

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

May 2017

The Ridgely's Delight Association Community & Board Meetings

The May community meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 May 2017, at 7 p.m., upstairs at Sliders, 504 Washington Blvd. You are welcome to attend if you live, own property, or a business in Ridgely's Delight. Guest speakers include representatives from MTA's BaltimoreLink, and Susie Creamer, director of the Patterson Park Audubon Center.

The much-needed overhaul to Baltimore's bus route network was announced in October 2015 and will be implemented on June 18, 2017. Find out what changes will occur to the downtown buses that could affect you. BaltimoreLink promises to provide a network that is better connected and more reliable.

If you are looking for inspiration for your city garden, Susie Creamer will provide it. She will offer gardening tips including planting hardy native plants, designing for small spaces, and attracting birds to your yard, while showing us beautiful examples of local city gardens. Information on Patterson Park Audubon upcoming events will be available at the meeting.

The RDA board meeting will immediately follow the community meeting.

FlowerMart Festival

Celebrate the time-honored rite of Spring, the Baltimore FlowerMart. FlowerMart 2017 promises to be bigger than ever as the coordinators have added an extra hour of nationally renowned blues, jazz and Motown entertainment on both stages and a new Craft Beer Garden. The FlowerMart will take place Friday and Saturday, 5 and 6 May 2017 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Mount Vernon Square at The Washington Monument.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Parking Permit Renewal

Your residential parking permit and visitor's pass will expire on Friday, 30 June 2017. If you do not have a new permit or pass on your car as of 1 July 2017, you will be subject to a ticket. Ridgely's residents can visit our website at www.ridgelysdelight.org/parking for the link to renew permits and passes through the iParq system. The iParq system should be available beginning on Saturday, 20 May 2017 and will end on Friday, 9 June 2017. If you are having problems with the registration process, contact the Parking Authority office at 443-573-2800. First time permits and passes must be picked up at the Parking Authority office, 200 W. Lombard Street, Suite B. The office will be open one weeknight and one Saturday during the renewal period. Those dates will be published in the June newsletter once they are available.

As a courtesy to the neighborhood, the Ridgely's Delight Association will offer a neighborhood pick-up on Wednesday, 14 June 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., upstairs at Sliders Bar and Grill, 504 Washington Blvd. For more information on required documentation and parking rules, visit www.ridgelysdelight.org/parking.

May's First Friday Happy Hour

The Ridgely's Delight Association will not be hosting a Happy Hour on Friday, 5 May 2017 as the Baltimore Orioles will be hosting the Chicago White Sox.

City Offices Closure

Baltimore City Offices will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, 29 May 2017, to honor the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Street Sweeping Reminder

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

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

Delightful Gems

This article continues our new series that focuses on past and present businesses in our community. This month we are meeting with Matthew Hilloerfer, REALTOR® ABR, GRI, SRS, Keller Williams Legacy.

The Ridgely's neighborhood would love to thank you for your generous support of the Children's Easter Egg Hunt last month. The event highlighted the growing number of families in the neighborhood. As a longtime resident, what other changes have you seen in the Ridgely's Delight and Pigtown neighborhoods in the last 10 years?

Pigtown Main Street is doing a fantastic job at retaining businesses that are good for both Ridgely's and Pigtown. Breaking Bread got voted the "Best Wings" in the *Best of Baltimore 2016*. I had an amazing fig and goat cheese sandwich at Culinary Architecture the other day. Café Jovial and Chicken and Waffles are always serving up excellent food. Sunny's has great take out Chinese Food and Ebenezer Ethiopian Restaurant has an impressive menu too. There is something for every palate.

We like to hear stories about what brought neighbors to Ridgely's Delight. What brought you here to our neighborhood?

Northrop Grumman recruited me for my IT skills in 2004. I was also earning my MBA from Loyola University. They put me up in a hotel and gave me a chance to find a home. I looked at the Baltimore Sports and Social Club website and saw an ad for a room so I decided to settle in Ridgely's Delight. Ridgely's is the best location if you work south of the city. You have easy access to I-95, I-395, and US Route 1. But when I moved in, I just saw my neighbors go from their cars into their houses. I wanted to meet everyone so I took an evening job at Capoochino's Cafe, a coffee shop that was in the space currently housing DBFA. I learned that this was a very active neighborhood with a great community feel. We have Happy Hours, Movies in the Park, monthly meetings and Easter Egg Hunts.

Why did you decide to become a real estate agent?

My job as an IT professional allowed me to travel a lot. I lived in Brazil for six months and traveled to Azerbaijan, Dubai, South Africa and about 5 other countries, but the job wasn't really satisfying. At the time, I already owned my house on Washington Blvd and was closing on my house in Pigtown. I knew I loved the real estate market. So, after a brief stint of trying to develop an app, I got my real estate license in September 2014. I sold 8 houses in 2015, 26 houses in 2016 and have a goal of helping 60 families and investors find houses this year. Baltimore has 272 neighborhoods and I focus on Ridgely's and Pigtown, as each neighborhood is different. We build a foundation with our clients. Buying or selling your home is probably the biggest financial decision a person makes. I want to help as many people as I can make a comfortable decision. I care more than just for that transaction; I want a customer for life.

