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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Summer has faded into autumn (although as this is being written, we are having oppressive August high heat/humidity) and with autumn comes the resumption of school and Village activities. It is a good time to remind ourselves of certain things

1. School is open. Drive carefully. Encourage our children to do their best in school.

2. Organized athletic activities resume — support these activities by becoming involved.

3. Remember our Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, and Rescue Squad are 100% volunteer. These organizations want and need your participation. Consider volunteering today!

4. Similarly, our Village Civic, Service, Fraternal, and Religious organizations are made up of members who commit themselves to the goal of serving others. Your participation is always welcome.

5. It is always time to “paint up” — “clean up” — “fix up”. Autumn is a good time to get the job done. Keep Ridgefield Park a community of attractive, well maintained homes and properties. We all can do this, every day.

6. In connection with the above — **DON'T LITTER!!**

7. Remember, pedestrians in the crosswalks and at intersections have the right-of-way. Yield! Pedestrians remember — cross at the green and not in between. Always look all ways!

Something else we all should think about. What do you do when a new family moves into the neighborhood? Why not extend a welcoming hand and introduce yourself. Even bring some cookies or other welcoming gesture. Let new residents know that ours is a friendly and welcoming Village. Say hello when passing people while walking.

Members of the Board of Commissioners serve as part-time elected officials. Each Commissioner has a regular full-time

job, but we make ourselves available to meet citizens and community groups. You can always leave messages at the Village clerk's office for the Mayor and any of the Commissioners.

Commissioner John Anlian
Commissioner Margaret Boyd
Commissioner Adam MacNeill
Commissioner Hugo Poli
Mayor George Fosdick

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Hackensack, NJ, August 11, 2016 — Bergen County Superintendent of Elections Patricia DiCostanzo issued a notice that Tuesday, October 18, 2016 is the last day for residents to register to vote for the November 8, 2016, General Election in the State of New Jersey. In order to be eligible to vote, a person must be an American Citizen, be 18 years old on or before November 8, 2016 and be a resident of New Jersey and Bergen County by October 18, 2016.

Bergen County residents may register to vote at the Office of the Superintendent of Elections, located at One Bergen County Plaza, Room 380, Hackensack. In order to meet the needs of residents, this office will be open from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. People may also register at their local municipal clerk's office, hours vary.

Superintendent DiCostanzo would like voters, already registered in Bergen County, to be aware of the procedures regarding late address changes within county. If a voter has moved from one election district to another in the SAME town or has moved to another town in Bergen before Tuesday, November 8, 2016, but did not notify our office in writing, by October 18, 2016, they must vote at their new polling location, on a provisional ballot, in their new municipality on General Election Day. Voters can call their local municipal clerk or the Superintendent of Elections for information.

The Bergen County Superintendent of

Elections' office is responsible for Voter Registration and all associated concerns, Issuing Voter Acknowledgement Cards, Maintaining Custody of Voting Machines and Poll Books, as well as, other duties relating to the enforcement of elections laws as per NJSA Title 19.

On Tuesday, November 8th, voters will cast their ballots for the President, Members of U.S. House of Representatives, Sheriff, County Clerk, Surrogate, Freeholders and local candidates.

Superintendent DiCostanzo said that it is up to each and every American Citizen to exercise their right to vote.

Superintendent DiCostanzo and Deputy Theresa M. O'Connor are available to answer any question that you might have @ 201-336-6101.

FROM THE VILLAGE CLERKS OFFICE

RAFFLES All Clubs, Organizations, PTAs or Individuals that conduct 50/50's, tricky trays, basket raffles, bingo, casino nights, or any other type of raffle must register with the State of New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Commission to obtain an Identification Number. **Only after obtaining this ID number can you apply for a raffle license.**

The State will not issue a raffle license unless you are a registered organization. To register: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/lgccc

Failure to comply can result in your event being shut down.

Raffle license applications are available in the Village Clerk's office. Applications must be completed no less than 6 weeks prior to your raffle.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS Property Tax Payments can now be made online using a debit/credit card, or your bank account information. There will be convenience fees charged for this service. The convenience fee is charged by the provider and not the Village. To make a payment, visit the Village website: www.ridgefield-

park.org and click on the link: "Make online property tax payments"

When making tax payments, by mail or in person, please submit your entire tax bill for receipting purposes. If making payments by mail, please include a self addressed stamped envelope if you request a receipt.

COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., has established their Caucus and Regular meeting dates for the year 2016. The Caucus Meetings will be held on the Thursday preceding each Regular Meeting, unless otherwise indicated, at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 234 Main Street, Third Floor. Regular meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise indicated, at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Building, 234 Main Street, Third floor.

