

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

November 2008

## RDA Board Election November 5

November's monthly meeting of the Ridgely's Delight Association (RDA) will be held on Wednesday, November 5 upstairs at Camden Pub at 7 p.m. A representative of the Maryland State Police is scheduled to speak about issues regarding helicopter flight paths and shock trauma. This is also the annual meeting in which officers and members of the board of directors will be elected. Members in good standing of RDA are eligible to vote. To be a member in good standing, one must have attended two meetings or community events or participated in volunteer activities (COP or newsletter) in the past four months. The RDA Election Committee has nominated the following proposed slate of officers and Board members:

*President-Mark James; Vice President, Operations-Jim Kuhl; Vice President, Communications-(open); Secretary-Allison Pendell-Jones; Treasurer-Ab Bear; Parliamentarian-Brian Dale; Board Members-Jeff Albrecht, Chris Conlon, Dan McClellan, Debbie Rhodes, Dan Williams.*

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting.

## Turn Back Your Clocks November 2

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour. Also use this time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. If you have elderly neighbors who may have trouble reaching their smoke detectors, offer a helping hand.

## Vote November 4

Ridgely's Delight residents registered to vote in Maryland using their neighborhood address vote at George Washington Elementary School at 800 Scott Street. Out-of-state Residents should visit their respective state websites for absentee ballot information. Go straight to the source to dispel Election Day rumors: [www.elections.state.md.us/press\\_room/rumor\\_control.html](http://www.elections.state.md.us/press_room/rumor_control.html)

### **November Recycling Dates:**

Friday, November 14 and November 28

### **No Trash Removal on:**

Tuesday November 4 or November 11

## First Friday Happy Hour November 7

The First Friday happy hour will take place at Sliders this month. If you're new to the neighborhood, come out and meet your neighbors. People usually start showing up around 6:30 p.m.

## Ridgely's Wins Parks and People Grant & Improvements to Conway Park Begin

In addition to the improvements to Conway Park, Ridgely's Delight won a \$1,500 grant to construct a pagoda and memorial garden in memory of Rev. Barney Farnham. If you would like to volunteer for this effort, please attend the November community meeting or contact Mark James at [dufour.sail@yahoo.com](mailto:dufour.sail@yahoo.com). Work on the pagoda could start as early as December 1, weather permitting. As many of you have noticed the improvements to Conway Park have begun. The grading, concrete and fencing components of the project are due to be completed by early to mid November. If you have any questions a copy of the plans will be available for review at the November community meeting.

## Thanksgiving Parade November 22

The parade will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning at Pratt and Howard Streets and continuing to Pratt Street and Market Place. Watch for street closings in the area. Visit [www.promotionandarts.com](http://www.promotionandarts.com) for info.

## Holiday Party Set for December 3

Mark your calendars! See all the details in this issue of *Ridgely's Record* and RSVP by Wednesday, November 29 to [ridgelys\\_delight@yahoo.com](mailto:ridgelys_delight@yahoo.com).

## Parking Alert

There is a new handicap parking space on the south side (odd-numbered side) of the 700 block of Portland Street. Watch for the signs that mark this spot. If you park there, you could be fined \$200 or more.

### *City offices will close:*

*November 4 for Election Day*

*November 11 for Veterans Day*

*November 27 for Thanksgiving Day*

## Crime Update

In the four weeks from mid-September to mid-October, larcenies from auto continue to be the most frequent crime in Ridgely's Delight. Five were reported during this period. Although this is down from eight in the comparable period the month before, it is still far too many.

Residents are urged to clean out their cars, and urge their visitors to do the same. Do not leave anything visible from the outside, especially GPS units or their sticky attachments to windshields or dashboards. GPS units are favorite targets for thieves.

At the October Southern District Police-Community Relations Council (SDPCRC) meeting, the District Commander, Major Scott Bloodsworth, reported there has been a marked increase in street robberies in the Federal Hill area. Thirteen robberies were reported in the Cross Street area during the September-October period. Many occurred late at night when people were leaving local night spots. One robbery, on Melvin Drive, was reported in Ridgely's on September 22. No details of this crime were available.

All residents are urged to take precautions when walking at night. Don't walk alone, and stay alert and aware of your surroundings. Send the message that you're calm, confident and know where you're going. Trust your instincts; if something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the situation.

SDPCRC meets the third Thursday of every month at the Southern District Station, 10 Cherry Hill Road. Everyone is invited.

## COPs Still Needed

Help prevent crime in the community, hang out with your neighbors and get a free walking workout by joining Citizens on Patrol. Volunteers are needed for Sunday and Monday evening tours of Ridgely's from 7 to 9 p.m. Training is provided by the Baltimore Police department. If you are interested, please call Brian at 410-752-8746.

## 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.

## Free Piano Concert November 2

On Sunday, November 2 at 1:30 p.m., Peabody Conservatory graduate Jeffry Spangler will present an afternoon concert of 24 of the 49 beloved "Songs Without Words" for solo piano by Felix Mendelssohn. The concert will be held at the First Unitarian Church, corner of Charles and Franklin Streets. Donations will benefit the church's historic Niemann Organ restoration.

## Guest Bartender Night November 12

Baltimore Pho, located at 1114 Hollins Street, is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. 10% of proceeds benefit DBFA. There will be food and libations for all. For more information visit [www.dbfam.org](http://www.dbfam.org).

## Michael Olesker at Sports Legends

On November 22 at 1:00 p.m., Sports Legends Museum will welcome writer Michael Olesker for a Q&A discussion and book signing to celebrate his latest work, *The Colts' Baltimore*. This is Michael's nostalgic reminiscence of 1958, the year the Baltimore Colts defeated the New York Giants in sudden-death overtime in a game that still grips the emotions of Baltimoreans. Michael Olesker is now a columnist for *The Examiner*. The program is free with standard Museum admission.

## Museums on Us

Take advantage of Museums on Us on the first weekend of every month. By presenting your Bank of America ATM, debit or credit card, you can get free admission to several museums across the country, including the Star Spangled Banner House in Baltimore. For more information and a list of participating museums, visit [www.bankofamerica.com/museums](http://www.bankofamerica.com/museums).



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# *Ridgely's Delight Holiday Party*

*Quigley's Half Irish Pub  
Portland and Emory Streets*

*Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 p.m.*

- Pot Luck • Cash Bar*
- Toiletry Collection*

*RSVP to [ridgelys\\_delight@yahoo.com](mailto:ridgelys_delight@yahoo.com)  
to indicate what you're bringing for the pot  
luck.*

*Cash donation (\$5 minimum per person)  
for a party platter  
accepted in lieu of a dish.*

