 2010 Babe Ruth Museum Community Service Award to Nick and Christina Markakis.

### Admission Prices

\$45 members, \$55 non-members, \$60 at the door, (\$40 Ten or more tickets purchased together)

Ticket price includes admission to Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards, food and beverages, raffles, door prizes including 2 Opening Day Party Tickets, and free parking at Camden Yards. Tickets are available by phone at 410-727-1539 ext 3033, at [www.baberuthmuseum.com](http://www.baberuthmuseum.com) or by mailing a check to the Babe Ruth Museum, 216 Emory Street, Baltimore, MD 21230.

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