Remaining 2016 Meetings:

2016 Caucus Meeting Dates:

September 8 and 22

October 6 and 20

November 3 and 17

December 8 and 22

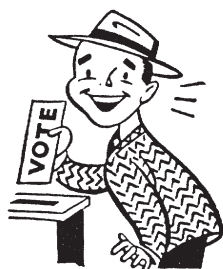
2016 Regular Meeting Dates:

September 13 and 27

October 11 and 25

November 3 and 22

December 13 and 27



NOVEMBER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION — TUES. NOV. 8TH The last day to register to vote for the November Presidential Election is Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

The last day to apply for a Vote by Mail Ballot:

By mail — Tuesday, November 1, 2016

In person — Monday, November 7, 2016 (at the County Clerk's Office)

Voter Registration AND Vote by Mail Ballot applications are available in the Village Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm. The Village Clerk's office will be open until 9pm on October 18, 2016 to accept voter registrations.

NEW WEBSITE Our new website was launched late August! We are incorporating an "Event Calendar" to post all Village events/fundraisers. Any Village Organization, Club, PTA, etc. that would like their event posted, please visit our website and click on "Contact Us". Select "Website" in the Subject Field. Type your information and send. You can also drop off the information at the Village Clerk's office. This will assist organizations with choosing dates that are **not** in conflict with other scheduled events.



VETERANS DAY

The Village's annual Veterans Day observance will be Friday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at the monument, Euclid Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street. All are invited to join with American Legion Post 40 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 277 in this observance.

PEARL HARBOR DAY

The Village will continue its observance of Pearl Harbor on Wednesday, December 7th, 7:00 p.m. at the Monument, Euclid Avenue & Mt. Vernon Street on what will be the 75th anniversary of the Japanese attack and the entry of the United States into World War II. All are invited to attend this ceremony.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Support of Police Officers Chief Rose, on behalf of all the men and women of the Ridgefield Park Police Department, wishes to thank all the residents and municipal employees for the recent public displays of the "thin blue line" and blue ribbons to show their support for law enforcement officers. We work hard to maintain the positive relationships we have developed throughout the community. We encourage our officers to

engage in positive dialogue with our residents whenever possible and are proud of the community's show of support during these difficult times for the law enforcement community. Thank you for your continued support and we will continue to work hard every day to maintain your trust.



School is Open, DRIVE CAREFULLY

Every fall, over 55 million children across the United States head back to school. With 13 percent of those children typically walking or biking to their classes, AAA warns drivers to be especially vigilant for pedestrians before and after school hours. The afternoon hours are particularly dangerous — over the last decade, nearly one in four child pedestrian fatalities occurred between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

For additional information or safety tips you can reference AAA at <http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/child-safety/schools-open-drive-carefully/>

Slow down: Speed limits in school zones are reduced for a reason. A pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling just 10 mph faster.

Come to a complete stop: Research shows that more than one-third of drivers roll through stop signs in school zones or neighborhoods. Always come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.

Eliminate distractions: Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing. Children can be quick, crossing the road unexpectedly or emerging suddenly between two parked cars. Reduce risk by not using your cell phone or eating while driving, for example.

Reverse responsibly: Every vehicle has blind spots. Check for children on the sidewalk, in the driveway and around your vehicle before slowly backing up. Teach your children to never play in, under or around vehicles.

Pedestrian Safety

(39:4-36)

NJSA 39:4-36 states that a driver must

stop and yield to pedestrians that are in a marked or unmarked crosswalk where two streets intersect or when turning at an intersection that is controlled by a traffic light. Failure to observe the law may subject you to:

- 2 points on your license
- \$200.00 fine plus court costs
- 15 days of community service

Just as big a problem as motorists who fail to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk are pedestrians who walk out into the street and expect a motor vehicle, in transit, to suddenly come to a complete stop. This is unrealistic and very dangerous. Pedestrians are expected to utilize crosswalks while crossing the street so that they may be seen by drivers more easily. Pedestrians also need to use common sense when crossing the street and look both ways for approaching vehicles. Make sure the roadway is clear before proceeding within the crosswalk. Pedestrians **SHOULD NOT** under any circumstances become distracted by talking or texting on their cell phones or other mobile devices while crossing the street.

Juveniles and adults alike should also wear reflective clothing while walking or riding bicycles at night when poor visibility becomes a bigger factor. Motorists need to stay off of their cell phones and avoid other unnecessary distractions especially when approaching intersections. Let's work together to keep everyone safe.

RPPD Personnel On July 12, 2016, at the regularly scheduled Commissioner's meeting, the following promotions and swearing ins were announced:

- Lt. Charles Gneiding was promoted to the rank of Captain
- DSgt. Brian Hippe was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant
- Det. William Morton was promoted to the rank of Sergeant
- Ptl. Daniel Ventrice was sworn in as a probationary Patrolman
- Ptl. Christopher Halley was sworn in as a probationary Patrolman

Effective this fall, Sgt. Michael Cmielewski is slated to be assigned as the Detective Sergeant in charge of the Detective Bureau and Patrolman Brian Lyons will be assigned to the Detective Bureau as well. We also welcome Dispatcher Nicholas McCoy and Parking Enforcement Officer Joseph Convery to our department.

