

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

June 2014

Community and Board Meetings

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wed., June 4th, upstairs at Sliders 7-8pm. A board meeting will follow. If you live or own property or a business in Ridgely's Delight, you are welcome to attend both meetings; however, only board members are allowed to vote at the board meeting. A link to the meeting agenda will be available in the What's New section of www.ridgelysdelight.org and on our Facebook and Twitter pages when it is available.

Don't Miss Our Facebook Posts

Due to some recent changes at Facebook, only a small percentage of people who like the Ridgely's Delight page are seeing our posts. To receive notifications and make sure you don't miss anything important, go to the Ridgely's Delight page.

- If you're using a computer, hover over the "Liked" button and click on "Get Notifications."
- If you're using a phone, click on the ^ in the upper right corner of the page and then on "Get Notifications."

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BARCS Annual Yard Sale

BARCS annual Yard Sale will be held on Sat., June 21st from 8am-2:30pm at BARCS, 301 Stockholm Street. The rain date is Sun., June 22nd. All proceeds from the yard sale will benefit the homeless and neglected animals at BARCS, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. While you are doing your spring cleaning, consider donating gently-used and new salable items that can be brought to BARCS on Wed. and Thurs., June 18th and 19th from 2-6pm. BARCS is looking for donations of small furniture, home and garden items, pet items, small appliances, purses, jewelry and children's items, but please no clothing or shoes, computers or computer parts, infant car seats, booster seats, cribs or strollers, or TVs, other than working flat screens.



For more information please call (410) 396-4695 or email: info@barcsanimalshelter.org.

Howl at the Moon in June

Since the Orioles have a home game on the first Friday in June, we're taking happy hour out of the neighborhood. Join us for a night of fun at Howl at the Moon piano bar, 22 Market Place in Power Plant Live. Be sure to mention Ridgely's Delight at the door to be eligible for the following happy hour specials from 5-8pm: Specials include two \$1 drink tickets, 1/2 price drinks, complimentary buffet, and no cover charge.

Parking Permit Renewal Is This Month

Residential parking permits and visitor's passes will expire on June 30th. If you do not have a new permit or pass on your car as of July 1st, you will be subject to a ticket. Ridgely's residents can visit our website at www.ridgelysdelight.org/parking for the link to renew permits and passes. Note that if you have not purchased a parking permit in the past, you must go to the Parking Authority at 200 W. Lombard St.

Permits and passes will be available for pick-up at the Parking Authority office on weekdays from June 20-30th, 8am-5pm. There will be extended office hours until 8pm on June 25th and from 9am-1pm on Saturday, June 28th.

There will also be a neighborhood pick-up on June 26th from 6-7:30pm upstairs at Sliders. Note that you must pay for your permit online before midnight on June 23rd if you want to participate in the neighborhood pick-up. You must bring the same proof of residency documents to the neighborhood pick-up that you would take to the Parking Authority office. The receipt/confirmation for online payment does not replace residency documents.

If you forget your user name or password for the Parking Authority's site, or if you are having problems with the registration process, contact the office at 443-573-2800. For more information on required documentation and other parking rules, visit www.ridgelysdelight.org/parking.

Permits are \$20 each (limit four vehicle permits per legal household). Visitors passes are \$20 each (limit one per legal household).

Pick-up Day Reminder

Trash pick-up: Wednesdays
Recycling pick-up: Fridays

Parking Rules: We Want Your Input

The Ridgely's Delight has created a short survey for Ridgely's residents to assess your opinion of the current parking rules. Please visit the What's New section of www.ridgelysdelight.org by **June 20th** to take the survey. If you don't have internet access, you can take the survey at the June community meeting. Note that you must provide a valid address in the neighborhood to take the survey, and each resident can only take the survey once.

There will NEVER be a change to the current parking rules in Ridgely's Delight unless a majority, greater than 60% of the residents, agree by petition to Baltimore City. A few years ago, it was extremely clear that the residents of Ridgely's Delight were opposed to a zero tolerance parking option. Zero tolerance parking means that only cars with a #5 residential parking permit (RPP) or guest pass are allowed to park in the Ridgely's Delight neighborhood. It does seem a bit extreme. However, there is a possible compromise that may alleviate residents' parking problems without going to zero tolerance.

Did you know it is possible to continue with the current 2 hour allowable parking in the neighborhood during the day time hours, while only allowing for resident parking (ie. RPP decal or visitor's pass) in the evenings? Additionally, Ridgely's residents would be able to choose the when the residential only parking begins.

Pros:

- Residents who return from work may have an easier time finding parking in the evening.
- Residents with #5 RPP permits would not need to do anything. Only signage in the neighborhood would change.
- Areas 30, 9, 19, 8, and 18 in Federal Hill and South Baltimore have gone to residential only parking (zero tolerance) from 6pm-7am without any effect to area business.
- It would prevent casino attendees from parking overnight in our neighborhood once the casino is finished.
- The community was proactive in accomplishing that future residents of the soon-to-be renovated Eklof building will not be eligible for #5 RPPs, but residents of this new complex could still parking in the neighborhood from 10pm-9am. A change to resident-only parking overnight would prevent this.
- Overnight resident-only parking would be frequently monitored. An increase in monitoring may decrease robberies or other acts of violence which occur in the early morning hours.

Cons:

- It would be a hassle for residents to have visitors with more than 1 car since each household is issued only one visitor's permit.

- It is inconvenient for residents to go to the Parking Authority to pick up needed additional permits (ie. construction permits).

