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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

We are all looking forward to the Village's Annual Independence Day celebration. Begun in 1894, and continuing under the auspices of a Volunteer Citizens Committee chaired by John Tymon, our 4th of July observance is the longest continuously held such celebration in New Jersey and among the oldest continuously held celebration in the country. Bristol, Rhode Island, has the distinction of having the longest continuously held Independence Day festivity. Our complete program is outlined elsewhere in this newsletter and the 4th of July program will be distributed town wide prior to the 4th, which this year will be on a Tuesday. We commend and thank all those who serve on the Citizens Committee for their good work year round to assure a successful day. We also commend and thank all Village Departments and Agencies who work to make our "signature event" take place. Thank you to all the organizations and individuals who participate.

We welcome to the Board of Commissioners Theresa Kohles who was selected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Commissioner Boyd. Terry is a life-long Village resident whose family has been prominent in Village government, activities, and organizations for over 100 years. An accountant in her own business, Commissioner Kohles brings a fresh voice to the Board and will serve as Commissioner of Parks, Property and Buildings and as liaison to the Rescue Squad. The new Commissioner will serve until the November election, at which time she will stand for election to fill the term which lasts until May, 2020, at which the terms of all current Board members will expire. Commissioner Adam MacNeill will serve as Commissioner of Revenue and Finance as well as continuing to serve as Commissioner of the Construction Office.

Please note that in July and August the Commissioners conduct only one public meeting per month. These meetings will be

Tuesday, July 11th and Tuesday., August 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal building.

Summer is officially here — enjoy your vacations — have fun — and please remember to display the Flag for the 4th of July.

Commissioner John Anlian
Commissioner Adam MacNeill
Commissioner Theresa Kohles
Commissioner Hugo Poli
Mayor George Fosdick



GUIDELINES FOR SENSIBLE, SUSTAINABLE WATERING

Choose the right plant for the right place. You'll use less water if you avoid putting a wetland plant on a dry site or a shade lover in full sun.

Water only those plants that need supplemental water. The following plants do not need water, as long as they were sited correctly in the first place:

- established trees and shrubs
- established perennials and ornamental grasses
- established lawns (see below)

Water correctly during establishment. Newly installed plants need time to grow their roots into the new soil. This is called *establishment*. Establishment takes from a few days to a full growing season for perennials, a full growing season for shrubs, and several years for trees. During this time, most plants need supplemental water *during dry periods*. Provide a total of 1 to 1 1/2" of water per week *during dry periods only*. This includes both rainfall and irrigation.

Water deeply but infrequently. Many

people water their lawns for a very brief time almost daily. This kind of shallow watering encourages shallow root growth (and fungus infections), whereas infrequent, deep watering encourages healthy root growth.

Water at the right time. The best time is early in the morning. Bad times are during bright sunlight or rain.

Retrofit sprinkler systems to save water. For example, install sensors that detect soil moisture. Replace sprinkler heads with targeted units that direct water only on to the plants (not on to hardscape).

Tolerate dormant lawns in summer. Most lawn grasses are cool-season species that go dormant (turn brown) during our hot summers. They green up again as soon as the weather cools off in fall.

CUT AND LEAVE YOUR GRASS CLIPPINGS

DID YOU KNOW. -New Jersey's solid waste stream is growing faster than its ability to -recycle it.

Recycling is great but waste reduction is just as important. One way to help is to reduce waste created by grass clippings, which can be as much as 1/3 of the waste generated now in the growing season.

DID YOU KNOW: Grass clippings have a lot of nutrients that add to the soil organic matter and supply part of the fertilizer needs of the lawn.

Use a mulching lawn mower or see if you can get a mulching blade for your type of mower, don't bag the grass clippings and recycle them on your lawn using the mulching feature. It's a lot less work,

Use a lawn service? They may already mulch for you and if not ask them to.

DID YOU KNOW Thatch is caused by a dense accumulation of roots and stemmy material rather than clippings.

Concerned about it? Implement a mowing schedule to keep the lawn short which should filter through the grass that is growing and not create a mat on top of the lawn.