No Overnight Truck Parking Village residents are reminded that they are not per-



mitted to park any truck, bus, tractor-trailer, semi-trailer, boat, camper or other motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of more than 5,500 pounds and/or a length of more than 18 feet and/or a height of more than seven feet and/or equipped with more than four tires and/or equipped with any fixed appurtenance on any day of the week on any street within the Village of Ridgefield Park between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. (Village Ordinance 197-10)

Taxicabs and Limousines No vehicle with taxi or limousine license plates from any state and no vehicle for hire used for the purpose of the transportation of passengers shall be parked on any day of the week on any street within the Village of Ridgefield Park between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. (Village Ordinance 3S1-5.1)

EMERGENCY!

From the Bureau of Fire Prevention This year Fire Prevention Week is October 9th through October 15th. The Bureau, along with the Ridgefield Park Fire Department, will be going to each grammar school during the week. Kindergarten through Fourth Grade will meet our firefighters along with a visit to the fire trucks and in-class instruction on fire safety.

We will also be participating in Volunteer Night on Wednesday, October 19th. Come out for a fun night of activities and meet all the first responders of our Village. See the enclosed flyer for further information.

From the Office of Emergency Management As we prepare for the busy time of Hurricane Season here in the North East, the Office of Emergency Management would like to remind all residents to be prepared for this and any emergencies that may occur. You should have a prepared Go Bag, filled with medications, water, non-perishable foods, with a can opener and impor-

tant identification papers. Don't forget your animals, they should have their own Go Bag with food, snacks, medication and veterinary papers. We always hope for a quiet season, but you can never be too prepared.

Special Needs If you, or a relative, need assistance during emergency situations, please complete the enclosed Special Needs Application and send it to the Office of Emergency Management, 50 Main Street. Your name will be put on our list of residents to follow up with during town wide emergency situations.



Halloween Halloween will be upon us before we know it. Please take necessary precautions with your children as they venture out to trick or treat. Please dress your children in flame retardant costumes and be careful when using candles as decorations. Never leave candles unattended and keep them away from curtains and other flammable materials.

The Bureau of Fire Prevention and the Office of Emergency Management wish all the residents of Ridgefield Park a safe and fun Halloween.

RIDGEFIELD PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Exciting times are back again in Ridgefield Park. We are having our 6th Annual Street Fair on September 17, 2016, from 10:00AM to 5:00PM. The event will extend from Cedar Street to the Municipal Building, with vendors from various locations and Ridgefield Park. We work closely with J.C. Promotions to make this a great day. We hope you will bring your family and friends to make it an enjoyable day. It will be a fun filled day with rides, food, clothing, general merchandise, and more. Our special treat will be a contest that our Commissioners will participate in.

Mayor George Fosdick and the

Commissioners are 100% “thumbs up” for the exciting event showing our Love for Ridgefield Park, Please come out strong with your support and make this year’s “Street Fair” a big success!

COME ONE AND COME ALL FOR A GREAT DAY.

BOARD OF RECREATION

Just a reminder to everyone, not all activities are run by the Board of Recreation, and the Board will not be able to answer your questions on these activities. Please be advised that baseball, football, cheering, soccer, summer concerts and summer recreation at the parks, are all private activities not run by the Board of Recreation. The Board of Recreation is, unfortunately, unable to assist with any information on these activities.

The Board of Recreation is made up entirely of volunteers who generously give their time to run various programs and activities for the residents of the Village. It operates on a small budget provided by the Village and assists hundreds of residents in various activities. You may contact the Board of Recreation by either email at rpboardofrec@gmail.com or calling (201) 641-4950 ext. 610. Information on all Board of Recreation activities is at www.ridgefieldpark.org. Please remember volunteers run these programs and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Upcoming Board of Recreation events are as follows:

There is an insurance requirement that all coaches, referees and officials involved in sports programs need to successfully complete a program on the new Sports Concussion policy protocol. This needs to be done before anyone participates in a sports program. If you plan on participating in a sport in the future, please be sure to complete this free on-line course at your convenience. You must forward your certificate of completion to the Board of Recreation before you will be permitted to participate in any sports program.

The link for this website with the new Sports Concussion policy protocol is www.NJMEL.org. New Jersey law is requiring that all organizations who use the Board of Education facilities comply with this program. The online training section has a link to a 40 minute free concussion training program and mini exam, and at the conclusion the coach or parent will be able to print a certificate of completion.

Ping Pong - The Board of Recreation has added a new activity for children ages 5-15 and adults. The program is held at the Civic Center on Park Street on Mondays and Fridays but is on hold temporarily. Contact the Board of Recreation if you need any information on this new activity.

Tennis - Barry Ruback (201-568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. Lessons will be offered at Fellowship Park on Saturdays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning September 19 and ending November 7. All rain dates will be made up. For further info, contact Barry Ruback directly.

T2S Basketball - The Board sponsors a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students in grades 3-12 run by T2S Basketball Academy. T2S provides co-ed sessions, private lessons by appointment only as well as team training. There is ongoing registration. For further information, interested people can email t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com. or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy and the website www.t2sba.com for more info.

