

# Ridgely's Record

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

## December 2006

### No Community Meeting in Dec.

Seasons Greetings!!! There will not be a meeting this month. Everyone is invited to the Holiday Party, Wed., Dec. 6, at Pickles.

### Ridgely's Holiday Party—Wed. 12/6

Join your neighbors for Ridgely's Delight's 2006 Holiday Party, Wed, Dec. 6 at 7:00pm at Pickles Pub, 520 Washington Blvd. The event includes a cash bar and potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish (something easy is just fine!) and if you prefer not to cook, please bring \$5-10 to put towards a party platter. RSVP (food items) by Dec. 1st, Contact: Allison: 410-625-0809, [allison@ethics.org](mailto:allison@ethics.org) Or Jim: 410-528-5472, [kuhl238@hotmail.com](mailto:kuhl238@hotmail.com).

### Serious Crime in Ridgely's Delight

Over the past six weeks there have been several serious crimes including two robberies and two burglaries. Surrounding neighborhoods have also been hit. In mid-Nov. a woman in Camden Crossing was the victim of a home invasion robbery. Fortunately, no one has been seriously injured.

### A Few Safety Tips

These precautions can help you avoid becoming a victim.

1. Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Don't walk around with your head down and an iPod in your ears.
2. Know your neighbors. If you see something or someone who doesn't belong, call the police (911).
3. Don't leave anything (and I mean anything) visible inside your car, not even for a few minutes. Christmas is a prime time for car break-ins.
4. Keep your outdoor lights on, bright streets are safer.
5. If you see anything suspicious, call 911. Better safe than sorry. Also, police are assigned to neighborhoods with high volumes of crime reports. (311 is for other city services. Officers will not respond to 311 calls.)

### Citizens On Patrol (COP) Needs Volunteers

Ridgely's is actively trying to reduce crime. Our COPers walk many nights when we don't have BCPD foot patrol. We are currently trying to organize a daytime patrol with our neighbors in Barre Circle. If you can spare a couple of hours a month, day or evening, call Sharon at 410-385-1213, or email Brian at [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org). Dog walkers are encouraged to join.

### Ridgely's Social Clubs

Interested in joining a poker or golf group (or both)? Some neighbors are getting together weekly to play poker (for fun!) and exchange stories over some food and drink(s), currently on Tuesday evenings—but they may be looking to switch days/times, so suggestions are welcome. Interested? Drop a note to Keith at [kfritz@adci-corp.com](mailto:kfritz@adci-corp.com).

### First Friday Happy Hour—12/1

December's first Friday happy hour will be on 12/1 at the Harbor Way Inn on Pratt Street (near corner of Pratt and MLK). Come for a little pre-holiday kick-off. Ask for the Veritas!

### Helping Panhandlers

The urge to help panhandlers is strong, especially during the holidays. Unfortunately the money given rarely provides any real help to the needy, and encourages them to hang around the neighborhood. However, Baltimore is making it easier to use your spare change to make a real difference in someone's life. Old parking meters are being recycled for the "Make a Change" program. Old meters are now being painted bright green and placed throughout downtown with the message "Give your change to make a change." All proceeds will go to the Baltimore Homeless Services, Inc., to strengthen outreach efforts and other vital services. You'll be seeing them around town soon.

### Special Events at Peace and a Cup of Joe

Cup of Joe, on Pratt St. is hosting a Spa Party Sat. Dec. 2 from 12-3pm featuring a message therapist, manicurist, henna tattoos and more. This is a ticketed event. They are also considering extending hours for students from 5-9. Stop in for more details. And don't forget about poetry readings every third Sat (12/16) from 3-5pm.

### Ridgely's Playground Update (aka the "Tot Lot")

The Playground project has been awarded and the playground committee has held a pre-construction meeting with the contractor. Site work should begin on the playground bordered by Penn and Melvin sometime this month.

### Parade of Lighted Boats

The 2006 Baltimore Parade of Lighted Boats is Sat. Dec. 2 at 5pm on the Inner Harbor. Don't miss this chance to cheer on Ridgely's own entry, Cobalt, last year's winner in the small sailboat category.

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### **Recycling (Zone 4) Pickup & Procedures**

All recycling materials should be set out in front of house on the mornings designated below:

**Bottle/Can Pickup:** 2nd/4th Mon AM, **11 DEC**


Includes: glass jars/bottles, aluminum cans, tin (steel) cans, plastic small mouth containers with #1 or #2 on the bottom, empty aerosol cans. Procedure: Rinse bottles and cans; discard caps. Place in blue plastic bags.

**Paper Pickup:** 2nd/4th Friday AM, **8 & 22 DEC**

Includes: newspapers, magazines, phone books, ad mail, cardboard/boxes, mixed paper, scrap paper. Procedure: Place paper in paper bag or cardboard box or tie with string.

**Other Notes:** General trash pickup occurs every Tuesday and Friday mornings.

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