DID YOU KNOW Most lawn grasses need roughly 1 inch of water per week

through the growing season.

Fertilizing and watering beyond the requirements of the grass may not be beneficial to your lawn. The result can be increased production of grass clipping and potential ground or surface water pollution.

Cut the grass higher during hot spells. It shades the soil and taller grass has longer roots,

Use sprinklers in the early morning when there's less wind to blow the water and less sunlight to evaporate it. Morning watering also discourages pests and disease by giving the lawn the rest of the day to dry.

If you must dispose of your grass clippings, do not throw them in the garbage. Check the 2017 recycling and garbage collection calendar for collection in your part of town on the Ridgefield Park website at http://www.ridgefieldpark.org/sites/ridgefieldparknj/files/uploads/jan._-june_2017_dp_collection_schedule.pdf

For more detailed information about cutting and leaving grass clippings, refer to Rutgers Cooperative Extension publication #FS389 about Minimizing Waste Disposal: Grass Clippings at <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=FS389>

BOARD OF RECREATION

Just a reminder to everyone, 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.

Not all activities are run by the Board of Recreation and the Board will not be able to answer your questions on these activities. To make sure you are calling the right number for assistance, please remember to check our website to see what activities the Board sponsors. Not all sporting activities are run by the Board of Recreation. Baseball, football and soccer, for instance, are all run by private organizations and unfortunately, we are unable to answer any questions concerning these activities. The summer concert series is also not run by the Board.



Ridgefield Park Board of Recreation Coaches For the protection of the Village youth, background checks are mandatory for any person coaching in a Board of Recreation sponsored activity. Each coach must submit to a background check conducted by an outside party before they will be permitted to coach. If you desire further information on the process for the mandatory background check, please contact the Board of Recreation at: rpboardofrec@gmail.com. No person will be exempt from a background check.

There is also an insurance requirement that all Ridgefield Park Board of Recreation 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 Ridgefield Park 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. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Recreation at voicemail at (201) 641-4950 ext. 610 or rpboardofrec@gmail.com and someone will get back to you shortly.

Please be on the look-out for registration forms and news from the Board of Recreation in the Principal's Message you receive from your child's school. All forms are distributed electronically now so you can print it from there or on the Village website.

Upcoming Board of Recreation activities are as follows:

Basketball - Early registration will again be offered until August 15 only. Early registration fee is \$50.00 for first child, \$40 each additional child. Registration fee for any form RECEIVED after August 15 will be \$55/\$45. Early registration forms should be mailed to the Village Clerk's office. Registration will be held at Roosevelt School in the fall. Registration forms will be mailed or can be found at the Clerk's Office and the Public Library. Registration forms can also be found on the Internet by going to www.ridgefieldpark.org and looking under the Board of Recreation link. The Board of Recreation is also looking for qualified referees for the basketball program. If you would like information on being a possible referee, please send a letter to the Board indicating your experience and availability (@ 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park). Also, anyone (adults included) in at least seventh grade (as of September) who is interested in training to be either a timer or scorekeeper for next year's basketball season should leave their name and phone number on the Board of Recreation voicemail at (201) 641-4950 ext. 610.

Just a note for prospective coaches for next season — all Board of Recreation coaches must be certified by December 31, 2017, in order to coach in the basketball program. The Board will offer a certification class in the fall but if you need to make private arrangements due to your own personal schedule please keep that in mind now and locate a class more convenient to your schedule. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Board.

PLEASE NOTE: Registrations will no longer be accepted at the evaluation nights in November. Registration will close on October 25 so make sure you get it in on time.

Adult Trips/Activities - Watch the Community Message Board for discount tickets to events such as the circus, Nets or Harlem Globetrotters. 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 voicemail at (201) 641-4950 ext. 610.

