

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

September 2017

The Ridgely's Delight Association Community & Board Meetings

The September community meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 September 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum, 216 Emory St. You are welcome to attend if you live, own property, or a business in Ridgely's Delight.

Guest speakers for this month will be Brad Rodgers, Executive Director of the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership and Mark Conway, Executive Director of the Baltimore Tree Trust.

Find out how the newly-formed Gateway Partnership can enhance living in Ridgely's Delight. What are the big opportunities in the casino-impact area? Do we want a cleaner, greener and healthier neighborhood? There may be community grant opportunities if someone has an idea, can take the initiative, and can follow through to complete the project.

Dovetailing on the idea of a greener Baltimore, our second speaker will explain the mission of the Baltimore Tree Trust, how it works, who can benefit and volunteer opportunities. Don't miss the chance to meet the Executive Director if you are intrigued by "transforming Baltimore with trees".

The RDA board meeting will immediately follow the community meeting.

Ridgely's Happy Hour

The Ridgely's Delight Association will host our September Happy Hour on the *second* Friday in September, 8 September 2017 at the Corner Bistro and Wine Bar, 213 Penn St., beginning at 7 p.m. Join your neighbors for great drinks and food at one of our favorite neighborhood gathering spots.

Pick-up Day Reminder

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

Rededication Party and Ping Pong Tournament

All neighbors are invited to the rededication party for the Melvin-Penn Playground (aka tot lot) from 4:30-7 p.m. on Saturday, 9 September 2017. It took time, but finally all the new plantings, picnic tables, exercise equipment, and ping pong table are in so it's time to party. The Official ceremony will take place from 4:30-5 p.m., with special guests from Horseshoe Casino, the LDC, and the Recreation and Parks Department. As part of the celebration, we will host our first Ping Pong tournament starting at 5 p.m., with both adult and children's categories. If you are interested and have not signed up to be a player yet, please email pingpong@ridgelysdelight.org and indicate which age category. There will be food and music, plus prizes for the tournament winners. Rain date is Sunday, 10 September 2017, same time. Look for updates on NextDoor and the Ridgely's Facebook page. This event would not be possible without a generous grant from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership.

Ravens Media Roundtable

Football season is almost here. Need to know what happened to your favorite team during the off-season? Join Ravens' media personalities on Thursday, 7 September 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m., at Pickles Pub. Your \$25 entrance fee gets you Happy Hour fare and drink specials, plus a candid, interactive discussion with local reporters on the upcoming season. RSVP required. Contact Cathy at CathyZ@baberuthmuseum.org or call (410) 727-1539 ext. 3051.

Labor Day

Baltimore City Offices will be closed on Monday, 4 September 2017 in observance of Labor Day.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(September 20th)
Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
(September 27th)

Delightful Gems

This article continues our series that highlights past and present businesses in our community. This month we are focusing on Peace & a Cup of Joe, our neighborhood coffee shop at 713 W. Pratt Street.

Your coffee shop has a really cool vibe that instantly makes everyone feel welcomed. Did you envision this type of atmosphere when you opened 12 years ago?

I wanted to create an atmosphere where anyone from any walk of life could come in, sit down and co-exist with other members of the community. You can be alone, or on a date or a business meeting and feel at home here. Coffee shops have become a key entity in our culture. People may make friends online and then meet in a friendly environment like a coffee shop. You can come in and share a cup of coffee with a friend, or even a new acquaintance and not be judged the same way you would be if you had gone to a bar.

Coffee shops are great gathering spots and I enjoy serving a multi-cultural clientele. Everyone is different. We have up and comers who are just beginning their journey, families with young children, and people who are near retirement and just enjoying life.

I personally have enjoyed your Open Mike Nights, what can we expect this fall?

Our Open Mike Nights are on Thursday nights. We have a house band, Mark Evans and the Big Mouth Band, which plays Folk, R&B, Jazz, and Hip-Hop music selections from the 70's to the mid 90's starting at 8:30 p.m. We then have a featured artist who may perform a comedy act, or an author who reads from his or her own book, or someone who recites poetry. You can find out who the featured artist is on our Facebook page: Acoustic Thursdays at Peace & a Cup of Joe.

Do you have any menu changes planned for this fall?

