

Ridgely's Record

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

May 2007

May Community Meeting—Wed. May 2nd at 7PM

The Ridgely's Delight Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7pm, Wed, May 2, at Camden Pub (upstairs), 647 W. Pratt. St. Everyone is welcome to attend.

First Friday Happy Hour—Fri. May 4th

Join your friends and neighbors for the Ridgely's infamous First Friday Happy Hour, Fri. May 4. We will celebrate at Quigley's, the newest Ridgely's watering hole, on the corner of Portland and Emory. See you there!

Ridgely's Residents in Style Magazine

Jim and Jennifer Kuhl's house, corner of Portland and Emory, was featured in the May/June edition of Baltimore Style magazine. To read the article visit:

http://www.baltimorestyle.com/index.php/style/home_garden_article/h_ridgelys_delight_mj07/

Neighborhood Crime Update

Unfortunately, there have been a growing number of home and car break-ins recently. And as the weather improves, crime may be on the rise. Just a note to all residents—please continue to be vigilant! If you see ANYTHING out of the ordinary, CALL 911. Better safe than sorry!

Another Great Neighborhood Clean up

Sincerest thanks to those that helped with the March 31st clean up! We had a record number of participants. Thanks, also, to Pickles for the free beer and pizza following the clean up. I wonder if these two are related.

Station North Flea Market

Station North announces a monthly flea market on the first Saturday of every month from 9am to 2pm, in the parking lot across from the Charles Theatre in the 1700 block of North Charles St. For more information, visit www.loadoffun.net/FleaMarket.html.

Spring Cleaning Tool Rental

Ridgely's Delight has a number of tools that will make your spring cleaning easier. Resident's may "rent" a 4 gallon round-up canister spray gun and an Echo power trimmer free of charge to maintain public spaces. Please see Mark James mjames@jmt.com or Brian Dale BTDALE@msn.com for details.

Parking Permit Renewals

On-line renewals begin Mon, May 21 at www.baltimorecity.gov/government/parking. Existing residents just need their password and user name to renew. New residents must apply in person at the Parking Authority-RPP, 200 W. Lombard Street, Suite B. You can pay by credit card or check—if paying by check by mail, please allow time for processing. **What you will need:** Vehicle registration and proof of residency (current lease, utility bill, student id). If the vehicle is registered out-of-state and you do not have a MD license, you must obtain a non-resident permit from the DMV. The last day to order by mail is June 22. There will be a special neighborhood pick up date for Ridgely's residents on Tues. June 26 from 7pm to 9pm at Camden Pub. Please note : This is not a sign-up, you must sign-up online or by mail or in-person. Also note—if you have ordered and paid for your permit, after June 20, your permit will be sent with the group for the neighborhood pick up, and will not be at the parking authority office until after the pick up.

New Businesses in Pigtown

There are several new businesses in Pigtown! Including a new coffee shop, Harrar's; a new Pharmacy; and a new salon and day spa, Fabulous. Harrar's and the Pharmacy are on the 800 block of Washington Blvd and Fabulous is on the 700 block. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Curfew Law in Effect

Parents could face fines as part of a Baltimore City police crackdown on the parents of children out past the city-mandated curfew. The curfew requires children 16 and younger to be inside between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays and from midnight to 6 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Parents will likely face fines up to \$300 per offense.

Kinetic Sculpture Race-Sat. May 5

Brought to us by the American Visionary Art Museum, watch the most imaginative race of the year as creative engineers race their works of art on land and sea. Kinetic sculptures, in this case, are amphibious, human powered works of art. For a spectators guide visit <http://www.kineticbaltimore.com>.

www.ridgelysdelight.org

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di-[s]ec-ting the Baltimore Rowhouse: the party wall



The party wall is the defining element of the row house. It is the masonry wall that separates and supports adjacent rowhouses.

The bricks. In Baltimore, the party walls were almost always constructed of brick, usually two courses, approximately nine inches thick. The party walls were made of a cheap, soft brick, often called salmon brick because of the color. The brick is plenty

strong enough when built in a nine inch thick wall, but it is not waterproof. It is actually true that row houses do not last very long after their roof goes, because the party walls, when soaked with water, actually melt and lose their structural integrity. In Baltimore row houses, the front walls are separate walls; they touch the party wall but are not structurally connected. Front walls were usually made of face brick, a more expensive, harder, more precisely shaped brick. The back walls are usually not connected to the party wall either; they were made of a hard brick that could handle water but were a lot cheaper to buy than the face brick of the front wall.

Fire safety. The joists that hold up the floors and the beams that hold up the roof rafters for the houses on both sides are set into pockets in the party walls. In narrow row houses, all of the joists spanned from party wall to party wall. In wider houses, there is row of columns and structural partitions located between the party walls to support the ends of the joists that are not supported by the party walls. The joists and beams are always fire cut at the party wall end, a procedure that trims off the upper corner of each structural member to be set into a wall pocket so that the joist or beam is not locked into the pocket and can fall out of the wall during a fire without bringing the wall down with it. Fire safety is one of the most important benefits of the party wall system. Almost all fires within rowhouses are safely contained between those brick walls.