Tennis - Barry Ruback (201-568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. Registration is scheduled for the first session at Fellowship Park. Please be sure to leave a call number. Lessons will take place on Fridays. Sessions will run June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28. Lessons are for ages 6 - adults. Fee is \$75.00 per

session. Payment is made at the first class. All rain dates will be made up. For further info, contact Barry Ruback directly. Lessons will run: Fridays June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 6-8 years old 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 9 - 11 years old 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. 12 years old and up 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Adults

Summer Fitness Camp - The Board of Recreation is offering a Fitness and Conditioning Camp. The purpose of the Fitness and Conditioning camp is to promote a healthy lifestyle and introduce various athletic development techniques to prepare the participants for a great athletic school year in the various sports programs the Village offers. The camp is run by volunteer coaches and parents from our community that share a vision and maintain focus on participant improvement. All of our coaches are Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. certified.

Age Groups:

2nd Grade (Fall 2017) to 8th Grade

Campers will be broken up into groups based on age and skill level.

Camp Dates:

Tuesdays through Thursdays

Week 1: Aug 1st - 3rd

Week 2: Aug 8th - 10th

Week 3: Aug 15th- 17th

Location: Veterans Park - Turf Field

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Cost:

\$25.00 for 1 Week

\$30.00 for 2 Weeks

\$36.00 for 3 weeks

All checks should be made payable to Ridgefield Park Board of Recreation

Registration:

Pre-Register using this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/eVVIp6YyTH>

T2S Basketball Academy - The Board of Recreation is sponsoring a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students grades 3-12. T2S Basketball Academy, organized by Larry Umana and Nate Lopez, is an educational approach to simplify the game of basketball. T2S focuses on mastering the fundamentals through fun, innovative drills using proper mechanics, technique and muscle memory repetition. There will be ongoing registration now and throughout the summer. For further information, interested people can inquire on www.t2sba.com or email t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com or on Facebook: [@t2sbasketballacademy](https://www.facebook.com/t2sbasketballacademy) or follow T2S on Instagram for updates on scheduled training sessions, packages and locations. Sign up now and prepare to train to overcome the competition!

Competition Cheer Team - Registration took place in April for children in grades 1-8. Tumbling/stunting classes are offered at registration. Congratulations to the Board of Recreation Competition Cheer Team RP Storm for recently winning First Place and Grand Champions at the North American Spirit Tournament in Atlantic City!

Acting and Improvisation Classes for Children and Teens

Learn to Act! Have Fun! Be creative! Build confidence!

Summer Acting Classes and Mini Theatre Camp - July 10-August 11th - All Grades Taught by Rachel Maddock, MA Educational Theatre.

On-going Registration. Registration forms available at the Clerk's office or on-line.

For info: Voicemail (201) 641-4950 ext. 610

Email: rpboardofrec@gmail.com or visit www.ridgefieldpark.org.

Students will be introduced to the basic elements of acting through theatre games and improvisation. They will develop an understanding of building an acting ensemble through cooperative group work and will learn spontaneity, physical and vocal expression, pantomime, character exploration and basic playwriting. — Older students will also study advanced acting techniques such as sensory work, monologue work, and basic scene study. — Acting and Improvisation classes are a great way for students to channel their energy and interact in a fun and creative way. — Acting and Improvisation builds confidence and life-long communication skills that can be applied to any field, Studies have shown that students who participate in the Arts have a greater chance of improving their academic performance.

Summer Recreation - This program is run by Daina Scheideler. For more information check the Summer Recreation website: <https://sites.google.com/site/rpsummerrec/> or call 201-641-4950 x615.

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 with any questions, comments or suggestions is more than welcome to attend any meeting. Anyone needing to speak to the Board of Recreation may call (201) 641-4950 ext. 610 and leave a message on the voicemail. 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 email 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.



FROM THE VILLAGE CLERKS OFFICE

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 2017. 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 2017 Meetings:

2017 Caucus Meeting Dates:

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| June | 8 and 22 |
| July | 6 and 20 |
| August | 3 and 17 |
| September | 8 and 22 |
| October | 6 and 20 |
| November | 3 and 17 |
| December | 8 and 22 |

2017 Regular Meeting Dates:

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| June | 13 and 27 |
| July | 11 |
| August | 8 |
| September | 13 and 27 |
| October | 11 and 25 |
| November | 3 and 22 |
| December | 13 and 27 |

The Caucus Meeting of November 28, 2017 will begin at 6:00 PM with the Regular Meeting of November 28, 2017 immediately following.