Possible solutions:

- Did you know that any resident is allowed up to 4 extra free passes per month? The Parking Authority calls them "Party Passes." They can be obtained up to a month before the date they are needed and they are good for 24 hours of parking. However, they will not be issued during days on which stadium events are held and do need to be picked up at the Parking Authority.
- Borrow visitor passes from a neighbor. Nothing demonstrates that other residents support you taking up a larger amount of parking then physically lending you their pass.
- Every meter along Pratt, Greene, Portland, Emory, and Penn are free from 6pm-5am. There are approximately 100 parking spots available within a 2-5 block walking distance to our neighborhood.

There is currently no active petition circulating. Interest in changing our parking rules needs to be assessed first. Please take 5 minutes to complete the parking survey.

If you have additional questions about parking in area #5, please feel free to contact Steve, Baltimore City's Residential Parking Permit Supervisor at Steve.Robinson@BaltimoreCity.gov.

Ridgely's Pirates Sailing August 1st

Since the Orioles have a home game on the first Friday of August, we're taking the monthly happy hour out of the neighborhood that night.

Tickets will be available for \$25 – cash or check – at the community meeting and first Friday happy hour or by contacting admin@ridgelysdelight.org. Tickets are going fast, so don't delay.

Visit urbanpirates.com for directions to the boarding location, parking information and other details.

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African American Fest June 21st-22nd

The African American Festival will take place June 21st from noon-10pm and June 22nd from noon -8pm in Lots B and C between Camden Yards and M&T Bank Stadium. This family-friendly event is expected to draw a large crowd, so be prepared for extra traffic in the area. The festival is considered a stadium event, so parking restrictions will be in effect. For more information on the festival, including the entertainment line-up, visit www.africanamericanfestival.net.

Tot Lot Transformation

The Ridgely's Delight Association is currently working on a large project to complete the renovations on the playground on the north side of the neighborhood.

In 2011, the Ridgely's Delight Association, recognizing that the playground space on the north side of the neighborhood is largely underutilized, refocused efforts to improve the area. A group of interested neighbors formed a Ridgely's recreational park committee under the direction of the Association. Its goal is to guide the process and raise funds needed to transform the space into a green and more environmentally sound recreational park that can be used by people of all ages. The

Association's Board of Directors voted to earmark \$7,000 of the cleaning and greening funds received from the Baltimore Grand Prix for this project.

The Ridgely's recreational park committee is actively:

- obtaining quotes from landscaping companies
- working with Baltimore City on lighting and water access
- researching grants and fundraising opportunities

Due to the scope of the project, the work will be completed in phases as money is raised. For updates on the project's progress and to review the plans, check the What's New section of www.ridgelysdelight.org and future issues of the newsletter.

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Safety Alert

People in Ridgely's and surrounding neighborhoods have reported being approached by groups of teens asking for the time and then trying to take their cell phones. To avoid becoming a victim, make sure your phone and other valuables are not visible when you are walking. If someone asks for the time, just make up a time and keep walking toward other people or a public spot like a coffee shop. Call 911 and provide a description of the person(s). Please send an email to safety@ridgelysdelight.org if you have concerns.

The War Against Weeds

Weeds are starting their yearly battle to take over our city sidewalks. Besides presenting a tripping hazard in front of your house that you could be financially responsible for, they also do a lot of damage to the bricks and cement. If sidewalk conditions get bad enough, the City can charge a homeowner for repair of the sidewalk or force the homeowner to make the repairs. To avoid the risks and help beautify the city, now is the time to pull the weeds before they get too difficult to remove.

Community Clean-up is June 14th

The monthly community clean-up will be held on June 14th. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9am. Pickles will provide free pizza and beer to volunteers after the clean-up. If you know of areas where we should concentrate our efforts, please notify president@ridgelysdelight.org. The clean-up is a community sanctioned event.

By participating in the clean-up, you can also receive a certificate that you can use to earn credit toward your storm water remediation fee. For the link to the fee credit application, visit www.ridgelysdelight.org/green

6 Dot Dash

The 6 Dot Dash will be held on Sun., June 8th at 8am. This unique 6K race kicks off at the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) and winds through the Baltimore Inner Harbor before finishing back at NFB. To register, visit www.nfb.org/dot-dash. It is \$35 for pre-registrants and \$40 to register on race day. The race will benefit blind children in public schools. Currently only 10% of these children are receiving instruction in Braille. Funds raised will help reverse this trend and establish stronger literacy programs to ensure the blind are not left behind.

Outdoor Movie Showing – August 16th

Due to conflicting events, the Ridgely's Delight Association has change the date of Movie Night in the Park. Look out for information on how to cast your vote for your preferred movie (Goonies, Despicable Me 2, OR Frozen) in the Ridgely's Record, www.ridgelysdelight.org, and our other social media outlets in the coming weeks.

By-Laws in Review

The by-laws committee is working to clarify and update the RDA by-laws. Next month's meeting will be held on Wed., June 11th beginning at 7pm and hosted by Ms. Muhib (email fmuhib@gmail.com for the address). Topics to be discussed are clarifying terms of office and what constitutes written notice to the community. The committee will also review and discuss any updates to previous items such as use of email by the board and essential records.

If you are interested in discussing any of the above topics, please feel free to attend. You may join the committee at any time or simply come to a meeting when the topics are of interest to you. Or if you have suggestions for revisions, please email president@ridgelysdelight.org. You can review the current by-laws in the Association section of www.ridgelysdelight.org.



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