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

October 2015

# Community & Board Meetings Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wed., October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm upstairs at Sliders.

If you live, work or own property in Ridgely's Delight, you are welcome to attend the meeting. A board meeting will follow. Community members are invited to attend, but only board members can vote.

A link to the meeting agenda will be available on our Facebook and Twitter pages when it is available. Each meeting is a community-sanctioned event, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing.

#### **RDA Elections in November**

The Ridgely's Delight Association will hold its annual election at the November community meeting. Following is the slate:

President: Farzana Muhib
VP of Operations: Tom Light
VP of Communications: Bill Reuter

Secretary: Eric Davis

Treasurer: Jim Kuhl, Michele Vitolo Parliamentarian: Paul Rubenson

Members at Large (5 positions): Emily Clark, Chris Crook, Jim Quigley, Al Passarella, Kate Leitkowski, Ben Marks

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. To be eligible to run or vote, community members must attend at least two sanctioned events in the four months prior to the November meeting. These include community/board meetings, clean-ups; newsletter delivery; committee meetings; Citizens on Patrol walks; ARC, by-law and ad hoc committee meeting attendance; movie night set-up; serving as RDA liaison to other community association meetings; and National Night Out. If you are unsure of your eligibility, contact eggnogg@gmail.com.

#### **Street Sweeping Reminder**

Odd Side: every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (October 21<sup>st</sup>) Even Side: every 4<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (October 28<sup>th</sup>)

# Happy Hour on the Stoop October 2<sup>nd</sup>

We're changing things up for October's first Friday happy hour. While there is an Orioles home game, we're sticking around the neighborhood. In fact, you just need to step outside your door to participate. That's right; we're having an old-fashioned stoop party. Make a drink, grab a snack and a lawn chair and come outside to meet your neighbors from 6 to 9pm. If you want a place to congregate, you can hang out at one of the host areas:

- Parking lot area behind the corner at S. Fremont and Dover
- Ridgely's Delight Condos at 657 Washington
- Recreational park (tot lot)

If you'd like to be a host house on a street that doesn't already have one, please contact <a href="mailto:admin@ridgelysdelight.org">admin@ridgelysdelight.org</a>. You just need to allow people to congregate outside and maybe provide a table for drinks and some music. You are not expected to invite people in your home.

# Street Closing and Party on October 3<sup>rd</sup>

To celebrate the final weekend of the Orioles' season, Quigley's is planning a street party with live music before the game on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The party begins at noon and will run until 11pm with last call at 10pm. The first 100 people will get a free koozie. Emory St. will be closed from the south side of Portland to Melvin.

# Baltimore Running Festival Is Oct. 17th

The Baltimore Running Festival will take place on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Watch for street closures and heavy traffic from morning until early afternoon. Visit <a href="https://www.thebaltimoremarathon.com">www.thebaltimoremarathon.com</a> for street closure and other race information. Good luck to all of our Ridgely's runners!

## **Columbus Day Closing**

City offices will be closed Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day. Parking meters will be in effect.

#### Pick-up Day Reminder

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

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#### **Parking Petition Clarification**

Over the next few months, the RDA will be circulating a petition in collaboration with the Baltimore Parking Authority. All Ridgely's Delight residents should receive a visit from someone asking whether you want to sign the petition.

The parking petition will **NOT** request a change for current allowable daily 2 hour parking during the day time hours. The **ONLY** change requested is to have permitted parking only in the evenings and overnight. Currently, no permit is required between midnight and 7am.

If you <u>support</u> the change to have restricted parking in the evenings and overnight, please sign the petition.

If you <u>do not support</u> the change and want the parking restrictions to remain the same, do not sign the petition.

The petition will clearly state the restriction changes and the hours for which they are to take effect. The important thing to remember is that you should only sign the petition if you support the change in parking restriction hours. If you do not support it, do not sign the petition. Also, please note that the changes, if approved, will have no effect on parking rules during stadium events.

Only one person from each household will be counted. All residents, including renters, are eligible to participate in the petition. Per the Parking Authority's rules, only residents may participate. If you own property in the neighborhood but do not live in that property, you are not eligible to sign.