Rag-A-Muffin Parade - The Board of Recreation will be sponsoring its annual Rag-A-Muffin Parade on Saturday, October 29, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. All participants should meet at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Hobart Street, no later than 10:30 a.m., with their registration form. As in the past, prizes will be awarded in all divisions and each child will receive a “goody bag”. The rain date will be Sunday, October 30, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., with registration at 1:30 p.m. Special surprises will be available for all participants!

Wrestling - The Wrestling program for Ridgefield Park Junior Scarlets is for residents/students of Ridgefield Park, Little Ferry and Bogota. It is for ages 5-14 or grades K-8. Registration will take place at the Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr High School Auxiliary Gym on October 22 & October 29 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wrestlers need not be present when registering. New registrants must provide a copy of their birth certificate for legal purposes. 7th & 8th grade students who attend RPJSHS may register at school with Mr. Michael Raimondi, Athletic Director, as their registration fee is waived because they are covered by school insurance. These 7th & 8th grade students must still submit a registration form and the appropriate physical documents to Mr. Raimondi. If for any reason you cannot attend, you may register at the first practice, which will be determined

at a later date. Please provide a valid email address as this will be the means of communication. If you cannot make the two registration dates, please call Coach Uly Encarnacion at 201-832-9417 to make other arrangements. It is a non-refundable \$45.00 registration fee. Also, if you would like to help and volunteer, please call Coach Encarnacion to discuss coaching possibilities. A background check as well as the Rutgers Safety Course and Concussion Course are mandatory in order to coach. Once again practice will be closed off to parents. We look forward to a successful and fun-filled season.

Basketball - Registration forms are available at the Clerk’s Office, the Public Library, or on the internet at www.ridgefieldpark.org. This program is open to both boys and girls who are residents of Ridgefield Park or attend school in Ridgefield Park grades 2-8. The season will run approximately from November 2016 through March 2017. Registration will take place in the DARE Room on the third floor of the municipal building on Friday, September 23, 2016, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 24, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration fees are \$55.00 for the first child and \$45.00 for each additional child. A \$5.00 late fee will be added to any registration received AFTER September 24, 2016. Checks should be made payable to: RP BOARD OF RECREATION. Late registrations should be mailed to RP Board of Recreation, 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park. All registration forms must be submitted by 10/25 to guarantee a spot on a team. SPECIAL NOTE: NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT EVALUATIONS!!

The evaluations will be at Lincoln School as follows: Tuesday, November 1 3/4 & 5/6 Boys at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. - All girls Wednesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 7/8 Boys. Anyone interested in coaching or helping the basketball program should leave a message with the Board of Recreation at 641-4950 ext. 610. Also, anyone in at least seventh grade who is interested in training to be either a timer or scorekeeper for the basketball season should leave their name and phone number on the Board of Recreation voice mail at (201) 641-4950 ext. 610.

All coaches must submit to a mandatory background check as well as attend the Rutgers Safety Clinic (sponsored by the Board in RP) and take the Concussion

Course before they are permitted to coach.

Adult Crafts - Be on the lookout for information on crafts classes. Info will be posted on the internet and in the Patriot. Also be sure to check the internet, library or Clerk's Office for registration forms.

Adult Trips/Activities - Watch the Community Message Board and the Patriot for discount tickets to events such as the Nets, the circus or ice shows. Periodically, the Board of Recreation is able to get discount tickets to various events. If you have a suggestion for an event, please drop us a note or leave a message on our voice mail at (201) 641-4950 ext. 610.



Tree Lighting - The Board of Recreation Annual Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. This year will include some special guests!

Holiday Wish Tree - As in the past, the Holiday Wish Tree will be located at the TD Bank located at 245 Main Street. The wish tree gives residents the opportunity to purchase a holiday gift for a less fortunate Village child. If you would like to participate, please stop by and select an ornament and return your gift by December 16, 2016. Your gift will then be delivered to a very appreciative child. Thanks again for your assistance!

Holiday Display Contest - The annual Holiday Display Contest will be held on Friday, December 23, 2016, at which time all Village homes and businesses will be judged and prizes awarded. Additional details regarding all three holiday events will be listed in the winter newsletter to be published in December.

All Board of Recreation meetings are open to the public. They are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building on the third floor in

the Dare Room. Anyone needing to speak to the Board of Recreation may call (201) 641-4950 ext. 610 and leave a message on the voice mail. If you wish to send a letter, please address it to the Board of Recreation at 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park. If you prefer to send an email, our address is: rpboardofrec@gmail.com. For any information concerning Board of Recreation activities or to get a registration form, please go to www.ridgefieldpark.org.

The Board of Recreation is always welcome to hear your comments.

@ YOUR LIBRARY

Saturday Specials Is there anything better to do on a Saturday than spend some time at the library? All Village children (up to grade 6) are encouraged to drop in for our Saturday Specials this season. We'll be hosting days of games, fun facts, and crafts that cover everything from Curious George Day, to leaf wreaths, to Halloween, and so much more.

