

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

October 2012

Community Meeting is Oct. 3rd

The monthly meeting of the Ridgely's Delight Association will be held on Wed., Oct. 3rd at Slider's beginning at 7pm.

Anyone who lives, works, or owns property in Ridgely's Delight is welcome to attend.

Blue Water Baltimore

Blue Water Baltimore's purpose is to use community-based restoration and education to achieve clean water in Baltimore's waterways, so that citizens will enjoy a vibrant natural environment, livable neighborhoods, and a healthy, thriving Inner Harbor and Chesapeake Bay. They maintain a variety of programs to succeed in their mission which can be found on their website:

<http://www.bluewaterbaltimore.org>

Ridgely's Delight has taken advantage of their Rain Barrel program. A rain barrel is a rainwater collection system that stores water from rooftops. Collecting rainwater benefits property owners and Baltimore's waterways, both creating opportunities to save money and protect Baltimore's streams and harbor waters. Rain barrels are one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways for anyone to reduce their own water bills and minimize pollution from their property. Through Blue Water Baltimore, the community received a discount for a rain barrel and its free installation. The new rain barrel is located at the community shed in the Burgundy St. lot. The collected water will be used for watering our trees and other gardening. If you are interested in obtaining you own discounted rain barrel or investigating the other programs Blue Water Baltimore conducts, please visit their website.

Also, a community "Thank You" to Badger Contracting and Energy Consulting (<http://www.badgercontracting.net/>, 410-927-5891).

They volunteered labor and materials to install the gutters on the shed to complete the project. Badger's services cover the full life-cycle of roofing, siding, and window projects, and they have completed multiple projects in our neighborhood.

The Sidewalk Espresso Bar is Coming

Located at 625 Washington Blvd., the Sidewalk Espresso Bar is targeting a mid-October opening. Owner/Barista Andy Guhl says he will focus on serving our community the finest, most delicious coffee and tea drinks possible in an inviting, open, bright, comfortable environment, including WiFi. Coffee beans are being sourced from a local Annapolis-based coffee roaster, selected because they have an unrelenting passion for producing consistently excellent coffee, and use only the best arabica beans from four continents. Andy will be serving a diverse line-up of delicious seasonal coffees and awesome espressos that will truly ignite the senses of Ridgely's Delight residents! And locally made pastries and muffins will be available to complement your coffee experience. Hours of operation will be Mon-Fri 6:30-3:30, Sat. & Sun. 7:30-3:30. Visit www.sidewalkespresso.com for updates on progress and coffee selections.

The 46th Annual Fell's Point Fun Festival

This year's annual Fell's Point festival will be the weekend of Oct. 6-7, 11am-7pm. The festival was originally started as a way to raise funds and draw attention to Fell's Point when the area was slated for demolition due to highway construction. The Fell's Point Fun Festival continues that tradition, showcasing historic Fell's Point, its businesses, its charming 18th and 19th century residences, and Baltimore City life. There will be hundreds of vendors selling and exhibiting arts and crafts and other items from around the world, a flea market, fine art displays, a "Giving Place" featuring non-profit organizations, and plenty of food and entertainment. For more info, contact Denise Whitman, (410) 675-6756 or go to <http://www.preservationsociety.com/Site/FPPF2012%20general%20Info.html>

Community Happy Hour is Oct. 5th

First Friday Happy Hour will be at Frank and Nic's this month. Specials will be announced at the bar.

Stepping Up – Sowebo 5K Oct. 7th

Step up and join the 2nd Annual Sowebo Landmark 5k on Sun., Oct. 7th. Sowebo community residents have teamed up with the Chesapeake Center for Youth Development (CCYD) and the Southwest Baltimore Charter School to stand up and get moving. The Sowebo Landmark 5K aims to unite neighbors, families, schools, and local resources to empower our youth to be active, eat well, and lead healthy lives. The family friendly 5k run/walk, begins in Union Square Park and runs past Hollins Market, through the B&O Railroad Museum and down into Carroll Park and culminates back in Union Square. The park will also host a kids fun run and free community health fair including music, food, vendors, screenings and education and fun for the whole family. For more info, go to <http://sowebolandmark5k.org/>


Community Clean-up is Oct. 27th

This month's community clean-up will be on Sat., Oct. 27th and will coincide with the Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's 2012 Fall Cleanup, a day were residents are encouraged to help clean up their neighborhood. We will meet at the community shed in the Burgundy Street Lot. Pickles will provide free beer and pizza for volunteers afterward. To those residents who are unable to attend the organized clean-up but spend time during each month to keep our neighborhood tidy, thank you!

