

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

April 2014

Community and Board Meetings

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wednesday, Apr. 2nd 7-8pm at **Peace and A Cup of Joe**. Please note the temporary location change due to an Orioles home game. Over the next few months the agenda will consistently include public input and suggestions for changes to the association's by-laws. A board meeting will follow. 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. You can review minutes from previous meetings as well as the upcoming meeting agenda as each become available at www.ridgelysdelight.org/minutes. We will also post a link to the meeting agenda on our Facebook page. The meetings are community-sanctioned events, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing.

Southern District Town Hall

On the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm, the Southern District Police and Community Relations Council welcome those who live in the district to a meeting at the headquarters at 10 Cherry Hill Rd. for a buffet and discussion of crime issues in our area. The April 17th meeting will feature Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Police Commissioner Anthony Batts. Due to the large number of people expected, the committee is still searching for a bigger venue. We will publish the location on our Facebook and Twitter pages when it is available.

Safety Tip

After a long, cold winter, we are ready for some nice weather. As the days grow warmer, please remember to protect your home from break-ins by keep your door locked at all times. Also, when you go out to go to bed, close and lock your first floor windows.

No Recycling April 18th

City offices will be closed for Good Friday on April 18th, and there will be no recycling collection. The make-up day for recycling will be Sat., April 19th.

Happy Hour at Cup of Joe

This month's First Friday happy hour will be held on April 4th at Peace and a Cup of Joe with wine by Corner Bistro and Wine Bar. Come out and meet your neighbors and bring a few extra bucks for the 50/50 drawing, which benefits the community association. The fun will start around 6:30pm.

Adopt a Garden Update

The Ridgely's Delight Association appreciates the overwhelming support for the Adopt a Garden competition. We are looking forward to watching the gardens bloom and further beautify our historic neighborhood throughout the next six months. All of the gardens have been adopted, but it is not too late pitch in. We still need a few gardeners to help with some of our larger gardens, like the Ridgely's Delight Gateway Garden at the corner of Washington Blvd. and MLK. Please contact president@ridgelysdelight.org to volunteer.

Run for a Cause

Registration is now open for the Maryland Half Marathon on May 10th. The event, which benefits the University of Maryland Cancer Center, will take place in Maple Lawn, Howard County. In addition to the half marathon, there will be a 5K and kids' fun run. Register and get more information at www.mdhalfmarathon.com.

Golf with Pigtown Main Street

Registration is open for the 2014 Pigtown Charity Golf Open. Lunch is at 12:30pm, and the shotgun start is at 1:45pm. The event is \$80 per player, \$300 for foursomes and includes a day of golf, a lunch reception, awards, prizes and a free gift. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome. For more information on ticket sales, contact Ben Hyman at 443-908-7038 or director@historicipigtown.org. All proceeds benefit Pigtown Main Street.

Pick-up Day Reminder

Trash pick-up: Wednesdays
Recycling pick-up: Fridays

To Be or Not To Be A Dog Park

Ridgely's Delight is so lucky to have a beautiful, spacious park tucked away from and unknown to most of the City. But did you know Conway Park is not an official dog park? This means having your dog unleashed in the park is actually against Baltimore City law. Dog owners are putting themselves and their dogs, as well as other neighbors (both canine and human) at risk when they choose to let their dogs romp around the park off-leash.

Luckily, there are a few off-leash dog parks within short distances from Ridgely's Delight. **Howard's Park** on North Howard Street, within walking distance of RD, is always open. The **Locust Point Dog Park** is located in the southeast corner of Latrobe Park, close to Fort McHenry and is complete with Astroturf, faux rocks, a water feature and small dog hours. The **Canton Dog Park** has two separate spaces for small and large dogs, expansive areas for your dog to meet other canine friends and a water source outside.

Visit <http://baltimore.about.com/od/lifestyles/a/Dog-Parks-In-Baltimore.htm> for specific information about these parks and more.

*Please be aware there will be increased police monitoring in Conway Park to ensure everyone's safety.

Save the Date

The Brian Dale Jazz Concert in Conway Park is scheduled for Wed., May 21st.

Study Hall Happy Hours

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Community Clean-up April 26th

The community monthly clean-up will be April 26th to align ourselves with the Mayor's 15th annual spring cleaning event. The Mayor's Spring clean-up has been growing in popularity, with neighborhoods in every part of the City sweeping, raking, planting and painting. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9am. Pickles will provide free pizza and beer to volunteers after the clean-up. If you know of areas where we should concentrate our efforts, please notify president@ridgelysdelight.org. The clean-up is a community sanctioned event.

RDA By-laws in Review

The by-laws committee has identified a number of topics in need of clarification and updating in the RDA by-laws. The committee will tackle a few of the more critical topics at the next meeting and begin to propose clarifications and solutions. These topics include: (1) the use of email for board discussion and voting, (2) what constitutes written notice, (3) what are considered essential records and who is to maintain such records, and (4) clarifying terms of office.

