



RIDGELY'S DELIGHT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING **January 2nd, 2013, Slider's Bar & Grill 7:00 PM**

President announcement

- Chris had complications following his recent surgery and is in the ICU recovering,
- Received update from Emily Clark and Karin Lundhquist.
- IronmanChris.com is a website for keeping abreast.
- If you'd like to help out him or his family there are a couple of ways:
 - Bring dinner - meal drive - frozen meals.
 - His Mom doesn't drive. His Dad has to go back to work so you can sign up to be a driver as needed
 - Contact Karin Lundhquist to sign up if you'd like to help out. karin.l.lundquist@gmail.com

Treasury Report

- Ended November: \$18,901.17. +\$415.00/- \$1,807.04. Ended December: \$17,509.13
- \$4008.00 already spoken for (Ruppert/Downtown Partnership/Farnham memorial)

Crime Report

- BCPD – Officer Kevin “Butterbean” Vaught
- Drug dealing reports on Eislen – now in two locations – Call 911 if you see suspicious activity and it puts a record in the system
- Two crews of 2 – 3 different guys between 11 pm and 12 am – (DV)

Baltimore Zoning Change Presentation

- Brendon Flickinger - Department of Planning, Community Planner for this part of the city.
- Comprehensive Bill for New Zoning Code and Maps for the whole entire city.
- Zones have changed and the land uses have changed in 40 years.
- RewriteBaltimore.org
- Zoning Hearings in March, City Council in April
- Community can write a letter of support to the amendments and they will be accepted
- Eklof proposed as R-9; would become C-1 (Commercial Zone) Parking is a concern.
- If people want to change – what is the process? Rewritebaltimore.org – you can make comments.
- Send us a letter from the neighborhood association by mid-March, Planners → recommended to Planning Commission and they to Bill Cole who will support it in April 2013.
- Probably won't pass until next fall, and go into effect later on – sometime in 2014.

Energy Efficiency in Baltimore

- Retrofit Baltimore, the latest green project of Baltimore Civic Works
- Whitney Graham – wgraham@retrofitbaltimore.org
- They provide information to the homeowner. Vetted home improvement contractors.
- Air sealing and insulations could save 40% on energy bill
- Home Energy Assessment by a Licensed Building Analyst. Normally \$500, but now only \$100. Rebates up to \$2000 are available for applied costs for retrofit.
- Actual Retrofit Installations – based on contractors report – all eligible for rebates – all filed for you by the contractor

Ridgely's Delight Business Development Committee

- Contact Ben Marks for more info / if interested.
- Derrick – make RD more attractive for homeowners. Enrich and enhance the profile.
- Work with Businesses. Enhance the image and reputation of RD.

Southwest Partnership Discussion

- Scott Kashnow, lives in Franklin Square came to discuss SW Partnership which is a Coalition of neighboring communities including: Hollins Roundhouse, Barre Circle, Mount Clare, Union Square, Poppelton, Franklin Square, Pigtown
- What it is, join now or in the future.
- Idea is they are a small # of neighborhoods with limited influence, but together, we can be a stronger influence to lobby the politicians.
- Planning – what are we going to do to address the issues that are holding us back.
- Vacant lots, vacant houses, drug treatment areas, walkable areas, connections and boundaries
- Highway to Nowhere – from the north.
- Wants to create a planning area that includes MLK softens a boundary.
- Their next meeting is January 15th – 1401 Hollins Street 7 pm. We will send reps to learn more.
- Mission Statement read to the RD meeting.
- May have vote regarding joining in February.

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Local Development Counsel – Mayor's Committee on the Casino

- Community development grant
- Commitment monthly meetings – to start – and rotating
- Bill Reuter nominated and elected as our representatives.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebrations –

- Parade – Noon on Saturday 19 January 2013 – On MLK Jr. Blvd from Eutaw down to Baltimore Street.
- Lots of museum celebrations Monday 21 January 2013:
 - o Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture – 12pm – 4pm.
 - o Free MLK Jr. Family Festival at Walthers art museum – 10am – 4pm
 - o Free admission and educational programming at AVAM – 10am – 6pm.

January Happy Hour – 4 January 2013

- First Friday Happy Hour - Diamond Tavern starting at 6pm. Various happy hour specials

Community Cleanup – Saturday 12 January 2013 – 9am - 11am

- Any places that need to be mulched? (Free Christmas tree mulch from city while supplies last)
- Taking suggestions for problem areas/projects to concentrate on. president@ridgelysdelight.org

February Happy Hour – 1 February 2013

- First Friday Happy Hour – Dempsey's

Ridgely's Delight 2013 Calendars

- \$20 of awesomeness from around the neighborhood.
- Still for sale.

Christmas Tree Disposal/Mulching

- Remove all tinsel/garland/ornaments from tree.
- Drop off at Western Sanitation Yard, 701 Reedbird Ave., every Fri/Sat in January. Bring bags to pick up mulch if desired.
- Curbside pickup of Christmas Trees during regular trash pickup days (Wednesdays), 2- 30 January.