Holiday Cheer The library will be offering a variety of activities that celebrate the holiday season. From "how to" programs, to a fabulous exhibit of unique wreaths, there will be something for everyone. Also, both the **Holiday Dessert Social** (12/6) and the **Festival of the Wreaths Celebration** (12/9) will offer the sharing of holiday joy with other Villagers. Be sure to add the library to your list of "must visits" for the holidays.

Book and Bake Sale The Friends of the Library's semi-annual Book and Bake Sale will be held 10/20 to 10/22! Books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, and home baked sweets at bargain prices with proceeds benefitting the Friends of the Library. The library will begin accepting donations of gently used materials for sale on 10/1. Please do not donate magazines, encyclopedias, outdated non-fiction, or materials that are in poor condition. Those interested in volunteering to help with the book sale should call the library at 201-641-0689.

Sinatra, The Street Corner and Doo Wop In this live musical show, get to know the songs, the humor, and the voice that became the one and only Frank Sinatra. Joe Gilligan and Donnie Farraro of A Touch of Sinatra will take you back to the street corner where Frank Sinatra began, and bring you to the great songs of the Doo Wop era. Seating is limited so please pre-register through our online calendar at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call the library at 201-641-0689.

Rosie the Reading Dog Do you love to read? Would you like to practice your reading skills by reading to Rosie? Rosie is an awesome beagle, and certified therapy dog trained to listen to your child read to them. Perfect for reluctant readers, and those who want the confidence to read out loud. As a reward, Rosie will do some tricks for you. Village children can sign up for a 15-minute sessions. Space is limited, so please register at the library.

Program Highlights

A full listing of our programs appears at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org

This is also where program registrations are accepted.

Rosie the Reading Dog-Mon., 10/3, 11/7, 11/21, 12/5, 2:30-4:15 p.m. Do you love to read? Would you like to practice your reading skills? Then read to our awesome beagle, and certified therapy dog, Rosie. Once you read a picture book, easy reader or a few chapters in a novel, maybe Rosie will do some tricks for you. Sign up for a 15-minute sessions. Space is limited. Village children only. Registration is required.

Paces and Pages-Tues., 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27, and Thurs., 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Join us for a walk, stroll or stride at your own pace for 30 minutes around the neighborhood with a librarian. Afterward, you can visit the library for a bottle of water, and maybe take out a book, movie or magazine. Open to all village residents. Registration is required.

PokemonGo Walk-Wed., 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 3:30-4:15 p.m. Join us for a walk around the neighborhood playing and capturing Pokémon. Parental permission slips must be signed before you may join the walk, so stop in today and pick up your form. Open to all village children, tweens, and teens.

Keep This, Toss That-Wed., 10/5, 7:00 p.m. Join us for a laugh-out-loud look at the common challenges of getting organized. You will walk away with tips on how to clean your closets and make piles of paperwork disappear! Presented by bestselling author, and organizing humorist, Jamie Novak.

Peer Tutoring for Kids!-Fri., 10/7, 10/14, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 3:30-4:00 p.m. Teens can sign up to help elementary school kids with homework or reading. Village children can sign up in

the children's department for the home-work help; teens can volunteer in the YA department. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Who was ... Who is...-Fri., 10/7, 11/18, 12/16, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Book club based on the popular biography series for pre-registered children in grades 4-6. Games and snacks are on us. Registration is required. The book selections are: 10/7-*Who is Jane Goodall?* by Roberta Edwards 11/18-*Who was Roald Dahl?* by True Kelley 12/16-*Who was Amelia Earhart?* by Kate Boehm Jerome

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting-Tues., 10/11, 11/8, 12/13, 7:30 p.m. Friends gather to discuss plans for upcoming events. New Friends are always welcomed.

Book and Bake Sale-Thurs., 10/20, 9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri., 10/21, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat., 10/22, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, and home baked sweets at bargain prices with proceeds benefitting the Friends of the Library. The library will begin accepting donations of gently used materials for sale on 10/1. Please do not donate magazines, encyclopedias, outdated non-fiction, or materials that are in poor condition. Those interested in volunteering to help with the book sale should call the library at 201-641-0689.

Adult Book Discussion-Mon., 10/24, 11/28, 12/12, 7:30 p.m. 10/24-*A Man Called OVE* by Fredrik Backman, 11/28-*Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple, 12/12-*Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote

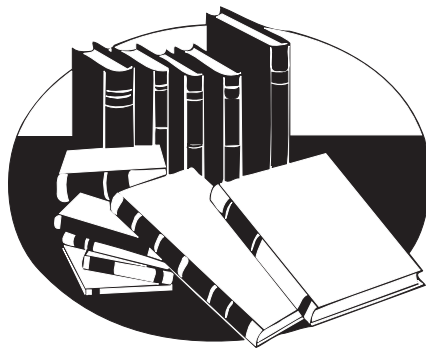
New members are always warmly welcomed, and books can be picked up at the circulation desk.

Pumpkin Palooza!!-Tues., 10/27, 7:00-8:00 p.m. BYOP (bring your own pumpkin) to decorate and "bob for donuts." No tricks but registration is required.

