

# Ridgely's Record

✦ A Newsletter for the Residents and Businesses of Ridgely's Delight ✦

March 2004

## Community Meeting

There will be a community meeting at the Camden Pub on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Jack Danna of the Washington Boulevard/Pigtown Main Street program will give a brief presentation. We will also hear about the Camden Yards hotel from a representative of the Baltimore Development Corporation. The meeting is a community-sanctioned event.

## Free Tax Preparation

If your family income is less than \$33,000 per year, you could qualify for free tax assistance. For more information, call the Community Action Center at 410-396-0893.

## Community Cleanup

Our bi-annual community cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 3. Please meet at the Mobil station at 9:30 a.m. The Association will provide tools, bags and gloves. Please volunteer some of your time to help make Ridgely's a more delightful place to live. The cleanup is a community-sanctioned event.

## Citizens on Patrol Organizing

Preliminary results from the neighborhood survey distributed in January indicate that *your* highest concern is safety and crime, but only seven people have signed up for Citizens on Patrol program so far. A minimum of 16 is required in order to launch a program in our neighborhood. Volunteers only need to donate 2-3 hours per month. To sign up, please complete the application on the back of this newsletter and drop off at 668 Washington Boulevard. A few hours of training is required, so keep your Mondays open. Please Call Brian at 410-752-8746 for more information.

## Calling All Gardeners

Several public areas in the neighborhood have dedicated caretakers, who nurture the plants and clean out the weeds. We need a new group to manage the tot lot, which was upgraded in the fall thanks to a generous donation of money and labor by Streuver Brothers, Eckles and Rouse. This project doesn't require a lot of time. You just need to help weed and water the plants during dry spells. If you want to help, please call Sharon at 410-385-1213.

## Happy Hour

Thanks to Sliders for hosting last month's Ridgely's happy hour. The event was such a success that we will hold another one on Friday, March 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The location is Pickles Pub.

## Neighborhood Party

Start celebrating the Orioles' season a day early. On Saturday, April 3, beginning at noon, the Ridgely's Delight Community Association will throw a free barbecue in the tot lot. Anyone who lives, works or owns property in the neighborhood is invited. The party will feature free hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, desserts and beverages. So that we can plan the amount of food and drinks we will need, please R.S.V.P. to Joanne at 410-727-8060 or Debbie at 410-837-0329 by March 31.

## Neighborhood Crime Watch

Baltimore City Police are asking residents to sign up for the Neighborhood Crime Watch program. All you have to do is complete the crime watch form and return it to the Southern District office at the address or fax number on the form. You will receive a crime watch number that you can use for a faster response if you need to call the police. Forms are available at community meetings or at our online newsletter at [www.ridgelysdelight.org](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org). If you already have a Block Watch number, you will need to submit this form to get a new number if you would like to continue to participate. It is important that residents apply for a number because the police will pay more attention to Ridgely's if there are a large number of crime watch numbers in the neighborhood.

## Green Town Hall Meeting

Make your home and community safer, healthier, more connected and environmentally conscious. Come to the Natty Boh Building at 3701 Dillon Street, Baltimore on March 22. The free event is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and the moderated discussion begins at 6:30. Regional experts, city officials, and grassroots organizations will discuss energy efficiency, smart growth, tax incentives, future development of our region, mass transit, rowhouse rehab and more. In addition, exhibits will feature resources for grants, tax incentives, and neighborhood development initiatives as well as architects, contractors and green product reps.