We have four new chefs who have created a very flavorful menu that accompanies the four seasons and changes each month. For example, this month we had an Hawaiian Breeze panini made with summer ham, juicy pineapple, and mango chutney sauce. We also have a French Toast special made with H&S glazed donuts for breakfast. We also serve seasonal coffees

like the white chocolate raspberry latte in February, and pumpkin specials in the Fall. We offer lighter fare in the evenings including pizzas, pita dip, and homemade popcorn. We will be offering free Mimosas and Bloody Marys with the purchase of a breakfast entry starting 9 September 2017. We try to incorporate different items to cater to our diverse community.

Do you have any special events planned for fall?

We have a lot of Student Interaction events planned. Along with the *Nursing Night* special which takes place on 31 August, we are participating in the Open Orientation for new students on 8 September 2017. We are having events for both college and NFL football games on the weekends. This is in addition to the BYOB Happy Hour which starts every day at 1 p.m.

We are also starting up *Game Night*, a popular event for Ridgely's Delight neighbors. Games will be played in a round robin style with a gift card awarded to the person who wins the most rounds. We are also hosting a *Meet the Neighbors* Happy Hour on 3 November 2017, from 7 – 9 p.m., for new neighbors in our neighborhood.

For more information on Peace and A Cup of Joe visit: peaceandacupofjoecoffee.com, or visit their Facebook page at Peace and a Cup of Joe, or stop by 713 W. Pratt Street during their business hours stated below.



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Road Trip to Yankees Stadium

The Babe Ruth Museum is hosting a baseball road trip to Yankees Stadium on Saturday, 16 September 2017. The trip includes round-trip transportation via motor coach and a reserved Grandstand seat. The motor coach has two pick-up locations, UMBC Park & Ride at 8 a.m. and White Marsh Park & Ride at 9 a.m. We'll arrive with time before the game to wander the Stadium area, see Monument Park or visit Heritage Field (site of the old Yankee Stadium) and hear a talk by MLB official Nick Trotta. The price is \$90.00 per person. Reservations required, call Cathy Z. at 410-727-1539 x3051.

9th Annual Marian House Race to Embrace Independence 5K Run/Walk

Join us for a fun, healthy, family-friendly and festive celebration to support and highlight the successes of Marian House women moving from dependence to independence. This Charm City Run managed event will be held on Saturday, 23 September 2017, beginning at 7:30 a.m., at Lake Montebello. Your participation helps raise vital funds for housing, food, clothing, education, life skills, employability training, counseling service and other necessary support services for homeless women and children. Please register at: <http://www.marianhouse.org/9th-annual-marian-house-race-embrace-independence-5k-run-and-walk> or call 410-467-4246 for more information.

Helping Homeless Persons

Almost 2,400 people are homeless in Baltimore City on any given night, according to the 2016 Annual Report on Homelessness prepared by Maryland's Interagency Council on Homelessness. The availability of shelter beds to meet the needs of homeless individuals also continues to be a challenge. However, we do have resources available to us to help those in need, visit the Baltimore City website to learn the locations of our local shelters: <https://human-services.baltimorecity.gov/homeless-services/shelter-resources>.

11th District News

Eric Costello maintains an email list for 11th District residents and businesses specific to each neighborhood. He publishes updates on current issues such as crime, parking, utility work, and events. To be added to the list, please email: eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov.

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

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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 was, "Quigley's Half Irish Pub, at 633 Portland Street, has been a staple in our neighborhood for over 10 years. What was the name of the bar that Quigley's replaced?" The answer: Although the Strike Three Lounge was located at 633 Portland Street, it bared little resemblance to what we know now as Quigley's Half Irish Pub. James Quigley spent many months renovating the bar before serving his first pint over 10 years ago.

This month's trivia question is, "Over the last 12 years what were the names of the four coffee shops that were in the building that most recently housed DBFA?"

Stadium Event Parking

Ridgely's Delight has "Stadium Event" restricted parking. A stadium event is any event at the Maryland Stadium Authority's complex to include M&T Bank Stadium, Orioles Park at Camden Yards, or their parking lots. Contact the Maryland Stadium Authority at (410) 333-1560 or visit their website: <http://www.mdstad.com/events> to learn about upcoming stadium events and avoid a possible ticket.

Connect with your Neighborhood

- Bookmark the neighborhood website: www.ridgelysdelight.org
- Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RidgelysDelight/
- Join Nextdoor: Ridgelysdelightmd.nextdoor.com
- Stay informed: Add yourself to the Ridgely's email list to keep in touch with current events. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/h72yu7d>.

New to the Neighborhood?

The Ridgely's Delight Association is pleased to welcome you to our neighborhood. Download our "New Neighbor Flyer" from our website: www.ridgelysdelight.org. to learn more about your new neighborhood.



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