Halloween Fright Night-Fri., 10/28, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join us for a fright-filled night of games, costume contests, scary stories, and spooky snacks. Don't forget to come in costume! For 7th grade and up. Registration is required.

Sinatra, the Street Corner, and Doo Wop-Thurs., 11/3, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sinatra started singing on the street corner and now in this live musical show you will enjoy the songs, the humor, and the voice of Frank Sinatra. Seating is limited. Registration is required.

YA Café-Mon., 11/14, 5:00-6:30 p.m.



Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for family and friends, it is also a great time to give. Using the vegetables from our summer garden and donations from our patrons, teens will make a vegetable soup which will be donated to a local shelter. For Village Teens 7th grade and up. Registration is required.

Festival of the Wreaths-Tues., 11/15-Fri., 12/9 (exhibition). One of a kind, hand-crafted wreaths will be on display at the library from **Tuesday, 11/16** until **Friday, 12/9**. Make a donation and you may be able to take one of these beautiful wreaths to your holiday home. The **Festival of the Wreaths Celebration** will be held from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on **Fri., 12/9**. Participants are asked to bring a favorite holiday finger food for sharing on the desert buffet. Entertainment and a visit from Santa will be included.

Multicultural Dinner-Tues., 11/15, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Let's celebrate by sharing our family history through food. Each family is asked to bring a dish that shares their heritage. It can be an appetizer, main dish or dessert. If you don't have a specialty handed down to you, bring something that is "traditional" for your family. Registration is required.

Christmas Flower Arranging-Mon., 11/16, 7:00 p.m. R-P resident and owner of Dayle's Village Flower Shop, Dayle Roberts will demonstrate the art of creating a one of a kind Christmas floral arrangement. At the end of the program, the arrangement she has created will go home with one of the workshop's participants. This is a fabulous chance to watch and learn from the best coupled with the possibility of a beautiful holiday arrangement for your home. Registration is required.

Trustees Monthly Meeting-Wed., 10/26, 11/30, 7:10 p.m. Public is welcome to attend.

Holiday Dessert Social-Tues., 12/6, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Village residents are invited to join us for our 14th annual celebration of the holiday season. Each family is

asked to bring a favorite holiday treat for sharing. Don't miss this chance to hear a special reading of *Twas the Night before Christmas*, visit with our special friend from the north, and learn to play the dreidel game. Registration is required.

Holiday Gift Making-Mon., 12/14, 6:00-8:00 p.m. 'Tis better to give than receive! Stop on by for a gift-making workshop and impress that special someone in your life! Snacks will be provided. For 7th Grade and up. Registration is required.

Winter Storytime Registration-Mon., 12/27-Mon., 1/2, Register your child, (ages 2-1st grade) for the winter session in the children's department. Storytime is for village residents only.



SHADE TREE NEWS

Cherish and protect the Village shade trees! More and more research supports the importance of shade trees globally, nationally, state wide and locally. The Nature Conservancy in its February/March 2016 publication reports on research from scientists "...who are increasingly finding that a little bit of nature helps people truly flourish. A 2015 study from Barcelona found that green Spaces around schools improve the mental development of young children. A Toronto study showed that increasing the number of trees on a street significantly improves residents' health. Other studies have found that interacting with nature decreases productivity, helps sick patients heal faster and reduces domestic violence."

Locally, daily observations indicate residents appreciate shade trees, especially during the hot summer months by seeking parking spaces in shade and waiting for busses in shade. The STC has also planted many new trees at the high school, Lincoln, Grant and Roosevelt elementary schools, and plans to plant trees at Thomas Jefferson School next spring.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO CARE FOR THE TREES The Shade Tree Commission diligently works to plant trees

and keep established trees healthy. Thanks to many Village residents, the STC receives information about safety issues, damage, and new sites. All property owners and residents benefit from the Village trees so thank you for the input and everyone is encouraged to report trees issues to the STC; a number of residents walk around the Village regularly so please observe the trees and notify the STC with questions, suggestions, or problems. The address is 234 Main St, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660; the phone is 201-641-4950 ext 260; and meetings are the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room in Town Hall.

PSE&G PRUNING In response to the property owners who expressed outrage about recent excessive and unattractive tree pruning, the STC is also distressed by the severity of the pruning which was done by Lewes, a company hired by PSE&G, to clear by power lines. Over the years the STC has met with and requested that PSE&G prune in such a way as to clear lines but not destroy the structural integrity or the esthetics of the Village trees; however, they can and do what they want! The STC does appreciate your concern and calls about the work done by PSE&G. STC has Reliable and Aspen Tree Companies do work in the Village in addition to pruning

by the DPW, those companies will be asked to check and do trimming to improve the esthetics wherever possible.

