



## **RIDGELY'S DELIGHT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING** **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, Slider's Bar & Grill 7:00 PM**

### **Luke Clippinger on New District: [luke.clippinger@house.state.md.us](mailto:luke.clippinger@house.state.md.us) 410-841-3303**

- Mr. Clippinger came to talk about the redistricting which resulted in our no longer being part of his district, 46, and now in District 40 as of 2014.
- He explained that this was done, in part, due to the loss of population northwest of us which is the district we will now be a part of to help to compensate for that loss.
- Luke will still represent us until this goes into effect in 2014 so feel free to contact him with any questions or concerns.
- Our new representatives in District 40 will be:  
[Frank M. Conaway, Jr.](#) (D)  
[Barbara A. Robinson](#) (D)  
[Shawn Z. Tarrant](#) (D)

### **Baltimore Energy Challenge <http://www.baltimoresustainability.org/resource-conservation/energy-use>**

- See minutes from last meeting for details on this initiative. They came back to the meeting this week to hand out "energy bags with a free CFL bulb (Compact fluorescent light), a fridge/freezer thermometer, insulated plate covers to decrease drafts and a bag to put in your toilet tank to decrease water use. These bags are available to anyone who is interested in participating in the program.
- They are going to donate 500 CFL bulbs to the neighborhood. They have also offered to go door to door to help pass them out with the idea that people will use them as their front porch lights to make the neighborhood safer at night while reducing energy use. We could also consider handing them out to residents when they come for their parking passes as an alternative method of distribution.
- A motion was made to purchase more bulbs so people could put them on front and back entry ways but it was decided that we should wait to see if we can give away the 500 we will be getting before purchasing more.

### **Bill Cole on the Grand Prix**

- J.P. Grant, organizer for the Baltimore Grand Prix was reportedly so pleased when he learned what the communities were doing with Grand Prix Funds, that he handed out checks, out of his own pocket, for an additional \$2,500 for each community currently receiving mitigation funds.

### **Ekolf Building**

- Nate Pretl, Planning Associate with AB Associates ([ababalt@yahoo.com](mailto:ababalt@yahoo.com) 410-547-6900) came to let us know that the Ekolf Building is under contract for consideration of turning into market rate housing. He brought with him an architect who he just beginning to sketch out some plans. They wanted to get our input early on which was very considerate of them. They did not yet have specifics like the number of units but are talking about some retail space on the first floor.
- Concerns were expressed about parking. Bill Cole pointed out that the new goal for the city is to reduce the number of cars in the city so to that end, they are no longer requiring that parking be included in the planning for multi-unit dwellings but there will also not be any parking passes issued to residents of these buildings for parking on the neighborhood streets. This leaves it in the hands of the developer to determine how to market these units if they do not provide parking.

### **Treasury Report**

- Ended February: Ending March:
- Of current funds: \$4008 already spoken for (Downtown Partnership, Ruppert, memorial)

### **Zoning Committee update**

- Bill assured us the Mini Mart will be safe. They are in the process of putting in place legislation that will exempt those liquor stores that have strong community support from being phased out of liquor sales with the zoning changes.

### **Safety Report (Rob LaPin)**

- There has been an increase in burglaries, entry from the back, at night so people should be cautious now that the weather is getting warmer and people are sleeping with windows open.
- There have also been attacks on women walking alone, stealing back backs, and phones, pushing them to the ground sometimes and making sexual comments.
- Police did apprehend a suspect in Barre Circle recently and there have been no incidents like this since then so hopefully they have the man in custody at this point.
- Rob purchased rescue whistles and military grade spray that he is selling to neighbors at cost.
- City is working on using Federal funds to install fiber optic lines for security cameras along MLK. Should happen within the next 15 months. We should be able to get cameras at the egresses to the west side at MLK and Washington and MLK and Pratt. These will be monitored so may help reduce crime and aid in apprehending suspects.

### **Community Happy Hour – May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Camden Pub**

#### **Second Saturday Cleanup – Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 – 9am – 11am**

- We have a dumpster scheduled for this cleanup!
- Taking suggestions for problem areas/projects to concentrate on. [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org)

#### **Jazz in the Park, June 12<sup>th</sup> – 6-8pm.**

- Elliot Levine
- Community cookout/catering/wine by The Corner

#### **Movie Night in the Park, July 13<sup>th</sup> – 7-11pm (rain date – July 18th).**

- Received a grant from MECU to do Pigtown/Ridgely's community movie night.
- Pre-order dinners from local merchants available
- Movie (Men in Black) starts at dark, approximately 8:15 or so.
- Free popcorn for all

#### **Ridgely's Delight Pirates! (Yarrrr)**

- Has moved to the August Happy Hour (August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm sail time) to coincide with local home game.
- If you have already made reservations for the June event, will need to call and change reservations (410-327-8378) there are only 41 spots left so reserve now!