

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

July 2019

## Community & Board Meetings July 3rd

We return to our local neighbors, Frank and Nic's West End Grille at 7 pm. In Ridgely's Delight, if you live, own property or a business, then you are welcome to attend Community and Board Meetings. The Board Meeting will follow upon completion of new business.

## Adopt - A - Garden This Summer

It's that time of year again. Spring rains have yielded a bounty of gardening opportunities. We have some high profile gardens and areas that will need some mulching, watering, weeding, planting, pruning and all the other great gardening activities. You can make a direct impact in the neighborhood when you adopt a garden. For more information, send a message to [President@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:President@ridgelysdelight.org) with the word Gardening in the subject line and you will be immediately plugged in to our Beautification Committee and gardening team.

## Ridgely's Delight Orioles Game

Are you interested in attending an Orioles game in August with your neighbors? Please contact Rachel Murphy at [editor@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:editor@ridgelysdelight.org) for more information.



Nikhil M. Shirodkar (Nick) was a Ridgely's Delight neighbor since 1994 who sadly passed away on January 17, 2019. He was 57 years old. He was born in Nairobi, Kenya and lived in Kenya, India and Burma before settling here. Nick's career as an Environmental engineer spanned 25 years at Washington Sanitation Commission where he retired

as Plant Engineer. He graduated from University of Maryland in 1992 with a Master's in Environmental Engineering. Prior to that, he earned a Master's in Civil Engineering and a Bachelors' in Aeronautical Engineering, also from University of Maryland.

He shared his love for Ridgely's Delight with his neighbors at block parties where he was legendary for making his fried turkeys and spicy shrimp boil. In addition, he loved hosting his fraternity



## Stoop Gardening Contests and Socials

Portland Street is off to an early coordinated start, but can they sustain the color and growth all season long? Who has got the best looking design of planters on your block? What plants are hanging from the windows and railings of your best front stoop? More than just plants, whose block has the cleanest sidewalks and gutters?

Our recent grant award from the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership will enable us to reward stoop gardening and cleanup participation to promote community engagement amongst neighbors on all blocks. Please reach out to your local board member or Block Captain to alert them to your gardening efforts if you want to be considered for the prizes.

## Renovation Reminders

All home improvement renovation work requires a Baltimore City permit. Additionally, Ridgely's Delight is an historic neighborhood in a CHAP district and exterior work on your home requires CHAP approval prior to the start of any renovation. To review the guidelines, please visit <https://chap.BaltimoreCity.gov>. You may also contact the chair of the Architectural Review Committee with any renovation related questions: [ARC@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:ARC@ridgelysdelight.org)

brothers and U of MD friends at numerous games at University of Maryland, Orioles, Ravens and other sporting events in Baltimore and elsewhere. He was an animal lover and he had great affinity to his dogs and, from time to time, a cat. He loved the fact that he could go walk his dogs at Conway Park and spend time with his neighbors - catching up on the local events. Among his numerous passions which included gardening, cars and above all a good party, he was an avid runner and ran seventeen Marine Corps marathons among others.

Nick was also involved with many civic organizations as a lifelong, and proud Democrat, where he worked on numerous political campaigns, including the election of Governor Glendening.

We will miss Nick's electric smile and joie de vivre that he brought to every occasion. His parents and brother's family look forward to being your neighbors. He is also survived by his two dogs - Barney and Emma and his cat, Camden.

A tree will be planted in his memory on his birthday in 2020 in Conway Park.



**NEXT STREET SWEEPING DATES**

**July 17 (odd side)**

**July 24 (even side)**

Trash is picked up every Wednesday.

Recycling is picked up every Friday.

Street sweeping occurs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday on the odd side of the street and every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday on the even side of the street.

**Pigtown Community Garden**

Like gardening but don't have the space? Pigtown Community Garden would love for you to join! The community garden is located at 1425 Ostend Street and it operates with a communal production concept. Work/harvest days are generally every Saturday, 9-11 am and we encourage at least 50% participation. Annual membership fee is \$40 for individuals and households, \$20 for seniors. This garden is a wonderful opportunity to get fresh produce, give back to the greater Baltimore community, and meet some incredible people. Persons interested should email [pigtowngarden@gmail.com](mailto:pigtowngarden@gmail.com).

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

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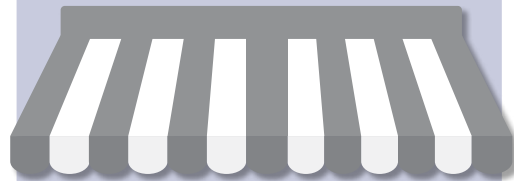
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