RUTGERS RESEARCH PROJECT INCLUDES VILLAGE TREES In July, Ridgefield Park participated in a research project conducted by Paul Cowie and Associates, arborists, in conjunction with Rutgers University to collect age and growth rate data from trees growing under a variety of urban conditions across northern and central New Jersey. Information was obtained with a Resistograph machine, which inserts a thin probe to count annual rings in the wood. The results will provide municipalities with information they need to better forecast tree maintenance and replacement needs, improve storm resilience, and keep communities green. Currently, many towns in northern NJ have large percentages of their tree population reaching old age at the same time resulting in removing trees at the same time. It is hoped that the results of the research will help with tree removal and replanting and planning for a mix of young, middle-age, and mature trees.

SPRING 2017 PLANTING Never too early to plan for planting! Now is the time to think about trees for spring 2017. Contact the STC with a request and a member will visit the site and make suggestions for a

tree with consideration of planting area size, nearby species, and wires.

SIDEWALKS The STC has the Sidewalk Safety Program for sidewalks that need lifting or replacing due to Village, shade tree roots. Anyone interested in the program should obtain forms at Town Hall and return the completed forms; to the STC to initiate inspection.

Currently, there is a waiting list, but submit your application now, because work is done according to the date the application is received.

All reimbursable work **MUST BE PREAPPROVED BY A STC MEMBER** and done by a **STC APPROVED CONTRACTOR**. Property owners will not be reimbursed for work done without pre-approval by STC or by a contractor who is not STC approved. Property owners are required to pay the contractor and then submit the invoice to the STC for reimbursement

REMINDERS

According to Village Ordinance 3-79 no one can fasten any sign ... garage sale, lost pet, etc...to any Village shade tree.

Very important ... trees continue to need watering in the fall especially if there is a drought.

Enjoy our Village trees!



COLLECTION REGULATION REMINDER

- Collection begins at 6:00am, so please put your items at the curb the night before. All containers and recyclables must be placed at the curb NO EARLIER than 5:00pm and empty containers must be removed from the curb by 8:00pm on collection day.

Newspapers and Comingled recyclables can no longer be placed in PLASTIC BAGS!

**GARBAGE RECEPTACLES:**

Garbage and recycling receptacles are susceptible to rodents and insects. Please keep garbage in a covered receptacle. It is especially important during the warmer months to keep the receptacles clean. Rinsing them with water and bleach will help to keep them clean and detract pests.

PLEASE NOTE:

- All trash containers must be 32 gallons or less. The contents must be lifted by one person. **DO NOT purchase the extra-large trash containers that are made for machinery to lift.** These include wheeled containers with a bar instead of handles and flip back tops. They cannot be emptied by one person safely. Bags cannot weigh more than 30 lbs. Do NOT fill your garbage can with rocks or dirt. Do not allow it to fill with water. Yard waste limit is 35 pounds per container.
- Broken Receptacles And Those That Do Not Meet Regulations May Be Classified As Trash And Collected For Disposal.**

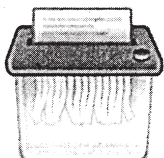
LEAF SEASON

LEAF SEASON begins on October 9th and ends on December 31st. Leaves must be placed in the street, along the curb line, in front of your home. It is a violation of Village of Ridgefield Park ordinance to sweep, cast or throw anything into the gutter except leaves during designated leaf season. Leaves can also be placed loose in a trash can or PAPER bags.

NEW RESIDENTS

- If you are new to our Village and need information relating to Public Works services such as garbage/trash collection, recycling, street sweeping, etc. or a Public Works related emergency call us at 201-440-4860. Outside of regular working hours all emergencies should be directed to the Police Department at 201-641-6400.

For more information, visit us on the web @ www.ridgefieldpark.gov

PAPER SHREDDING -This is a **FREE** event.

On Saturday October 29th there will a Paper Shredding event at the DPW from 9 AM to 1PM. Residents and businesses can bring their sensitive documents to be safely shredded and recycled.

The **RECYCLING CENTER** is located at 24 Industrial Avenue.
Residents can drop off recyclable items from 9 AM to 12PM (NOON), Monday through Saturday.
Only small amounts of trash will be accepted and proof of residency is required.
NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES*NO CONTRACTOR WASTE PERMITTED*NO HOUSE CLEAN-OUTS

Ridgefield Park is



Earth friendly!

2016 BCUA RECYCLING AND HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

Bergen County sponsors collection events for county residents throughout the year. Proof of county residency is required. Recycling events are specifically for collection of tires, electronics and paper shredding. Hazardous waste collections accept paint, oil, propane cylinders, pesticides, kerosene and other chemicals. For more info call the BCUA Hotline 201-807-5825 or visit online at www.bcu.org

SIDEWALKS:

- Homeowners are responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks surrounding their property.
- Please keep sidewalks clear of debris. Bushes should be trimmed to allow safe use of sidewalks.
- Low hanging branches can be reported to the DPW @ 201-440-4860.
- The Shade Tree Commission has a program to assist homeowners with sidewalks damaged by trees. They can be contacted @ 201-641-4950 x 640.