What unique qualities do you think Ridgely's has compared to other neighborhoods in Baltimore?

The founding fathers of Ridgely's had a vision which helped transform the neighborhood. For example, the tot lot transformation is really cool. It provides a safe place for children to play and deters negative activity from happening in our great open space. It is now a gathering place for families. Conway Park is a wonderful space to walk dogs, watch movies and play ball. Of course, we are so close to the stadiums. You can hear the home run horn from any house in the neighborhood. Everything the city has to offer is just an Uber ride or walk away.

Have you learned of any new hidden gems in or around our neighborhood that you would like to share?

The new Cheat Day Restaurant, in the space that used to house Shakers, is here to stay. They have a great menu which caters to the local tastes of both Pigtown and Ridgely's Delight.

You can contact Matt at 443-380-3625 or mattwh@kw.com to learn more about the real estate market in our neighborhood.

Adopt a Neighborhood Garden

Spring brings the annual ritual of dirty fingers from planting in one of our neighborhood gardens. The Ridgely's Delight Association is once again offering up our 11 neighborhood pocket gardens for adoption. The association will reimburse each adopter up to \$50.00 per garden for planting supplies and will provide free use of community tools. Remember to weed and water your gardens throughout the summer as the Ridgely's Delight board members will vote each month, from June 1st to October 1st, on who is tending to the best garden. The best garden will be featured on our website and the winning gardeners will receive ownership of the 'Best Garden in Ridgely's Delight' sign and bragging rights for a full year! Contact Maggie at mawebbert@hotmail.com for more information.

Spring Cleaning

DPW has Citizen Drop-Off Centers, for Baltimore City residents who wish to haul acceptable waste and recycling from their home. Residents may only haul materials to the Drop-Off Centers in passenger, non-commercial vehicles and are limited to two loads per day and no more than five loads per week. Our nearest Drop-Off Center is conveniently located at 2840 Sisson Street and is open Mon-Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. before Memorial Day and 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. after the holiday. Visit publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/solid-waste/drop-off for a complete list of Citizen Drop-Off Centers and rules.

Baltimore Police Explorer Night at Camden Yards

Tickets are now on sale for the 2017 Baltimore Police Explorer Night at Camden Yards, sponsored by Buddies Inc. Join us as we watch the Baltimore Orioles play the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday, 21 June 2017 at 7:05 p.m., with proceeds to benefit the Baltimore Police Explorer Program. Members of the Explorer Scouts, Baltimore City Police Department and the Buddies Program will participate in an on-field ceremony. Can't make the game date? You can also purchase a flexible Orioles ticket voucher for \$15.00, which can be used for any Value, Classic, or Select 2017 Home Game. Contact Lt. Ford at (443) 278-6385 to learn more about the vouchers or to purchase your tickets.

Dandelions, Milkweed and Crabgrass, oh my!

Do you have Dandelions or Milkweed growing between your brick pavers or even between the cracks of your sidewalk where nothing but a weed could manage to grow? Weeds have deep roots and are often difficult to remove or kill completely. If you want to avoid pesticides and go organic, head for your pantry. Use a little bit of baking soda and the weeds are sent to their final resting place. Sprinkle handfuls of baking soda over the tops of weeds growing in the cracks of driveways and sidewalks. Sweep any spilled baking soda into the cracks. This remedy works best when the weeds are isolated from desired plants and grass, as baking soda may kill favored plants too. Stubborn weeds may need a retreatment in four to six weeks.

Chesapeake Farm to Home

Chesapeake Farm to Table is expanding its offerings to new customers. Chesapeake Farm to Table has been active in the local community by connecting chefs and restaurants with an entire network of sustainable small-scale farmers. Now they are bringing the same fresh, local produce to everyone. Just go to ChesapeakeFarmToTable.localfoodmarketplace.com and create an on-line shopping account. So that you do not have to have the food delivered to your home, Culinary Architecture has offered to accept your order on Wednesdays. They are open from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. and are located at 767 Washington Blvd. While there, check out their rotating menu of take-away meals, made in-house daily, from scratch.

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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. A portion of our neighborhood was built on land that was part of Rachael Howard's Dowry. So, last month's trivia question was, "Who did Rachael Howard marry?" The answer: Colonel Charles Ridgely acquired the open land, southwest of the city's original boundaries, in 1667 when he married Rachael Howard. Rachel Howard was the daughter of Captain John Howard Jr. and Mary (Warfield) Howard. In 1732, this land, originally known as Howard's Timberneck, was combined with another property known as Brotherly Love, resurveyed and named Ridgely's Delight.

This month's trivia question is, "How did Warner Street derive its name?"

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