

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

April 2017

The Ridgely's Delight Association Community & Board Meetings

The April community meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 April 2017, at 7 p.m., at Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance (DBFA), 625 Washington Blvd. If you live, own property, or a business in Ridgely's Delight, you are welcome to attend.

We will have two guest speakers for the April meeting. Larry Nunley, our community liaison for Department of Public Works will introduce himself and explain the upcoming training sessions to monitor your water bill. If you have specific questions about your bill, he asked that you call, 410-545-6541, or email, Larry.Nunley@baltimorecity.gov **prior** to the meeting.

Lieutenant Kim Courtney, from the Baltimore City Fire Department will be on hand to explain and demonstrate CPR on mannequins. We'll have the unique opportunity to try this life saving technique ourselves. Learn about the Fire Department's other helpful programs such as the "car seat check" held monthly. Remember that free smoke detectors are available by calling 311.

The RDA board meeting will immediately follow the community meeting.

Mayor's Spring Cleanup

The Ridgely's Delight Community will be participating in the Mayor's Spring Cleanup. The Spring Cleanup will be held on Saturday, 23 April 2017 from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet fellow neighbors at the Community Shed located in the Burgundy Lot, to learn how you can receive credit towards your water bill just for volunteering.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(April 19th)

Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
(April 26th)

Pigtown in Bloom

Join Pigtown Main Street for its 5th Annual *Bloom the Boulevard* event held on Earth Day, April 22, 2017. Pigtown Main Street is looking for volunteers to help collect litter, plant flowers and trees, and spread mulch along the 700-1300 blocks of Washington Boulevard. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. on the corner lot of Washington Boulevard & W. Cross Street for tools and instructions. Contact Pigtown Main Street to sign up to volunteer by either stopping by their office at 763 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD or calling them at 443-682-9564.

April's First Friday Happy Hour

April's First Friday Happy Hour coincides with the Orioles hosting the Yankees. So, on Friday, 7 April 2017, meet up with your neighbors and head over to Light City (lightcity.org) for the consumption of beverages and food items at the Inner Harbor. We will meet at the corner of Paca and Warner Streets at 6:30 p.m. Plan A is to set up just south of the Visitor's Center, and people can come and go as they please to get food from the food vendors in the surrounding areas. We will post our exact seating area once we arrive so that latecomers can join in the fun! More details will be posted on ridgelysdelightmd.nextdoor.com closer to the 7th, as we have the chance to scout the layout. See you there!

Neighborhood Mom Happy Hours

Join fellow SOWEBO moms for another Neighborhood Mom Happy Hour, organized by the Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance. This month the group will meet on Thursday, 27 April 2017, starting at 6 p.m. at Pickles Pub, 520 Washington Blvd, Baltimore. All "moms" welcome!

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Delightful Gems

This article continues our new series that focuses on past and present businesses in our community. This month, we are featuring a few local businesses who are hosting Opening Day events.

Quigley's Half Irish Pub: For Opening Day, Quigley's will host a block party on Portland Street between Emory Street and Greene Street. He will grill neighborhood favorites including hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs, pit beef and pit turkey. Quigley's will also offer Maryland Craft Beers, fun activities for the kids and live music from noon until 3 p.m. Quigley's Half Irish Pub is located at 633 Portland Street.

Pickles Pub: Pickles will open at 6 a.m. on Opening Day. From 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., Pickles will be serving a FREE breakfast buffet and beer specials. Pickles will also have a Facebook live show going on, along with your chance to win Opening Day tickets! You only need to be present to win. Pickles Pub is located at 520 Washington Blvd.

Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum: The Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum is hosting a pre-game BBQ, provided by Bear Brothers. The buffet begins at 11:30 and features: Pit beef or ham, fried chicken, sausage and peppers and onions, mac & cheese, potato salad and oysters on the half shell, beer, wine and soda, plus cookies and brownies. Upper Reserved game tickets are also available. Contact Cathy Zaorski, Marketing & Special Events Coordinator, at 410-727-1539 x 3051 for reservations. The museum is located 216 Emory Street.

Reminder and Updates: Street Closures

Opening Day will draw over 50,000 baseball fans to Orioles Park at Camden Yards and to our neighborhood. To ensure pedestrian safety and to support our neighborhood block parties, the following streets will be closed beginning at 7 a.m. on Monday, 3 April 2017:

- Washington Blvd in front of Pickles and Sliders
- Portland Street between Emory Street and Greene Street
- Emory Street between Dover and Portland Streets

The Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum is having an event on Friday, 7 April 2017, which will close Emory Street between Dover and Portland Streets from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Residential Parking Permit Program (RPP) will be strictly enforced during Opening Day. Please ensure your vehicle has a valid Area 5 parking permit.

Historical View of Lexington Market

Baltimore Heritage is providing an historical look at Lexington Market on Saturday, 15 April 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Market Manager Stacey Pack will discuss recent changes and future plans for the market. Along the tour, you will visit Faidley's, Berger's, Konstant's Candy, and other vendors that have been in their stalls for 100 years or more. You will also get a first-hand look at the catacombs under the market, normally closed to the public. Were they used for cold storage before refrigeration? Did they house distilleries during Prohibition? The walking tour costs \$10.00 per person and reservations are required. Contact Baltimore Heritage at info@baltimoreheritage.org or call 410-332-9992 to make reservations.