STORM WATER

- Catch basins are designed to slow the release of the rain water into the storm sewer system. Debris collects on top of the catch basin, preventing it from entering the system while also slowing the draining process. DPW crews clear this debris after heavy rainfalls. Report excessive accumulation of debris to the DPW @ 201-440-4860.
- Ridgefield Park has a combined sewer collection system, which means that all storm water runoff and sewer waste feeds into the same system.
- Ridgefield Park has worked closely with several other towns to establish a CSO website. The new website is: <http://njcso.hdrgateway.com/>

REMINDER:

- It is unlawful to deposit anything into the curb catch basins.
This includes oil, animal waste, bottle & cans or other trash.



STREET SWEEPING



The street sweeper is scheduled to clean in front of your home once each week, weather permitting. If you check the half-day parking ban signs in front of your home, you will know when the street will be cleaned. Please obey the time frame for No Parking.

WHITE GOODS

- WHITE GOODS and tires **must be called into the DPW** before they are placed at the curb.
- Call 201-440-4860, give address, & place items at the curb Tuesday night for Wednesday pick up.
- WHITE GOODS include: Tires, Computers, Electronics, TVs, and Air Conditioners & Appliances-just about anything that gets plugged into an electrical outlet.

Note: Refrigerators and freezers must have doors removed & unit should be laid flat to prevent injury.

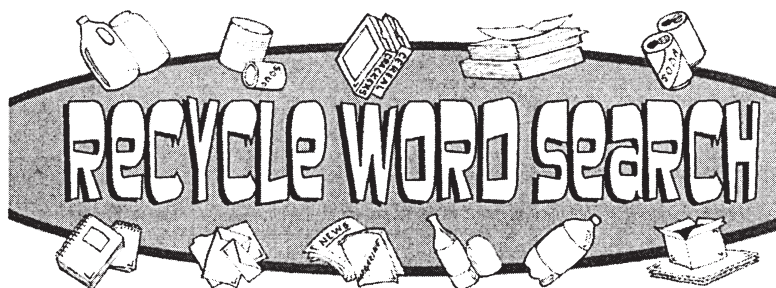
- Failure to call will result in the item remaining at the curb and you may be subject to a fine.

NO PERSON, OTHER THAN AN AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SHALL REMOVE ANY WHITE GOODS PLACED AT THE CURB.

Scavengers are taking revenue from the Village. This affects your tax dollars. If you see someone removing items from the curb on Tuesday night-call the Police Department @ 201-641-6400

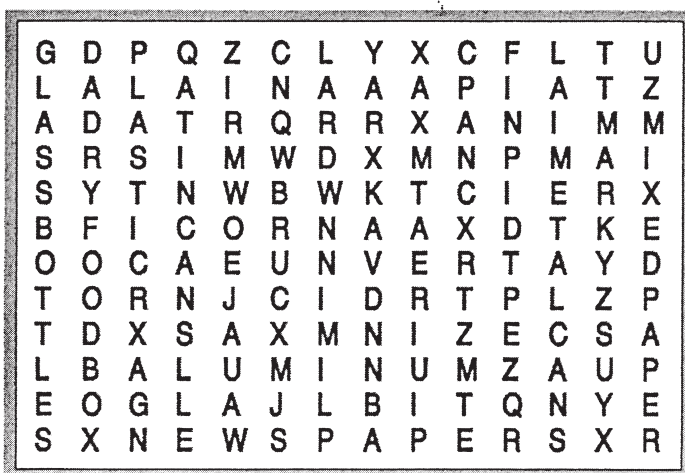
YARD WASTE:

- Yard waste consists of grass clippings, garden vines, leaves tree branches, shrubbery.
- Stones, gravel, rocks, dirt and sod will NOT be picked up.
- Yard waste must be put loosely in a container or PAPER bag & weigh no more than 35 lbs.
- Tree branches and brush should be cut into 4 ft. lengths and tied into manageable bundles.
- Place yard waste on the curb the night before your collection day.



Do you know why it is so important to recycle?? The reason is that it is good for the environment. Here are a few of the things that you can put in your recycling cart.

Look for the following items in the letters below:
Glass Bottles • Newspapers • Metal Cans • Plastic • Cardboard
Dry Food Box • Junk Mail • Tin Cans • Aluminum • Mixed Paper





**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK**

201-440-2570

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE FORM

The Village of Ridgefield Park has a Residential Special Needs Registry for residents who may require special assistance during an emergency. The provided information is strictly **CONFIDENTIAL** and will only be used by public safety personnel during emergencies.

NAME _____ **AGE** _____ **BIRTH DATE** _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

Describe your special need or assistance that may be required during an emergency (oxygen, medical device, etc.)

Is this need _____ permanent _____ temporary, until _____

Do you require electricity to operate a medical devise? _____ yes _____ no

In case of emergency, **please call:** _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

In case of emergency does anyone have a key to your residence? _____ yes _____ no

Name _____ Address _____

Phone: _____ Cell _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN TO: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, 50 MAIN ST., RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ 07660



Volunteer Night

Wednesday

October 19, 2016

Thomas Jefferson
Early Learning Center Parking Lot

110 Mt. Vernon Street

6:00 p.m.

Come out and meet the Emergency Responders
of our Village. Fun for all ages.

