

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

February 2015

Community Meeting on February 4th

Our community meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4th, at 7pm, upstairs at Sliders. We will be discussing the results of the parking survey and the next possible steps. We will also be discussing the current proposed plans and progress for the Melvin/Penn St. playground renovation.

A link to the meeting agenda can be found on our Facebook and Twitter pages. The meeting is a community-sanctioned event, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing. The RDA board will hold their monthly meeting immediately after the community meeting.

If you live, work or own property in Ridgely's Delight, you are invited to attend the meetings; however, only board members can vote at the board meeting.

Parking Survey Closing

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Ridgely's Delight Association will ask the City to revise the parking regulations to allow parking during nighttime hours only with a parking permit or visitor's pass as a result of survey completed by a small number of residents last summer. The February community meeting is the last opportunity you will have to complete the survey to indicate your preference for the nighttime range of hours. You can also complete the survey online at www.ridgelysdelight.org/survey until Feb 4th, the date of the meeting. As a reminder, once the request is made to the City, there will be a neighborhood petition, and 60 percent of households must sign the petition in order for the change to be made. Look for updates on parking regulations in upcoming newsletters and on www.ridgelysdelight.org and our Facebook page.

City Offices Closed February 16th

In honor of Presidents' Day, City offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th.

Happy Hour at Pickles

We'll meet up for First Friday happy hour on February 6th at Pickles Pub, starting around 6:30. Come out and meet your neighbors. We'll be hanging out in the side room. Happy hour specials run until 9pm and include 2 for 1 pitchers, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 rails, \$4 nachos and \$7 16-inch pizza.

Cold Weather Water Tips

Water service lines and water meters can freeze when the temperature remains below 25 degrees for extended periods of time. Such conditions can also impact water mains, resulting in broken water lines.

Here are a few tips from the Department of Public Works to help protect your water service lines during periods of cold weather:

- Insulate pipes located in unheated parts of your house, especially if you have had frozen pipes in the past.
- Let a thin stream of cold water about the thickness of pencil run from a basement faucet.
- If a pipe freezes, gently warm it with hot air from a blow dryer at the point where it enters the house.
- Find the water shutoff valve in your home. Check it periodically to ensure that it works properly.
- Shut off water to outside faucets.
- Periodically monitor your sump pump. A frozen drain pipe could result in a flooded basement.
- Keep bottled water on hand. Plan on needing a gallon of water per person per day.

The Department of Public Works maintains outdoor water lines up to and including the meter. For water emergencies, call 311.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Street Sweeping Comes to Ridgely's

The City has begun to install signage with the days and times for our neighborhood street sweeping. We expect the odd side of the streets to be swept every 3rd Wednesday, and the even side of the streets to be swept every 4th Wednesday.

There will be a short "enforcement grace period" in which tickets may not be issued so that residents can get used to the new parking schedule, but this will likely end at the beginning of March.

Please be on the lookout for these new signs and parking regulations for sweeping days.

Keep in Touch

Want to hear about late-breaking news after the Ridgely's Record is delivered? Sign up for our email list for emergency alerts and important reminders. You will only receive a few emails every month, and we will not share your email address with other parties. To sign up, go to www.ridgelysdelight.org and click on the blue envelope icon on the left side of the page. Once you register, you should receive a confirmation link to click on to finalize your enrollment. To ensure you receive the email, add RidgelysDelight@mail.vresp.com to your safe senders list.

City Begins New Police Schedule

Beginning in January, Baltimore City Police replaced its five-day shifts with a new schedule consisting of four, 10-hour shifts. Commissioner Batts launched the schedule to allow the agency to more effectively deploy officers to meet the demands for police services throughout the day. This will allow for more patrol officers on duty during peak demand periods than was possible under the previous schedule.

Community Clean-up on February 21st

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Saturday, February 21st. 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. In the event of bad weather, we will send an email and post on our social media pages regarding cancellation or postponement. The clean-up is a community sanctioned event.

Babe Ruth Bash

Celebrate the 120th birthday of Ridgely's Delight's own Babe Ruth at Sports Legends Museum on Friday, February 6th, 5:30-9pm. The evening will include unlimited ballpark-inspired food and beverages, a silent auction, appearances by local professional and amateur athletes, the presentation of the 2015 Babe Ruth Museum Community Service Award and free admission to Sports Legends Museum's galleries. Tickets to the Bash are \$50 for museum members, \$55 for the general public or \$45 each for 10 or more when purchased in advance. They are \$60 for all at the door. Order online at www.baberuthmuseum.com or stop by the Babe Ruth Museum at 216 Emory St.



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Talking Trash

If you're new to the neighborhood, or if you just don't know when to put out your trash, this is a reminder that Wednesday is the general trash collection day. Trash must be in a covered container. Put your trash in the alley after 6pm on the night before pick-up and take the can in after collection. Place all recycling materials (plastic and glass bottles and jars, paper and cans) in recycle bins, cardboard boxes, paper bags or a clearly marked container for collection on Friday mornings. For more information about trash, including how to get bulk trash picked up and where to dispose of hazardous waste, visit the Residents section of www.ridgelysdelight.org.

Register Your Security Camera

If you own a security camera, consider registering it with the Baltimore Police Department. By giving police access to video in the vicinity of an incident, you can help identify criminals and solve crimes more quickly. Please note the following important facts about the program:

- Your camera will not be linked to the City's system, and police cannot monitor activity by your home or business. You will only be asked to provide video should an incident occur near your camera.
- When you register, you will provide your contact information, the type of camera, the location and its recording retention time.
- The system is confidential, so persons of interest will not know if you submit video.
- You can opt out at any time.

For the link to register your camera, visit www.ridgelysdelight.org/safety.

Gardening Contest Returns

Last year, Ridgely's Delight's creative gardeners transformed our green space into an amazing neighborhood showpiece and highlighted the pride we feel in our community. Neighbors and visitors alike enjoyed strolling through our neighborhood and admiring the beautiful landscaping that blossomed throughout our historic community.

The Ridgely's Delight Association is proud to announce its second annual Adopt a Garden contest. Nine unique spaces within Ridgely's Delight will again be up for adoption at the March Community Meeting. Come early to get your first pick! The contest will start on April 1st and end on September 30th. The RDA will pay for all plants (up to \$50 per garden) and will provide free mulch, top soil, and use of community tools. A photo of the winning garden will be placed on the Ridgely's Delight social media and website and will earn the right to display the "Best Garden in Ridgely's Delight" sign.

If you have questions regarding the competition, please contact: admin@ridgelysdelight.org.

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Celebrate Black History Month at B&O

The B&O Railroad Museum opens a new African American exhibit that celebrates the contributions of African Americans to the railroad industry. Learn about these men and women who filled vital jobs along the B&O Railroad's line and understand how significant social issues, such as segregation, affected railroading. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum is located down the street at 901 West Pratt. For more information, please call 410-752-2490 or go to www.borail.org/february.aspx

Absolutely Fabulous

It may be cold outside but Baltimore is heating up with the most delicious week of winter – Restaurant Week – and fixed-price dinner, lunch and brunch menus at participating restaurants around town. Find the cure for cabin fever with a money-saving package at your choice of accommodations and receive a bonus gift card in return. Enjoy ticket offers and special programs at museums & attractions! This Restaurant Week is February 15th-28th. For more information about participating restaurants, hotels, and other events, please go to <http://www.absolutelyfabulous.com/>

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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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