The Walters Art Museum

On Oct. 14th from 2-3pm, explore the groundbreaking exhibition, Revealing the African Presence in Renaissance Europe. An eye-opening discussion will examine the little-known, but remarkable range of roles filled by people of African ancestry within Renaissance Europe. These roles include everything from farmers and slaves, to monks and aristocrats. For more info about this exhibit and talk, go to:

<http://thewalters.org/eventscalendar/eventdetails.aspx?e=2760>




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The Baltimore Marathon

Mark your calendar. Sat., Oct. 13th is the running of the 12th Annual Baltimore Running Festival. For info about the race, go to

<http://www.thebaltimoremarathon.com>

For impending street closures, go to

http://www.thebaltimoremarathon.com/Community/road22d8.htm#ROAD_CLOSURES

Baltimore Ghost Tours

Voted best creepy history lesson in Baltimore, choose from 3 separate tours, the original Fells Point Ghost Walk, the Mount Vernon Ghost Walk, or Fells Point Haunted Pub Walk. Visit haunted pubs, shops, and residences, but don't stray too far from the group. You never know when you will find yourself face to face with the unknown. Tours begin at 7pm on Fri. and Sat. evening and prices may vary. For more info and tickets, go to

<http://www.fellspointghost.com/index.html>

Squeakness! – The Pigtown Festival

This year's Pigtown Festival will be Sat., Oct. 20th from noon-7pm on main street (700-900 Washington Blvd.). There will be craft vendors, live music, face-painting, and all you can eat BBQ and beer. Make sure you come hungry if you want to enter one the eating competitions. The main event is Squeakness, or the running of the pigs. With 6 shows and 3 races per show, you have plenty chances to win if you place your bets at the "betting booth." The fun doesn't have to end at 7pm, starting at 7:30 the Mobtown Ballroom will be hosting an after party. For more info, go to <http://www.pigtownfestival.com/> or email thepigtownfestival@gmail.com

Over 150 Baltimore Artists' Studios

The weekend of Oct. 20-21st, 10am-6pm, Baltimore Artists will open their studios for our enjoyment. Design a self-guided two-day tour of more than 150 participating Baltimore artists. Experience the best of Baltimore's diverse art culture, encountering fresh works in painting, sculpture, photography, installations, clay, mixed media and right where they're made. Online GPS map for all studio addresses on the tour are available at www.school33.org. Printed Open Studio Tour maps also available in the Oct. 19th CityPaper.

Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center

On Oct. 21st from 1-7pm, the Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center located at 847 North Howard St. will be hosting a free open house. Visual artists, spoken word performances, vocal and instrumental musicians will be showcased. Email eubieblake@rcn.com or call 410-255-3130 to make a reservation. For more info, go to www.eubieblake.org

Homestead Tax Credit – Deadline Dec. 31st

In Baltimore, the Homestead Tax Credit Program caps annual assessment increases at 4%, preventing excessive property tax increases from year-to-year. However, only owner-occupants are eligible, regardless of age, income, property value. As of August 1, 2012, 65% of eligible Baltimore City homeowners had not yet applied. The completed application must be postmarked **on or before December 31, 2012.**

To request an application, email hcredit@dat.state.md.us, and include your name and address or go to

http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/Homestead_application.pdf

To determine if you have already receiving the homestead tax credit go to the SDAT:Real Property Database (http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite/), pull up your property, and scroll to the bottom of the page. If you are already receiving the credit, it will state that your Homestead Application Status is approved along with the date of approval.

Port Discovery Children's Museum

The Port Discovery Children's Museum is conducting a "World Rhythm Drum Circus" on Oct. 14th at 3pm, 4pm, and 5pm. Join the drumming circle which will feature drums, shakers, scrapers and boom whackers. No musical experience necessary! The World Rhythm Drum Circus will take place directly outside of the Museum. For more info, go to www.portdiscovery.org



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Renovation Reminder

All renovation work requires a city permit. Additionally, since Ridgely's Delight is an historic community, work on the outside of your home requires CHAP approval prior to beginning any renovation. To review the CHAP guidelines, visit www.ridgelysdelight.org/chap

Feel free to contact the Ridgely's Delight Architectural Review Committee (ARC) with any renovation related questions at RidgelysDelightARC@gmail.com

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