Energy efficiency. Party walls create very energy efficient houses. In essence, heat can escape through only three surfaces, the front and back walls and the roof. And, if you think about it, bungalows and ranch houses have five surfaces exposed to the outside world. In a time of rising energy costs, when even wealthy people are beginning to worry about their heating bills, this is no small advantage. And party walls are pretty good at blocking the sounds of domestic life, except for the thump-thumps and booms that you can sometimes feel in the floor when the speakers' base is turned way up on the neighbor's stereo or TV.

The law. A whole body of law has been developed over the years to handle the complications of the shared ownership of the walls. By law, the center of the wall becomes the property line between the two houses. No matter what your deed says, the real property line is that center line. And although the individual owners own only their half of the wall, each has certain legal rights to both sides. I guess that in the older Baltimore neighborhoods, it is especially true that *good walls make good neighbors*.

- Jim Hall
Baltimore City Department of Planning– CHAP Division
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784 washington boulevard * baltimore, md 21230
410-230-0651 m-f 7:30-3:30, sa/su 9-3

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Coffee from Zeke's Coffee
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sandwiches * pastries
espresso * coffee * smoothies * tea
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Recycling (Zone 4) Pickup & Procedures

All recycling materials should be set out in front of house on the mornings designated below:

Bottle/Can Pickup: 2nd/4th Mon AM, **14 & 28 MAY**

Includes: glass jars/bottles, aluminum cans, tin (steel) cans, plastic small mouth containers with #1 or #2 on the bottom, empty aerosol cans.

Procedure: Rinse bottles and cans; discard caps. Place in blue plastic bags.

Paper Pickup: 2nd/4th Friday AM, **11 & 25 MAY**

Includes: newspapers, magazines, phone books, ad mail, cardboard/boxes, mixed paper, scrap paper.

Procedure: Place paper in paper bag or cardboard box or tie with string.

Other Notes: General trash pickup occurs every Tuesday and Friday mornings.

<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/dpw/recycle.html>



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Ridgely Mini-Mart and Dry Cleaning with Alterations

(Pick-up & delivery for dry-cleaning is possible in the Ridgely Delight Area)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONVENIENCE STORE NEAR YOU

631 Washington Boulevard • Baltimore, Maryland 21230

(410) 244-6216

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Liquors • Wines • Grocery • Deli • Subs • Sandwiches

BREAKFAST

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| 1. Sausage, Egg & Cheese | \$2.60 |
| 2. Bacon Egg, & Cheese | \$2.60 |
| 3. Turkey Bacon, Egg & Cheese | \$2.60 |
| 4. Ham, Egg & Cheese | \$2.60 |
| 5. Scapple, Egg & Cheese | \$2.60 |
| 6. Egg & Cheese | \$1.75 |
| 7. Bagel with Cream Cheese | \$1.75 |

Bagel Sandwich: \$2.84

Served with eggs and your choice of bacon, sausage or ham.

LUNCH

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| 1. Ham & Cheese | \$2.99 |
| 2. Turkey | \$2.99 |
| 3. Corned Beef | \$3.50 |
| 4. Turkey Club with Cheese | \$3.99 |
| 5. Shrimp Salad | \$4.99 |
| 6. Grilled Cheese | \$2.50 |
| 7. Roast Beef | \$3.50 |
| 8. Chicken Salad | \$2.99 |
| 9. Tuna Salad | \$2.99 |
| 10. Grilled Chicken Breast | \$3.39 |
| 11. Fish Fillet | \$2.99 |
| 12. B.L.T. | \$2.99 |
| 13. Turkey Burger | \$3.29 |
| 14. Veggie Burger | \$2.99 |
| Add Cheese to any of the above | \$0.50 |

SALADS

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| 1. Chef Salad | \$4.99 |
| 2. Garden Salad | \$2.99 |

Salad Dressings.....

*French • Ranch • Italian • Creamy Italian
Blue Cheese • Thousand Island*

Babe Ruth Special

2 Hot Dogs on a Sub Roll - \$3.50

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COLD 8" SUBS

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Cold Cut | \$3.99 |
| 2. Italian Cold Cut | \$3.99 |
| 3. Turkey | \$3.99 |
| 4. Ham | \$3.99 |
| 5. Corned Beef | \$4.35 |
| 6. Roast Beef | \$4.35 |
| 7. Tuna Salad | \$3.99 |
| 8. Chicken Salad | \$3.99 |
| 9. Veggie Sub | \$3.99 |

HOT 8" SUBS

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| 1. Steak | \$3.50 |
| 2. Cheese Steak | \$3.99 |
| 3. Hamburger | \$3.50 |
| 4. Cheeseburger | \$3.99 |
| 5. Bacon Cheeseburger | \$4.99 |
| 6. Fish Filet | \$3.99 |
| 7. Shrimp Steak | \$5.45 |
| 8. Italian Meatball with Cheese | \$4.99 |
| 9. Beef Hot Dog (1/4 lb. 7" Grilled) | \$2.50 |
| 10. Chicken Steak | \$3.99 |
| 11. Chicken Breast (2 Piece) | \$4.99 |
| 12. Turkey Burger (2 - 5oz.) | \$4.49 |
| 13. Veggie Burger | \$3.99 |
| 14. Hot Ham & Cheese | \$3.99 |
| 15. Hot Roast Beef | \$4.35 |
| 16. Hot Corned Beef | \$4.35 |
| Add Cheese to any of the above | \$0.50 |

All prices are subject to change without notice.