

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

October 2008

Community Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA) will be held on Wednesday, October 1 upstairs at Camden Pub at 7pm. Anyone who lives or works in Ridgely's Delight is welcome.

First Friday Happy Hour October 3

The First Friday happy hour will take place at Pickles Pub this month. If you're new to the neighborhood, come out and meet your neighbors. People usually start showing up around 6:30 p.m.

CHAP Reminder

All exterior work in Ridgely's Delight requires a permit and CHAP approval. For more information, visit www.ridgelysdelight.org/history/chap.html. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to chap@ridgelysdelight.org or call 410-499-0183.

Register to Vote

Have you registered to vote yet? To vote in the presidential election in November, Maryland residents must register by October 14. You can register online at www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/

RDA Board Election

The annual election of RDA officers and directors will take place at the November community meeting. RDA By-laws require that the Board's Election Committee recommend and publish a slate of officers. To serve or vote, a person must be a member in good standing of RDA. The proposed Board is:

President-Mark James; Vice President, Operations-Jim Kuhl; Vice President, Communications-Joanne Drummonds; Secretary-Allison Pendell-Jones; Treasurer-Ab Bear; Parliamentarian-Brian Dale; Board Members-Chris Conlon, Dan McClellan, Debbie Rhodes, Dan William, and Jeff Albrecht.

At the November meeting, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Leaf Collection

The City will collect bagged leaves in Ridgely's Delight on Fridays only, beginning October 3. Bags must be clear or clearly labeled as leaves.

Barney Blocks

Last year we began the Barney Blocks program in Ridgely's Delight. Participants volunteered to adopt a small part of the neighborhood and take responsibility for maintaining it. If you signed up, please remember to take care of your area. All residents are reminded to clean up the trash around their homes to prevent infestation from rats and other pests as well as to keep the area looking presentable.

On a related note, City law requires dog owners to pick up after their pets. Please be responsible and considerate to your neighbors by cleaning up your dog's droppings.

While we're on the topic of being considerate of your neighbors, please keep noise to a minimum when you are coming home from the bars and don't hang out in the street. The noise travels and is disturbing to people who are trying to sleep.

Baltimore Marathon October 11

The Baltimore Running Festival will take place October 9-11 at and around M&T Bank Stadium. The Marathon will take place on Saturday, October 11. Watch for street closings in the area. For more information on the events, visit www.thebaltimoremarathon.com.

Community Clean-up October 18

The autumn neighborhood clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 18. Volunteers will meet in front of the Sunoco station at 9 a.m. Tools and gloves will be provided. In addition, we are trying to secure a dumpster.

COPs Needed

Help prevent crime in the community, hang out with your neighbors and get a free walking workout by joining Citizens on Patrol. Volunteers are needed for Sunday and Monday evening tours of Ridgely's from 7 to 9 p.m. Training is provided by the Baltimore Police department. If you are interested, please call Brian at 410-752-8746.

October Recycling Dates:

Friday, October 10

Friday, October 24



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Ridgely's Tours the Hilton

The new Hilton Convention Center Hotel is offering a private tour for residents of Ridgely's Delight on Monday, October 6 at 7 p.m. It will include a visit to public areas, including the new bar and restaurant. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Sharon at sharon@reuter.net or 410-385-1213 by October 3 to find out where we will meet.

Quigley's Is Open for Diners

Fine dining has come to Ridgely's Delight. After much anticipation, Quigley's Half-Irish Pub is proud to announce that it is now serving food. Stop by the bar and check out the new menu.

Fell's Point Fun Fest October 4-5

The 42nd annual outdoor street festival will be held in Baltimore's original deep water seaport, Fell's Point. The festival was originally started as a way to raise funds and draw attention to Fell's Point when the area was slated for demolition due to highway construction. The Fell's Point Fun Festival continues that tradition, showcasing historic Fell's Point, its businesses, its charming 18th and 19th century residences, and Baltimore City life. Enjoy food, drinks, music and crafts by local artists at one of Baltimore's best festivals.

Free Fall Baltimore

Free Fall Baltimore will offer free arts events during Arts & Humanities Month, October 1-31, throughout Baltimore City. More than 70 cultural organizations will host 300 free events. For a complete list of events or to reserve tickets, visit.

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Family Events in October

The Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance is sponsoring the following events this month:

Harbor Harvest: The children's autumn festival will be on October 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in West Shore Park, between the Science Center and Baltimore Visitor Center. There will be a petting zoo, pumpkin patch, pie eating contest, hayrides, and more. Admission is free.

School Fair: The event will take place October 18 at Digital Harbor High School in Federal Hill, from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit with staff and administrators from local preschools, day cares, and public schools, and get a first-hand view of the high-quality options in education for downtown families.

REFUSE 101: TRASH BASICS IN RIDGELY'S DELIGHT

Following Baltimore Department of Public Works (DPW) rules (and the Law) will help keep the community clean and healthy. Landlords usually don't inform new residents of their responsibilities regarding the correct disposal of trash, so mistakes are often made this time of year as we get an influx of new arrivals.

REGULAR TRASH PICK-UP: Trash is collected in RD on Tuesdays and Fridays. It should be put out in a trash can, no earlier than the night before pickup. (Trash tip: If you can't lift the trash can or bag, neither can the trash man.) Trash cans must be removed from the sidewalk by the next day.

RECYCLING: Baltimore uses single stream recycling. (No more blue bags!) Put cans, bottles and paper in a container separate from regular trash. Pickup is on the second and fourth Friday of the month. The schedule is printed in the RIDGELY RECORD every issue.

BULK TRASH: The City will pick up large items (furniture, appliances, etc.) on the first Tuesday of the month. You must call 311 at least three days in advance to schedule a pickup.

Violation of the law can result in fines of \$50-\$250. The RDA Trash Committee will give reminders to people who don't follow DPW rules. Please heed the reminders; DPW Sanitation Enforcement does not give out warning tickets.

Minimart to Close Temporarily

The Ridgely Mini-mart will be closed from mid-October until the end of the month. Be sure to get your supplies now and come back and see them in early November.

*City offices will close Oct. 13 for
Columbus Day.*

Every Car Thief in the Country Is Hoping You Won't Read This

Auto theft and larceny are on the rise. FBI data indicates that city drivers are more likely than suburban motorists to become victims of vehicle theft. It takes only 10 seconds for a thief to break into your car – whether in an attempt to steal personal belongings or the car itself. Everything from CDs to cassette tapes, gym bags to sunglasses, even small change can be tempting to a thief. **So when you leave your car, leave it empty.**

Here's what you can do to reduce your chances of being victimized:

- Remove the keys from the ignition and take them with you.
- Do not leave any sets of keys in the car.
- Take valuables with you—especially the GPS.
- Do not leave anything visible in your car.
- Park in populated, well-lit areas.
- Close your windows and sunroof.
- Lock your car doors.
- Use a steering wheel lock.
- Post theft prevention decals.
- Install a kill switch, warning light and/or audible alarm.

It takes little effort to put any of these tips into practice, and it could make all the difference.

If you see someone breaking into a car, or if you are a victim, **CALL 911.**



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