If you are interested in discussing any of the above topics, please feel free to attend. You may join the committee at any time or simply come to a meeting when the topics are of interest to you. Or if you have suggestions for revisions, please email president@ridgelysdelight.org. You can review the current by-laws in the Association section of www.ridgelysdelight.org. Please keep in mind, all community input from the by-laws meetings, monthly meetings, and emails to the president will be discussed and considered.

The next RDA by-laws committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 30th. The meeting will begin at 7pm at the Wilder household. Please email editor@ridgelysdelight.org for the address.



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Paw Point Dog Park

Robert E. Lee Park encompasses 450 acres of woodland, wetlands, serpentine barrens, rare plants and rocky plateaus surrounding Lake Roland. The main entrance to the Park is located on Lakeside Drive, Baltimore MD 21209. But did you also know that there is a large, well-maintained dog park within Robert E. Lee Park called Paw Point. **Paw Point is a fully fenced, 1 acre off leash swim and play park.** Open year round, from sunrise to sunset, the park is equipped with benches and bag dispensers for cleaning up dog waste. There is a code controlled, double gated entrance and access to Lake Roland for dogs that enjoy the water.

Paw Point is a membership-only park within Robert E. Lee Park. Each membership allows two licensed and vaccinated dogs entry to the facility. To join Paw Point, dogs will need proof of current rabies vaccinations and a city or county license. For information about licensing your dogs, go to <http://baltimoreanimalshelter.org/services>. FYI:

License processing by mail can take up to 10 weeks. You may license your dog in person at **BARCS** at 301 Stockholm Street or at the **MD SPCA**, 3300 Falls Road. Please bring your pet's rabies vaccination certificate and spay/neuter certificate (if applicable) with you.

Membership Includes:

- Unlimited use, from sunrise to sunset, of Paw Point facilities for two licensed & vaccinated dogs
- Water access
- Electronic newsletter and advance notice of special events
- Membership is from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

Membership Fees:

- \$35 ~ Individual Membership – two dogs – 12 months
- All members will be assigned a secure code for entry to Paw Point during hours of operation.

How to Join:

Download the membership form at <http://pawpoint.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Paw-Point-Membership-Application-2014.pdf>

and mail along with your check payable to RELPNC:

Robert E Lee Park Nature Council
1000 Lake Side Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

- Renewals/New Applications for the following year will be accepted on and after Nov. 1.
- No walk-in registrations will be accepted.

The Paw Point dog park is one of several programs supported by the Robert E. Lee Park Nature Council, a volunteer, non-profit [status pending] organization dedicated to the stewardship of the Park for recreation and educational programs. The Council works in cooperation with the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks and other entities to maintain, preserve and protect the natural environment and historic structures in the Park, providing a legacy for future generations. Membership fees and donations are their primary source of funding for Paw Point.

For more information on Paw Point about membership, Paw Point FAQs, location, hours, rules and regulations, and how you can help donating, volunteering or serving on the Paw Point oversight committee, go to <http://pawpoint.org/about/>.

Hours
Mon, Tue, Wed
 7:00am – 7:00pm
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Ridgely's Pirates Sailing August 1st

Since the Orioles have a home game on the first Friday of August, we're taking the monthly happy hour out of the neighborhood that night. Please join your neighbors on Aug. 1st for an hour-long, all-Ridgely's Urban Pirates grog cruise and help us pillage the Inner Harbor. Boarding on the pier at Ann and Thames Sts. begins at 7pm., and the ship sails from 7:30 to 8:30. Bring your own grog on the 52-foot ship Fearless and enjoy maritime songs, dancing and debauchery. Feel free to dress in pirate gear to get in the mood.

Tickets will be available for \$25 each – cash or check accepted – at the community meetings and first Friday happy hours. You can also contact admin@ridgelysdelight.org. A maximum of 49 passengers are admitted on each cruise, so don't delay.

Visit urbanpirates.com for directions to the boarding location, parking information and other details.

Grog cruises are for adults aged 21 and older, and you must provide photo ID to board. Drinks are not sold on board, so bring any adult beverages and mixers that you wish in glass, plastic and cans. Coolers are allowed.

Practice your piracy at the Privateer Festival from April 11-13 in Fells Point.

Essence of Baltimore Essay Contest

As part of its launch of the new CharmTV in summer 2014, the City of Baltimore is sponsoring the Essence of Baltimore essay contest. Baltimore residents aged 18 and older can submit essays of 500 to 1000 words that describe the essence of Baltimore in their own words. All entries must be typed. Winners will be featured on the new CharmTV which is set to launch this summer. The contest will run through April 30. Submit entries to essays@charmtv.tv.



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