

RIDGELY'S RECORD

A Newsletter for the Residents and Businesses of Ridgely's Delight, an Historic Community

August 2016

Community & Board Meetings August 3rd

The monthly community meeting will be held at DBFA on Wednesday, August 3rd at 7pm. A board meeting will follow at 8pm.

If you live or own property or a business in Ridgely's Delight, you are welcome to attend both meetings; however, only board members are allowed to vote at the board meeting.

A link to the meeting agenda will be available on our Facebook and Twitter pages when it is available. The meetings are community-sanctioned events, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing.

August 2nd National Night Out Sponsored by Slider's Bar and Grill and the Ridgely's Delight Association

The RDA asks everyone to participate in this family friendly, nation wide event to show our strength as a community and our resolve to make Ridgely's Delight a place of community. We will have food and soft drinks provided by Slider's Bar and Grill, and the movie "The Sandlot" for the all to enjoy.

Festivities begin at 7:00pm with the movie starting at Dusk. Don't Miss IT!

September 22nd Baseball and BBQ

Come join your neighbors for a night of Baseball and BBQ as the O's take the Boston Red Sox. Tickets for the game and a BYOB BBQ at Tommy's Backdoor BBQ, 623 Washington Blvd. are only \$20. (PayPal \$1 service charge) Tickets are limited to first come. Don't miss the fun. Contact Tom Light at tomlight1@msn.com for more information.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(August 17th)

Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
(August 24th)

Pick-up Day Reminder

Trash pick-up: Wednesdays

Recycling pick-up: Fridays

Ridgely's Delight Safety Tips

A few tips to help reduce crimes of opportunity

To prevent vehicle break-ins:

- Always lock your vehicle
- Never leave anything especially valuables in plain view. Even if you don't believe it to be of value, someone else may.
- Never leave your keys or key fob in your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended, this is against the law.
- When possible, park in a well-lit area.

To prevent home break-ins:

- The easiest way into your home is through an unlocked door or window. Don't provide an invitation. Lock your doors and windows.
- Utilize your home security system – Deter thieves with noise or an automatic call to the police. If possible, consider purchasing a home alarm.
- Proper outside lighting – Thieves may choose to bypass a well-lit home.
- Strong exterior doors – Solid wood or metal provides stronger protection against break-ins.
- Block basement windows and window well covers
- Lock pet doors – Make sure your pet door isn't a point of entry for a thief.

To prevent robbery:

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not allow yourself to be distracted by activity such as talking on your cell phone, listening to music or reading.
- Try to travel with others, and walk in well-traveled areas
- Protect your electronics by not displaying them.
- Do not display large amounts of cash when paying for items
- If carry your wallet in your front hip pocket or inside jacket pocket- do not carry in your back pocket.
- If you carry a handbag or purse, carry one that you can grasp with a hand.

Renovations Underway

Ridgely's Recreational Park Project

The Recreational Park, formerly known as the Tot Lot, at the corner of Melvin and Penn will get upgrades starting sometime in August. After the construction has started, the contractor will have 45 days to complete most of the heavy work. There might be a minor installation after that, but that will be a one-day inconvenience. During construction, the playground will remain open. There will be a temporary fence installed around the Southeast corner where most of the work is slated. Parking will probably be impacted. We ask for your patience during this time and hope the park will be somewhere that you frequently enjoy when it is complete. To view plans, please go to http://ridgelysdelight.org/PDFs/RIDGELYS_tot_lot_122015.pdf.

Toddler Time

at the B&O Railroad Museum

Wednesday, August 3rd & 17th

10:30 a.m.

Stories, crafts, playtime at Choo Choo Blue Kids Zone, and a kiddie train ride through Choo Choo Blueville – included with paid admission.

Ridgely's Gamers

Please join Ridgely's Gamers on Thursday, August 18 for another fun game! This month we are cooling off with wine and Cranium! Come test your skills at drawing, singing, trivia - this game has it all. 8 pm at Community Blend, contact Jenniferjhammitt at gmail for details or join our Ridgely's Gamers Facebook group!

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Renovation Reminder

All renovation work requires a city permit. Additionally, since Ridgely's Delight is an historic district, work on the outside of your home requires CHAP approval prior to beginning any renovation. To review the CHAP guidelines, visit

<http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/chap>

Feel free to contact the Ridgely's Delight Architectural Review Committee (ARC) with any renovation related questions at arc@ridgelysdelight.org.

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Proposed bylaw amendments are in bold.

Notes about the proposed changes follow in italics.

ARTICLE III: Membership

2) Member in good standing: In order to remain a member in good standing and be eligible to vote, a member must be at least eighteen (18) year of age and must attend at least **three (3)** regular meetings, board meetings, or previously sanctioned community events within **six (6)** months prior to the meeting at which a vote will be cast.

Notes: The proposed change is actually a reversion from the 1996 amendment to the numbers in the original bylaws. But the important passage "or previously sanctioned community events" from the 1996 amendment would remain.

ARTICLE VIII: Committees

1) General: The standing committees shall be a Finance Committee, a Membership Committee, a Nominating Committee, **and an Architectural Review Committee.** Such other committees as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the board.

Notes: The RDA bylaws do not include an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) among its standing committees. This is likely because the original bylaws predate the creation of the Ridgely's Delight Historic District. The Baltimore City Commission for Historic & Architectural Preservation (CHAP), which administers the historic district, suggests but does not require an ARC. CHAP does require, at a minimum, that the historic district puts forth a liaison.

2) Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall advise the Board and the Association on fiscal matters and shall **review** the books and accounts in June of each year. The committee shall consist of the Treasurer and no less than two Association members appointed by the President. The chairman of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Association President and shall not be the Treasurer.

Notes: The proposed amendment would change the existing word "audit" to "review," in accordance with current best practice.

5) **Architectural Review Committee:** The Architectural Review Committee shall liaise with the Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) regarding the Ridgely's Delight Historic District, and may consider other architectural concerns of the neighborhood. The leadership and makeup of the committee shall be outlined in the Registry of Records

Notes: The proposed definition of the ARC includes two parts. The first is to liaise with CHAP, to fulfill the functional needs of the Ridgely's Delight Historic District. The second is to address broader architectural concerns of the neighborhood which may not directly involve CHAP or historic preservation. Because the historic district is a distinct legal entity from the Ridgely's Delight Neighborhood, its committee chair should not be appointed by the RDA president (like the other standing committees). And because the makeup of the ARC changes over time, its leadership and structure should remain flexible. Therefore its exact structure is best left to the Registry of Records, not the bylaws.



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