The petition will be circulated over a 120-day period. If one person from each legal household in more than 60 percent of the neighborhood signs the petition, the Parking Authority will continue to the next step and contact all of the petition signers to verify that they have signed. Then the decision process will continue in City government.

## **Street Sweeping Reminder**

Street sweeping helps keep our streets clean, prevent storm drain blockage and protect waterways from hazardous materials. Each month, the odd sides of the street are swept on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and even sides on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. If you recently moved into the neighborhood, please be mindful of the schedule and move your car between 8am and noon on these days. As the leaves begin to fall, it's especially important that the street sweepers can do their job. If you can't find a parking spot, try the Burgundy Street lot or a parking meter, which is still cheaper than a parking ticket. Thanks for your cooperation.



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#### **Pasta Dinner for Runners**

If you are participating in the Baltimore Running Festival, please join the neighborhood runners for a pasta dinner on Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, in the tot lot/rec park at Penn and Melvin, beginning at 6pm. Please bring a pasta dish or side dish to share and get the carbs you need to run a good race.

# Community Clean-up on October 24th

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm in conjunction with the Mayor's Fall Clean-up. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9am. Pickles will provide free pizza and beer to volunteers afterward. We have requested a dumpster, which is not guaranteed. We will post a notice on our Facebook page on the morning of the event if it is not available.



As a home owner, past board member and advocate for the neighborhood, I will use my in depth knowledge of the housing market to help you obtain your real estate goals.

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#### **Leaf Collection Program Starting**

The City will collect bagged leaves every Monday from mid-October until mid-January. The start date posted on social media and www.ridgelysdelight.org when available. To have your leaves picked up on any Monday during the season, call 311 before Sunday at 10pm for nextday collection. You can make multiple appointments for up to two months prior to the pick-up date. You can leave out up to 20 bags each time. 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.

# Run with the Pigs on October 10<sup>th</sup>

The 14th annual Pigtown Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> from noon to 7 p.m. in the 700-800 blocks of Washington Blvd. There will be food and beer, a pie-eating contest, carnival games, children's activities, local artisans selling their wares, and of course the famous running of the pigs. The music line-up includes Kelly Bell Band, Jah Works and Nelly's Echo. Volunteers are still needed for a variety of activities. More information and the link to volunteer in the Pigtown Festival article can be found at www.pigtownmainstreet.org. Volunteers ages 21 and older get \$10 worth of drink tickets per shift worked.



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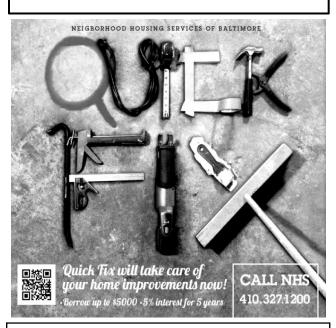


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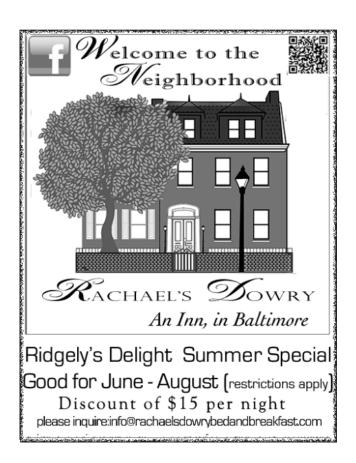
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#### **Safety Summary**

Crime has increased throughout the City over the summer months. While the number of crimes in Ridgely's is about the same as last year, we have seen a few muggings involving weapons, which are not typical of our area. Most have occurred during the day and all have been on game days. The thieves were adolescents and young adults. The good news is that arrests have been made in three of the four incidents. Please be aware if you see groups of kids without an adult, and go with your gut if you feel threatened. Police advise you to look people in the eye when you pass them and say hello to make them aware you can identify them. Don't be afraid to make noise and scream if you are approached by a stranger. We can't stress enough that you should never pull out your phone or have your headphones on when you are walking around. If you see something suspicious, call 911. Also, join our Nextdoor site at www.nextdoor.com and post a description so neighbors can be on the lookout. If someone has attempted to break into your home or car, call 911, even if nothing was taken. This will ensure greater police presence the neighborhood.

If you have non-emergency questions or concerns, please email <u>safety@ridgelysdelight.org.</u>



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