

RIDGELY'S RECORD

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

November 2007

Community Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Ridgely's Delight Association, Inc. (RDA) will be held Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 p.m., at the Camden Pub, 647 W. Pratt Street.

The annual election of RDA officers and directors will take place at the community meeting. According to RDA By-laws, members in good standing may vote and be nominated for office. To be considered in good standing, a member must have attended two meetings or sanctioned community events in the past four months.

Third Friday Happy Hour November 16

For a change of pace, meet your neighbors for happy hour on the *third* Friday at Pickles. This month's happy hour will also feature a special to raise money for the homeless. Buy a wristband for \$10 and get free draft beer and rail drinks from 6:00 to 10:00. If you prefer, you can pay as you go.

Crime Update

Ridgely's Delight has been the scene of four daylight burglaries in recent weeks. According to Baltimore Police, two of the cases were solved, and suspects were arrested due to information provided by residents. In one of the other cases, a suspect has been identified, but not yet apprehended. The fourth case remains unsolved.

The week of October 14 saw two attempted street robberies on or near Washington Boulevard. No one has been injured so far. Both incidents occurred between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. The suspects were described as three black males, aged 15-16, one on a bicycle. Take precautions, and call 911 if you see anything suspicious.

Southern District has increased patrols in Ridgely's Delight because of the current crime trends.

CHAP Reminder

All exterior work in Ridgely's Delight requires a permit and CHAP approval. Check out www.ridgelysdelight.org for more information, or e-mail your questions to chap@ridgelysdelight.org.

Annual Holiday Party December 7

Please join us for Ridgely's Delight's 2007 Holiday Party on Friday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. The party will take place at Quigley's Pub at the corner of Portland and

Emory Streets. It's the neighborhood's social event of the year. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new neighbors and spend time with old friends. It's a cash bar and potluck dinner, so bring your favorite dish (snacks or something easy is just fine). If you don't have time to prepare, please bring \$5-10 to put towards a party platter.

We will collect toiletries for project JumpStart, an organization serving the homeless in Baltimore.

R.S.V.P. by December 3 to 410-727-8060 or ridgelys_delight@yahoo.com.

Community Clean-up

There will be a community clean-up on Saturday, November 10. A dumpster is scheduled to be delivered that morning to West Conway Street or the 600 block of South Fremont Avenue, so we will be able to get rid of large items. Volunteers should report to the Sunoco Station at 9:30 a.m. Gloves and tools will be provided.

Holiday Shopping Event

Avoid the crowded malls this holiday season. Do your holiday shopping in a beautifully renovated Ridgely's Delight rowhome while enjoying light refreshments and some holiday cheer. Come to Bryan Canary's, 625 South Paca Street on Saturday, November 10 from noon to 6:00 p.m. Vendors will include:

Baltimore Glass Works – uniquely crafted blown glass
Holly's Hangwear – beautiful handmade jewelry
Arbonne – natural beauty products for women
Not Your Grandmother's Wrap – elegant Pashminas and more

Halloween Party

Citizens of Pigtown seeks donations and volunteers to help with the George Washington Elementary Halloween Party on October 31. For more information, e-mail Francine at zenobia611@hotmail.com.

Recycling Information

Bottle/Can Pick-up: Monday, November 26
No pick-up November 12 due to city holiday.

Place in blue plastic bags.

Paper Pick-up: Friday, November 9, 23

Leaf Collection: every Friday. Bags must be clearly labeled as leaves.

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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.....

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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 |
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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.

Protect Yourself Against Burglary

There have been several daylight home burglaries in Ridgely's Delight in the last month. Burglary is one of the more preventable crimes. By taking a few precautions, you can dramatically reduce your risk.

Most burglars do not give a great amount of thought to planning the job, but understanding how they choose a target can go a long way in reducing the chance of becoming a victim. Most burglars look for:

- something worth stealing
- easy access with low visibility
- a home that is unoccupied

How to Prevent Break-ins

1. Fool them by making your home look occupied at all times. Most burglaries, including the recent ones in Ridgely's Delight happen during the day, because homes tend to be vacant then.

- Use automatic timers on lights when away from home.
- Place radios on automatic timers.
- Lower the sound of your telephone ringer and answering machine.
- Never leave notes on your door that can tip off burglars.

2. Eliminate hiding places. Most burglars in this neighborhood gain entry through the rear of the house. Most homes have a high rear fence that can hide a burglar.

- Install motion detector lights to illuminate rear door and windows.
- Remove bushes and shrubs near doors and under windows.

3. Use common sense caution. We live in a community with a lot of foot traffic. Think safety, and make it routine.

- Call 911 if you see anything suspicious. (Do not call 311 if you want police response.)
- Know your neighbors.
- Always lock all doors and windows, even when you step out for just a minute.
- Use a peephole to identify visitors.
- Don't hide a spare key outside the house. Give one to a trusted neighbor.
- Don't leave anything of value in view of a window.
- Do not tell strangers your daily routines.
- Don't put out the box from your computer or TV for recycling. (Cut it up and put it in a trash bag.)

4. Make your home a harder target. Most burglars will spend no more than 4-5 minutes trying to break into

a residence. With a few simple steps, residents can make their homes harder for a burglar.

- When moving into a new residence, have the locks changed. Consult a good locksmith to make sure you have the correct types of locks on doors and windows.
- Secure exterior doors with good quality deadbolt locks.
- Secure windows by installing additional locks, and impact-resistant glass within 42 inches of a door lock.
- Secure patio doors with a pin-type lock, a key lock or a steel rod inserted into the door channel.

5. If you are away for more than a day, make your house look the same whether you are home or away.

- Have a trusted neighbor pick up mail, newspapers and pizza flyers.
- If you are away from home on garbage pickup day, ask a neighbor to bring your garbage cans back in. Burglars sometimes check for empty cans as a sign that residents are not home, so don't leave them an invitation. (This is particularly a problem on Portland Street and Melvin Drive.)
- Have a plan in place to have the grass mowed or the snow shoveled.
- Tell a trusted neighbor that you will be gone for a few days.

6. Inventory and mark your belongings. Use an engraving pen to mark your belongings, so they can be traced and returned, if stolen. Never mark them with your social security number.

7. Be a good neighbor. The easiest and most enjoyable way to prevent crime is to know your neighbors. Who belongs in the community and who does not?

- Attend community meetings and events. Baltimore City Police and University police make periodic presentations on crime issues.
- Join the Citizens on Patrol (COP). Get some exercise, walk your dog, and help fight crime.
- Join the neighborhood Watch Program. Applications are available at community meetings and from the Baltimore City Police.
- Call 911 if you see anything suspicious. Don't call 311 if you want police response.

Information provided by the University of Maryland Police.

Make this a safer community by joining Citizens on Patrol (COP) or getting a Crime Watch number. To find out how, call Brian at 410-752-8746 or e-mail president@ridgelysdelight.org.

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