

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

May 2009

## **Community Meeting – New Location and UMMC Construction Update**

The monthly meeting of the Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA) has moved to Frank and Nick's West End Grille in the Zenith building on Pratt and Green Streets. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. Anyone who lives or works in Ridgely's Delight is welcome. A UMMC Representative will be on-hand to discuss the next phase of construction. UMMC is proceeding with ambitious plans to construct a new building at the corner of Lombard and Penn Streets, marking the fourth phase of development in the 25-year history of the center. This new structure will house expanded emergency capacity, new state of the art operating rooms and beds for shock trauma and a floor dedicated to the shock trauma role as a national training center. Construction is expected to be under way by the end of fiscal year 2010 for this 140,000 square foot, \$150,000 million facility. Attend for full details.

## **Important Parking Permit Renewal Info**

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City is utilizing a new system for On-Line Residential Parking Applications. All information has been transferred from the current system to the new one. Once you log in, the new system will prompt you for your username and password. Your username will be your driver's license number and password will be your last name. All old permits must be removed from vehicles. Citations will be issued for displaying expired permits, or for displaying two current permits on the windshield. Look for important time-sensitive details in the June issue or at [www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/parking/rpp/](http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/parking/rpp/)

## **CHAP Reminder**

All exterior work in Ridgely's Delight requires a permit and CHAP approval. For more information, visit [www.ridgelysdelight.org/history/chap.html](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/history/chap.html). If you have questions, please send an e-mail to [chap@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:chap@ridgelysdelight.org) or call 410-499-0183.

### ***May Recycling Dates:***

Friday, May 8 and Friday, May 22

### ***City offices will close:***

Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day

## **First Friday Happy Hour May 1**

Don't know many people or haven't hung out with your neighbors yet? Get to know them at Pratt Steet Ale House, located at 206 W. Pratt Street across from the convention center. It's located where the Wharf Rat used to be. This is a bit further a walk than usual but worth it for the great food and drink specials. Pratt Street Ale House proudly serves Oliver Ales. People usually start showing up around 6:30 p.m.

## **House Tour of Kids' Spaces May 9**

Do you love peeking into a neighbor's house? Do you want to see how others have renovated and decorated their home? Do you want to be inspired by other families who have created imaginative spaces for their kids? Take a stroll through historic Federal Hill during the first annual Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance House Tour featuring the best kids' rooms, nurseries, and play spaces. All proceeds go toward DBFA's mission of improving, supporting, and advocating for family life downtown. See firsthand how modern families are raising children in one of Baltimore's premiere historic urban neighborhoods. The DBFA House Tour will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The location of the House Tour guest assistance table where you can pick up the program and buy tickets the day of is Spoons Coffee Cafe (24 E. Cross Street). Questions? [housetour@dbfam.org](mailto:housetour@dbfam.org)

## **Sowebohemian Arts Festival May 24**

Passionate, creative folk with a love for art, music and children's events are putting on the annual Sowebohemian Arts Festival on Sunday, May 24. Go to the bullseye of Sowebo surrounding historic Hollins Market from noon to 9 p.m. for Baltimore's most creative festival. There's something for everyone: three stages of live music, beer, food, artists and craftspeople selling their wares, puppet shows, children's activities, a non-juried artists' show and the hip, relaxed atmosphere that you'll always find in Sowebo. You can also stop by Zella's Pizzeria to catch a preview of the posters that will be auctioned off at the annual Sowebo poster auction. For more information and a schedule of activities, visit [www.soweboarts.org/festival.html](http://www.soweboarts.org/festival.html).

### Mayor's Spring Cleanup a Success

Thanks to all of the friends and residents of Ridgely's Delight for a successful spring cleanup. A special thanks to Andrew Valentino (our new Mr. Trash) for organizing the event and to Tim McCaugh for his time and expert skills needed to uproot and remove the shrubs at the northeast corner of Martin Luther King Jr. and Washington Boulevards.

### Crime Update

FOR POLICE RESPONSE, CALL 911. Baltimore Police Department representatives advise, "If you want a response from the BCPD, call 911. Dial 311 for Public Works and other City services." Residents in the southern part of Ridgely's continue to report unusual activity around S. Paca and S. Fremont. Police have increased patrols in the area. If you see anything or anyone who looks suspicious, call 911. In the four weeks prior to publication, larceny from auto continues to be the most frequent crime in Ridgely's. Four were reported in that period. Take common sense precautions, so you are less likely to become a victim. Don't leave anything visible in your car that might tempt a thief. Even dirty laundry and an old cheeseburger might be attractive to someone. In each of the four reported incidents, GPS units were reportedly stolen. Conceal your GPS units in locked compartments or better yet, carry them with you. Also, take everything out of your glove compartment and leave it open.

### Citizens on Patrol Needed

Help prevent crime in the community, hang out with your neighbors and get a free walking workout by joining Citizens on Patrol. New Patrolers and their dogs are always welcomed. Training is provided by the Baltimore Police department. If you are interested, please call Brian at 410-752-8746.



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