

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

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January 2014

## Community Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>

Since New Year's Day falls on the first Wednesday of the month, our community meeting will be held the following week on Wednesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. Community members will be invited to suggest revisions to the association by-laws at the meeting, which will take place upstairs at Sliders from 7-8pm. 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 when it's available at [www.ridgelysdelight.org/minutes](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/minutes). We will also post a link to the meeting agenda on our Facebook page.

***Anyone who lives, works, or owns property in Ridgely's Delight is welcome to attend.***

## Yahoo Groups is Moving to Nextdoor

If you have registered for the Ridgely's Delight's Yahoo Group, you should have received an email a few weeks ago telling you that the community association will no longer be using this vehicle to communicate with neighbors. We have found a tool that we have found to be more user-friendly than Yahoo Groups. Therefore, we're inviting everyone who has an address in Ridgely's Delight to join us on Nextdoor, a private social network for Ridgely's Delight. On our Nextdoor site, neighbors can share community events, recommendations, items for sale, crime and safety alerts, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better and more. You can even enter your cell phone number (which is not visible to other users) in the Settings section, and you'll get a text message should anyone report an emergency, like a crime in progress. Please join us on Nextdoor if you haven't already. To register, simply visit:

<https://ridgelysdelightmd.nextdoor.com>.

We also invite everyone to keep up with Ridgely's Delight by registering for our email list and following us on Facebook and Twitter. You can find these links at [www.ridgelysdelight.org](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org).

## Happy Hour at the Bistro

We'll ring in the New Year as a neighborhood at First Friday happy hour on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Corner Bistro and Wine Bar, starting around 6:30pm. Come on out for the unveiling of the framed Ridgely's Delight softball t-shirt autographed by the players from our neighborhood who helped our team win the South Baltimore Softball Tournament in August. The highly coveted Natty Boh trophy will also be on display.

## Leaf Collection Ending

The City will end its leaf collection program on Monday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. To have your leaves picked up, call 311 before Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10pm. You can leave out up to 20 bags. In addition, trash crews will collect up to five bags of leaves on our regular Wednesday trash collection day. Put leaves in clear or labeled bags and place them next to your trash can.

## America's Got Talent AUDITIONS

"America's Got Talent" will be in Baltimore for open auditions on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Don't let this opportunity to showcase your unique talents slip away! Auditions are open to any age and any talent — nothing is off limits. They don't care if you have an act you do professionally, or if it's something you have never done in public before in your life, whether you are an amazing singer, or can do something really weird with your body. They want to be shocked and amazed by what you can do in 90 seconds! Auditions are to be held at the Baltimore Convention Center from 8am-7pm. You can register on their website:

<http://www.americasgottalentauditions.com/baltimore/>

## Holiday Closings

City offices will be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day and January 20<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King's birthday. There will be no trash collection on Wed., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. The make-up date is Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Resident's Letter to the Community

On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 2am, the Baltimore Police knocked at our door and awakened my roommate. They explained that they apprehended two juveniles for the attempted robbery of my motor scooter, which was locked up in the front of our house. The third accomplice managed to escape, but if it weren't for an anonymous neighbor calling the police, the scooter would be almost certainly gone by morning.

I can't express my gratitude to the anonymous caller personally, and so I hope this letter reaches this kind neighbor who witnessed the crime unfold and acted. Although this event has everyone in our house a little rattled, it is extremely comforting to know we have caring neighbors looking out for us.

Our thanks go out to everyone at Ridgely's delight for your diligence, and please stay safe this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Your grateful neighbors on Portland St.

## Finance Committee Members Needed

To comply with the by-laws of the Ridgely's Delight Association, we are seeking community members to serve on the finance committee. The finance committee advises the board and association on fiscal matters and audits the books and accounts in June of each year. If you have experience in this area and would like to volunteer, please contact [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org).

## Community Clean-up on January 11<sup>th</sup>

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9 a.m. 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 cancelation or postponement. If you know of areas where we should concentrate our efforts, please notify [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org).

We haven't forgotten about the resident who requested clean-ups to be scheduled on Sundays. We hope to introduce a few Sunday clean-ups in the Spring.



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## How to Recycle Your Tree

The City will pick up live Christmas trees on trash collection days throughout January. Simply set your tree by your trash can. All tinsel and ornaments must be removed from trees. For more information, call 311.

**Thank you to Work Printers for printing the Ridgely's Record.**

## By-law Review Schedule Revised


To adhere to our normal meeting day of Wednesday, we've revised the dates of the by-law review schedule that was published in last month's newsletter. Please note the new dates:

- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – first committee meeting
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – public input on specific updates at community meeting
- Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> – first draft of revisions presented at community meeting
- Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - second draft presented at board meeting
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – public input on second draft
- Jun. 4<sup>th</sup> – public input on final draft
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – draft of final changes distributed to community
- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – community vote on adoption of final draft

If you'd like to serve on the by-laws committee, or if you have suggestions for revisions, please email [president@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:president@ridgelysdelight.org). You can review the current by-laws in the Association section of [www.ridgelysdelight.org](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org).

Please note that the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin at 7pm and will be held upstairs at A Peace and A Cup of Joe. Feel free to bring your ideas and even revised written sections for the discussion.

*Hours*  
**Mon, Tue, Wed**  
 7:00am—7:00pm  
**Fri**  
 7:00am—6:00pm  
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## Baltimore Remodeling Expo

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Please keep in mind that any outdoor renovations need Baltimore City's CHAP approval since Ridgely's Delight is an historic neighborhood.

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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/chap\\_process.php](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/chap/chap_process.php) Feel free to contact the Ridgely's Delight Architectural Review Committee (ARC) with any renovation related questions at [arc@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:arc@ridgelysdelight.org).

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