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

March 2010

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Community Meeting is March 3rd

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 The Diamond Tavern on March 5, 2010 starting at 6pm.

Winter Neighborhood Clean-up

Due to another winter storm, this year's winter cleanup is rescheduled 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.

Barney Farnham Memorial Ceremony

To our community Barney Farnham was a man of great respect, inspiration and a neighbor that we all aspire to be. For 29 years Barney was the committed rector of the Bolton Hill Episcopal Church and instituted revolutionary changes in both faith and community. As he prepared to retire, Barney and his wife Suzanne bought and restored a row home in Ridgely's Delight and have lived in the neighborhood for over 25 years.

Please join us for the dedication of the Barney Farnham memorial pergola on April 16th at 6:30 PM. The ceremony will honor the many great things that Barney Farnham has done for the City of Baltimore and Ridgely's Delight.



Homerun for Recovery Marks 18th Year

Annual Fundraiser at Cross Street Market benefits The Baltimore Station.

Come join your neighbors on Thursday, April 22, 6-9:30 p.m. for The Baltimore Station's 18th Annual **Homerun for Recovery** at Nick's Inner Harbor Seafood at Cross Street Market.

This ever popular event features an all-you-can-eat raw bar with shrimp, oysters and sushi; hot and cold buffet; selection of wines and microbrews; and music by DJ Rockin' Ron. A live and silent auction will feature over 40 sought after items such as tickets to special events, a week in Paris, an Annapolis fishing excursion, and gift certificates to some of Baltimore's best restaurants.

Tickets are just \$60 in advance or \$70 at the door. For tickets, contact Clare Gorman at 410-752-4454 or email her at cgorman@baltimorestation.org. Tickets can also be purchased on The Baltimore Station website at www.baltimorestation.org.

Homerun for Recovery raises critical funds to support The Baltimore Station's therapeutic residential recovery program for men who have been homeless largely due to chronic substance abuse. Operating out of two Baltimore City locations (South Baltimore and soon to be, Sandtown-Winchester), the program has now expanded to 132 beds where residents (most of whom are veterans) can stay for up to two years. This long-term focus has resulted in real success: of those men who stay at least 30 days, 67 % complete the program and go on to lead productive lives.

The Baltimore Station believes that giving back to the community is part of the recovery process and has developed a multitude of partnerships throughout the City. Residents from the South Baltimore Station in the Sharp-Leadenhall neighborhood actively participate in community events, such as working at street festivals, on beautification projects and seasonal retail promotions.

Sponsors of the event include WBAL-Radio, Woman Talk Live, On Purpose Woman Magazine, Nick's Seafood, Fast Signs, and Wygant Davies Gentile Direct.

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Can a fire truck get to your house?

In the event that we receive another record blizzard and an accumulation of 50" of snow, please remember that it is important for fire trucks and also oil trucks to be able to get to your house. In the past snowstorm, Penn St. was too narrow for those trucks to pass safely. If possible in the future, please try your hardest to shovel the snow away from between the curb and your car, especially on narrow one-way streets. It is already difficult for bigger vehicles to pass on Penn St. without having parked cars further than normal from the curb due to the snow. Thank you so much for your consideration. Hopefully, we won't get that much snow for a while.

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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, 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 please email Mark tour, (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.

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 Ridgley's Record, please email Michele at mvitolo@umaryland.edu before the 22nd of each month. We will try to include as much contributed material as time and space permits.

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