

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

October 2020

## Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA)

### September community meeting

There will be an online community meeting on Wednesday, October 7 at 7 pm. Anyone who lives, works, or owns property in Ridgely's Delight is welcome, but pre-registration for this Zoom event will be required. Sign up through the [neighborhood website](#).

### Voting in community meetings

In order to vote on a motion before the Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA) or in its Board election, you must be a member of the RDA and in Good Standing. The Bylaws committee has published a guide explaining what that means during COVID times. <http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/rda/voting>

### Development proposal for 727 West Pratt Street

There's been a proposal for the redevelopment of 727-733 W. Pratt Street and 211-213 S. Fremont Street (including the old Harbor Way Inn). To view the concepts visit <http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/pratt-construction>

### Postponing the neighborhood elections

Historically, the association board elections take place in November. The current board, with the exception of one who has moved from Ridgely's, has agreed to continue at their current capacity until we are able to vote in person. Because of all the COVID restrictions, the board was not able to hold meetings or plan neighborhood events. Future newsletters will contain more information as we attempt to navigate through the new normal.

### Ridgely's Delight Halloween 2020

Due to Covid-19, this year's Halloween festivities and trick-or-treating may not be like previous years. We want to ask residents to get involved in a Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt for the neighborhood children to participate in. Once signed up, you will be assigned a number for your pumpkin and you can put it on your stoop to give the kids in the neighborhood an opportunity to still get out and walk around in their costumes searching for all of the numbered pumpkins.

For complete information visit the neighborhood website at: <http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/halloween-pumpkin-hunt>

### National Night Out recognition

For more years than we can remember, the Ridgely's Delight Association has had an annual pot luck dinner in Conway Park to celebrate National Night Out. The event was a way for neighbors to get to know one another, for us to interact and thank first responders, and for us to invite our city officials to an informal picnic. It was always

### October Street Sweeping Dates

Automatic street sweeping has been canceled until further notice. If you're able to help, please take a moment and clean in front of your house.

**Trash** is picked up every Wednesday.

a great success and the neighborhood children always loved climbing on the fire trucks.

The event had already been postponed from August to October, but, we have cancelled the community event for this year. Instead, we ask that everyone turn on their porch lights throughout the evening of Tuesday, October 6, to acknowledge our first responders.

If you would like to do more, our Southern District Police Station and the University of Maryland Police are accepting baked goods as a lovely gesture of thanks. Please email [lindahansenfritz@comcast.net](mailto:lindahansenfritz@comcast.net) or [sharon@reuter.net](mailto:sharon@reuter.net) to coordinate the drop off. The Steadman Fire Station (Engine 23) is not accepting baked goods, but very much appreciate the offer.

### Recycling update

Curbside recycling pickups have been suspended until Oct. 31. You can drop off your recyclables at one of the nearby Community Collection Centers. They're open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7:00 am to 3:00 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

- **DPW Southwest Sanitation Yard**

701 Reedbird Avenue

- **Digital Harbor High School**

1100 Covington Street

The association is attempting to arraign for an occasional, central pickup point in the neighborhood. Watch our [Facebook page](#) for details.

### The 2020 state and national elections

This year, you have the option of voting by mail or voting in-person. If you choose to vote by mail, you will need to submit your [mail-in ballot request](#) no later than October 20th. Once you receive your ballot, you have the option of returning it by mail or you can drop it off at one of the [31 ballot drop boxes across the city](#). If you choose to vote in-person, Baltimore has [24 voting centers and 8 early voting sites](#), including Camden Yards.

### School survey

George Washington Elementary School is exploring options for how to improve the outdoor area around the school for students and community members. They're looking for your input, take the survey at: [tinyurl.com/gwesoutdoors](https://tinyurl.com/gwesoutdoors)