

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

January 2010

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## Community Meeting January 6

Our monthly meeting is at Frank and Nic's at 7 p.m. Council member Bill Cole's office will be providing an update on the Baltimore Grand Prix and we will be debating and voting on implementing a zero hour parking restriction in Ridgely's Delight.

## Zero Hour Parking Proposal

Do you have problems finding a parking space? Do you find yourself walking two blocks to your car every day? Are you tired of seeing people park in the neighborhood without District 5 permits? Well this is your chance to make a difference. Come on out to the next neighborhood meeting where you will have the opportunity to voice your concerns and vote on a proposal to enact zero hour parking restrictions in Ridgely's Delight. The adoption of this policy would allow vehicles displaying a district 5 permit or temporary issued parking permit only - the two-hour non-stadium event restriction would be abolished.

## Conway Park Improvements

As part of the Conway Park improvement plan, Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks has completed the tree-planting portion of the plan. Look forward to the installation of new lighting to be completed over the winter.

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## Community Happy Hour

First Friday Happy Hour will be held at the Camden Pub on January 8, 2010. Specials include \$9.95 Lump Crab Cake Sandwich, \$2.50 Bud Light Drafts and \$7.00 Domestic Pitchers.

## Christmas Tree Pick-up and Mulching

The Department of Public Works will provide Christmas tree mulching **every Saturday** during the month of January 2010, at the Citizen Drop-off Center, **701 Reedbird Avenue from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.** Residents should bring their own bags or containers if they want to bring back mulch for their own use. While supplies last, community groups are encouraged to come by during this time to also bag up free mulch for neighborhood gardens. For residents who cannot bring their trees for mulching, the Bureau of Solid Waste will offer curbside tree collection from Tuesday, January 5, 2010 through Friday, January 29, 2010. Residents should set out trees on their trash collection day at the location where their trash is picked up. **All tinsel and ornaments should be removed from the trees before they are set out for curbside collection or mulching.** For additional info, please call 311.

## Resident Reminders

Our cars are still targets for easy theft. Protect yourself by removing all your belongings from the car. A few residents have noticed that, although they empty their cars, someone has rifled through their trunk and glove box. As an extra precaution, you may also want to empty these compartments.

Most residents are very diligent about picking up after their dogs. However, there has been an extra bit of doggy leftovers along MLK lately. Fellow dog walkers, please offer pick-up bags to those seen with squatting dogs.



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## 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is underway as workers have begun to verify information about every person living at each address, including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

How do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice: If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, he will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see his identification and badge before answering questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do **not** give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. 2010 Census. You really only need to state how many people live at your address. Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will **not** contact you by e-mail, so be on the lookout for e-mail scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

### A Few Things You Should Know About the 2010 Census

- Census Day 2010 is April 1.
- The 2010 census is a "short form" census. It collects basic information: age, sex, race, Hispanic or Latino origin, household relationships, and whether homes are owned or rented.
- Census data helps to determine funding and political representation at the state and federal levels.
- The census only takes a few minutes to complete.
- The census is safe. Responses are strictly confidential and protected by law.

For more information, visit:  
[www.census.state.md.us](http://www.census.state.md.us)

## Expressions in Motion

A new business to the Pigtown area, Expressions in Motion, is dedicated to healthy living and artistic expression. They are a full service dance center who offer a wide range of classes for ages 3 to adult. Their goal is to educate the community in the ever changing and expanding world of dance. Dance can serve as an outlet, a passion, a hobby or a career. They are located at 756 Washington Blvd. Visit <http://exmbaltimore.com> for more information.

## Information...On the Record

Read it before you receive it. Go to <http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/record/> to read next month's Record up to a week before it's delivered.

If you would like to contribute any information or comments to the Ridgely's Record, please email Michele at [mvitolo@umaryland.edu](mailto:mvitolo@umaryland.edu) before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. We will try to include as much contributed material as time and space permits.



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