# KIDGELY'S FCORD

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

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# Community Meeting is September 1<sup>st</sup>

Our monthly meeting will be held at the Diamond Tavern at 7pm.

## Community Happy Hour is September 3<sup>rd</sup>

First Friday Happy Hour will be held at Frank and Nics from 5pm to 7pm. Food specials include all appetizers for \$5, excluding mussels. Drink specials include \$2.50 Miller Lite draft, \$3.00 domestic bottles, \$1.00 shooters and \$4.00 wines and rail drinks.

## **Community Cleanup**

The Ridgely's Delight Association is organizing a community clean up on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

A second community clean up is scheduled for Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. A dumpster will be delivered for the October clean up only.

## Lights on in Conway Park

The long awaited pedestrian lights were installed this month. The lights were the last phase of a Baltimore City Recreation and Parks effort to improve neighborhood park properties that was initiated approximately 3 years ago. Installation of the lights was prolonged due to the fact that both the light poles and the entire wiring system needed to be replaced and this was outside the initial budget. In light of the budget constraints, Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of transportation honored their promise to complete the Conway Park improvements project. Thank you Baltimore City.

## Renovations

If you are making external renovations to your home, they must conform with historic standards established by Baltimore City's Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP). Please contact CHAP out neighborhood representative at CHAP@ridgelysdelight.org for assistance with the approval process. For building permits, call 410-396-3360.

# **University's Farmers Market**

Purchasing fresh, locally raised produce, meat and other items is now easier than ever! The new University Farmers' Market is open every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., from May through mid-November (the market closes for the season on November 17) at the University Plaza Park across from the Medical Center's main entrance. The University of Maryland Medical Center has partnered with University of Maryland at Baltimore and the local community to bring you this new weekly market of local farmers providing fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, poultry, seafood, meat, herbs and fresh cut flowers.

By hosting a Farmers' Market, UMMC and its partners are helping to improve the availability of fresh, locally grown food to its employees, patients, visitors and area residents and businesses. Purchasing food from local farmers not only supports the local agricultural community and the local economy, but it also decreases "food miles."

Food travels on average 1500 miles from farm to plate. However, when purchased locally, food travels an average of 60 miles. This significant decrease in the distance traveled cuts down on fuel consumption, greenhouse gases, air pollution and the likelihood of related diseases, including asthma, lung disease, lung cancer and heart disease. It also cuts down on the use of plastics used in packaging and allows farmers to pick their food when it's ripe, maximizing the nutrient content in the food and providing you with fresher food that tastes better.

One final offering of this market is an opportunity to guarantee your supply of fresh produce all season long by purchasing a share of a farmers' crop through a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). In this model, you pay at the beginning of the season for a share of the farmer's harvest throughout the year. Your share is delivered to the market weekly. This option is available from a few of our featured farmers.

More information, including a list of participating vendors, can be found at:

http://www.umm.edu/green/farmers\_market.htm

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#### Ridgely's Record

# **RDA Community Tool Shed Now Open**

After the many weekend warrior efforts, the handymen of Ridgely's Delight have finally completed construction of the community tool shed. Funds for the shed were awarded by the Parks and People Foundation and the materials were purchased from Home Depot and Second Chance. The shed is located in the south east corner of the Burgundy parking lot and houses many garden tools, bags, and equipment that are used by residents mainly during community clean-ups. By compiling these items in a community space makes them readily available for all residents at any time. There is also a work bench in the space that can be used if you do not have space in you house. To access the tool shed please contact

Mark James <u>dufour.sail@yahoo.com</u>, George Gibson <u>glq6914062@earthlink.net</u> or Eric Davis <u>eqgnog@gmail.com</u>. We would like to graciously thank those that worked on the planning and construction of the tool shed, in particular the knowledge and guidance of George Gibson.

# Information...On the Record

#### Read it before you receive it.

Go to <u>http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/record/</u> 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 <u>mvitolo@umaryland.edu</u> before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. We will try to include as much contributed material as time and space permits.



## Trash 24/7

Please remember that our neighborhood trash pick-up is on Wednesday, and that trash should not be placed outside until 6pm on the previous night. For many months, multiple trash cans that are almost constantly filled with trash have been left on the corner of Bankard Ln. and Penn St., next to the tot lot! Please refrain from this habit. It is promoting the healthy lifestyle of a variety of insects and vermin.



Hours: 10am-9pm Mon.-Thurs., 10am-10pm Fri.-Sat., Closed Sun.