



## **RIDGELY'S DELIGHT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING February 6th, 2013, Slider's Bar & Grill 7:00 PM**

### **Treasury Report**

- Ended December: \$17,509.13. +\$1000.00/- \$0.00. Ended January: 18,509.13
- Of current funds: \$4008 already spoken for (Downtown Partnership, Ruppert, memorial)

### **Crime Report –Sergeant Kelly Johns ([Kelly.Johns@Baltimorepolice.org](mailto:Kelly.Johns@Baltimorepolice.org))**

- Butterbean was in a head on collision and will be out on sick leave for the next 3-6 months.
- Sergeant Johns will get an address for us so we can send a get well card
- Gun cache found on S. Fremont Ave was a reporting error. Did not happen in our neighborhood
- Robbery/Assault/Home invasion on Freemont on 1/17 around 8:30 pm. Victims were out jogging when attacked. Attackers took the house key and went in and attacked another male in the home. A neighbor heard their calls for help and went over and managed to catch and hold one of the attackers until the police arrived. That one is in custody. The other one got away. The victims were treated in the ER for head trauma and broken noses. The perpetrators were not from our neighborhood.
- There was another home invasion early on the morning of 12/27 on Eilsen St. Occupants were home at the time. Items were stolen but no one was hurt. This one was caught on the surveillance camera.
- There was another attempted robbery in the on 1/20 and there have been several larcenies from cars.
- Stolen car crashed at the Sunoco Station, occupants escaped into the neighborhood but were caught.
- Discussed abandoned building on Eilsen with squatters. If we see drug dealing activities we should report it. We can get it deemed a Nuisance house per the Nuisance abatement program if they get enough calls.

### **Zip Car update Juliette Branker, Zip Car ([balmarketing@zipcar.com](mailto:balmarketing@zipcar.com))**

- Pickups gone from Ridgely's Delight and the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Per Ms Branker the pick-ups were removed for two reasons, underutilization and the trucks had reached the mileage max allowed for Zip Cars.
- They will be replaced with cargo vans in April but it is not clear that we will have on in our neighborhood.
- Motion was made to vote at the next meeting re: whether or not we want to try to get a cargo van as we were promised a pick-up when we gave up two residential parking spaces for the Zip Cars
- Tiffany James attended the meeting from the Parking Authority. She requested the utilization figures from Zip Car. Per Ms. Branker they cannot release the figures. Ms. James suggested they improve their communication with the neighborhood and the Parking Authority re: any changes in the types of vehicles that will be available. It is not clear that Zip Car is even in a position to make us any promises.
- Ridgely residents are still eligible for a discount if they sign up.
- If you have any issues with a Zip car call the local office 410-685-1867 rather than the regional number.

### **Casino Information-Chad Barnhill, General Manager of Horseshoe Baltimore ([Horseshoebaltimore.com](http://Horseshoebaltimore.com))**

Contact info: [cbarnhi@caesars.com](mailto:cbarnhi@caesars.com) or 443-202-553

- Construction will start on the site on Russell Street in March or April. Plan is to open by June 2014.
- This is a \$400 Million project. They are expecting to create 1700 Fulltime Jobs and 2000 construction jobs. Efforts are in progress to prepare Baltimore City residents to apply for jobs. Applicants must be able to pass a math assessment test to be eligible to apply for dealer positions. Go to [Horseshoebaltimore.com](http://Horseshoebaltimore.com) to apply.
- There will be several food vendors on the premises. If you have suggestions of vendors you would like to see there, let Chad know.
- There will be no hotel accommodations at the Casino but they will be partnering with several Baltimore City hotels and will be providing shuttle service to those hotels. The hotels will also be chosen by RFP.
- There will be a 4000 car parking garage on the premises. Parking will be at no charge unless there is high volume expected for a stadium event.
- They are looking into ways to make the Casino accessible by foot or bike as well.
- Hours of operation will be 24-7.
- Bill Reuter is our neighborhood rep. You can contact him or Chad Barnhill for questions or concerns.

**Zoning Sub-Committee proposals**

- Discussion of current status (Yahoo Groups postings – Zoning subfolder)
- Feedback at March meeting or to [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org)
- Vote during March meeting – March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Community Cleanup – Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 – 9am - 11am**

- Taking suggestions for problem areas/projects to concentrate on. [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org)
- We aren't expecting a dumpster at this point but Eric will look into it.

**Chris Conlon Bar Crawl –February 23rd**

- Wrist bands will be available at Sliders 1-7pm. From 7-9 they will be available at Pickles.
- Suggested donation is \$10. A number of different bars and restaurants are participating. What will be donated will vary from place to place. Some will donate the tips, others a percentage of the bill.
- If you cannot make the fundraiser, an online donation page has been created  
<http://www.giveforward.com/chrisconlonfundraiser>

**March Happy Hour – 1 March 2013**

- First Friday Happy Hour – The Corner Wine Bar and Bistro.
- Check the next Ridgely Record for specials.

**Ridgely's Delight 2013 Calendars**

- \$20 of awesomeness from around the neighborhood. Going fast. Only a couple left.