Moving?

Ridgely's Delight residents can schedule bulk trash collection for up to three items for the first Friday of every month. Call DPW at 311, tell them your address, your telephone number and a description of the items. You must call at least three working days in advance to ensure there is room on the truck for your items.

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March for the Animals

Join thousands of animal lovers on Saturday, 15 April 2017 and raise money during the 22nd Annual March for the Animals, to benefit the homeless pets at the Maryland SPCA. There will be plenty of pets to meet and watch during the walk-a-thon, which will take place on Camden Yards Sports Complex outside of M&T Bank Stadium and Orioles Park, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The march ends at vendor's village, at the corners of Russell and Lee Streets, hosting food trucks and vendors. Yet all around the complex you will find photo booth opportunities, fun dog games, and kids' crafts and games as well. To learn more about the March for the Animals visit:
<http://www.mdspca.org/updates/detail/2017-march-for-the-animals>.

Baltimore Bird Watching

Baltimore's baseball players are not the only birds returning to Baltimore in April. Over 200 bird species will be visiting Patterson Park, an important migratory stopover in Baltimore City. Audubon experts will lead neighbors in search of avian friends on 29 April 2017, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Bring the whole family - all ages and abilities welcome. No experience necessary. The event is free, no need to RSVP if you bring your own binoculars. To borrow binoculars, contact the Audubon Center at baltimore@audubon.org or call 410-558-2473. Meet at the fountain in the northwest corner of Patterson Park, closest to the intersection of E. Lombard St. and S. Patterson Park Ave.

Little Free Library

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. Anyone may take a book or leave a book to share. Little Free Libraries have a unique, personal touch. There is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community. As of November 2016, there are over 50,000 Little Free Libraries in all 50 U.S. states and over 70 countries around the world. Our Little Free Library is located at the northwest corner of Conway Park. Come peruse the library and see what your neighbors are reading!

Rabies Vaccinations and Dog and Cat Licenses

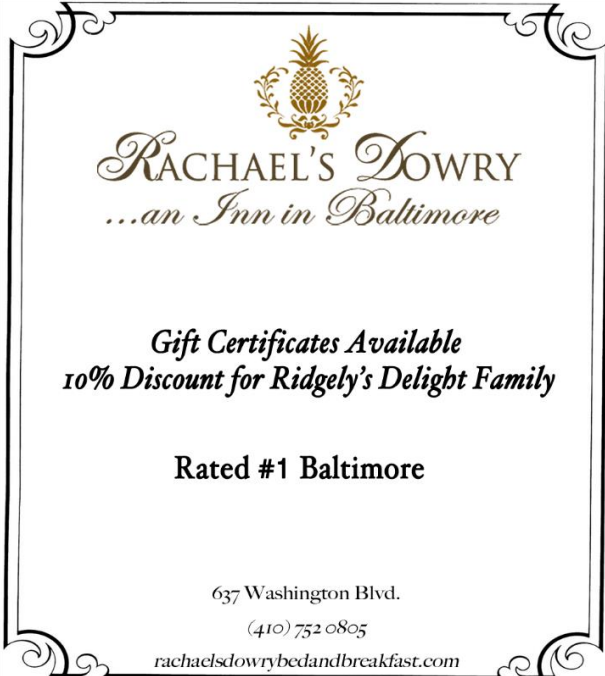
All dogs, cats, and ferrets are required to be vaccinated for rabies. BARCS has discounted rabies clinics every month. A pet license is required for all dogs and cats who live in Baltimore City. To obtain a Baltimore City pet license, or for information about rabies vaccination clinics, call BARCS at 410-396-4695, Monday thru Friday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday or Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit their website at: www.baltimoreanimalshelter.org

Dog Poo Piling Up

Animal waste not only attracts rats, but the CDC warns that a single dog dropping can contain 3 million fecal bacteria, along with parasites and viruses, that can be passed to humans, as well as other pets. Please be respectful of your neighbors and pick-up after your dog.
-Thank you!

Free Shredding Event

Cleaning out your filing cabinet? Bring your sensitive documents to DPW's free shredding event on Saturday, 22 April 2017, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Edmondson Westside High school, 501 N. Athol Ave, Baltimore.




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Neighborhood Trivia


Each month we post a neighborhood trivia question, with the answer published in the following month's Ridgely's Record. Last month's trivia question: "What is the original name of the first church in Ridgely's Delight?"

The answer: Washington Blvd was originally called Columbia Ave. The first church in Ridgely's Delight was called the Columbia Avenue Methodist Church, located at what is now called Ridgely's Commons at 657 Washington Blvd, Baltimore. Although built as a church, the building saw the most use as a neighborhood community center, before being abandoned and later turned into private residences.

A portion of our neighborhood was built on land that was part of Rachael Howard's Dowry. So, this month's trivia question is, "Who did Rachael Howard marry?"



Have a City related concern and/or need to contact your councilman?

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<http://tinyurl.com/h72yu7d>.

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