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Ridgefield Park Christmas Bird Count Scheduled for Dec. 17th

RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ---The Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission will be holding a Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 17th from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Residents of the Village are invited to participate in the event.

Steve Quinn, a member of the Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission, will be leading the Christmas Bird Count. According to Quinn, the Ridgefield Park count will be part of the Bergen County Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count and will eventually become part of the national count.

There will be four locations in Ridgefield Park to observe and count the local bird population. The starting point will be at 7:00 a.m. at McGowan Park. Another meeting point will be the Amphitheater at Overpeck Park at 9:00 a.m. The other locations will be Waterside Park on Industrial Avenue at the Department of Public Works and the Ridgefield Park Nature Preserve, where the bird count will conclude.

“The National Audubon Society started the Christmas Bird Count 112 years ago,” said Quinn. “Think of the Christmas Bird Count as a wildlife census, which helps to monitor, track and assess the bird population and trends.”

“The great part of this gathering is that it brings together bird lovers, families and students who want to make a difference for science and bird conservation,” added Quinn.

Quinn noted that those who cannot attend the Christmas Bird Count can observe and record their data from their homes. The data must be submitted to the Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission by 5:00 p.m. the same day of the Christmas Bird Count.

Those interested in participating in the Ridgefield Park Christmas Bird Count, should wear hiking boots and appropriate clothing for winter weather conditions. The Christmas Bird Count will take place rain or shine. Participants should bring a pair of binoculars with them. There is no cost involved to participate. For additional information or to reserve a spot at the Christmas Bird Count, email the Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission at RPEnvironmental@gmail.com. Those who would like to report bird count data from their homes are also asked to email their data to Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission by 5:00 p.m. on December 17th.

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