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.

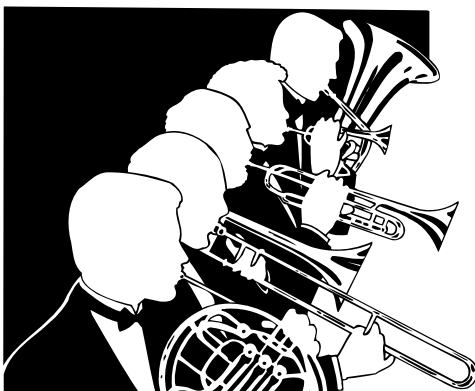
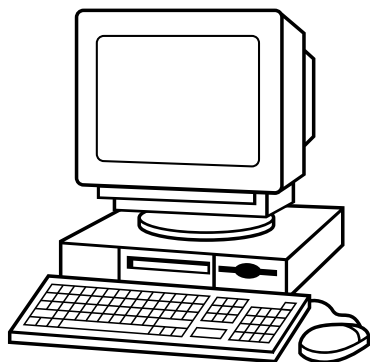
The convenience fee is charged by the provider and not the Village. To make a payment, visit the Village website: www.ridgefieldpark.org and click on the link:

"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.

NEW WEBSITE

Our new website was launched late August! We are incorporating an "Event Calendar" to post **ALL** Village events/fundraisers. To accomplish this, we need your help — 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 to the Village Clerk's office. This will assist organizations with choosing dates that are **NOT** in conflict with other scheduled events.



THE VILLAGE WILL BE CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY ON TUESDAY JULY 4

Ridgefield Park's 123rd July 4th celebration is only weeks away. The July 4th Citizen's Committee is working on the final preparations for this year's celebration of our Nation's independence.

Ridgefield Park's Fourth of July Celebration Programs will be delivered to residents several days before July 4th. They will also be available at the Municipal Building. We encourage you to read the program and see all the people who volunteer to make this celebration possible. When you can, thank them and the sponsors of the trophies and awards.

During the week before July 4th, Hair Central 83 Central Ave, Office Works 190 Main St, Ridgefield Park Public Library, will have displays of the day's activities. All of these locations will have the names of the Honor Students selected to represent their schools, the students who were the Program Cover Art Contest winners, the Grand Marshal who was selected by the July 4th Citizen's Committee at the May 22nd meeting, and pictures from past celebrations.

THE BABY and Youth Parade - (chairman Maureen McElroy) takes place at 9AM corner of Poplar St. and Euclid Avenue. **"SOUND THE ALARM FOR THE RIDGEFIELD PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT: CELEBRATING THE 125 YEARS OF SERVICE & DEDICATION TO THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK"** is the theme of this year's Youth Parade. It is open to Ridgefield Park residents and out-of-towners. Enter the parade dressed in costumes, in decorated carriages or wagons, ride on a decorated float or on your decorated bicycle. You do not have to incorporate the theme into your entry. Be unique, be cre-

ative and most of all have fun.

You must submit a **required registration form** to be eligible to participate. The form must be mailed to Maureen McElroy 102 Gordon St. Ridgefield Park and be received no later than July 1st. It is difficult to register the morning of the parade. This form is available in the Municipal Building, Public Library, and on the website ridgefieldpark.org or mam.4thofjuly@gmail.com Trophies and awards (chairman Donna Arciucilo) will be given to the winning participants at the end of this parade.

The Main Parade (chairman Russell Papay) begins at 11:30AM at Hudson Avenue and Preston Street. The V.F.W. Post #809 Band of Little Ferry in concert with all other bands will begin the parade with the playing of OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM. Our parade gets bigger and better each year! The participants are observed by out-of-town Judges under the direction of Chairman Lucille Waggoner on the corner of Main St/Preston St. Awards and trophies (chairman Donna Arciucilo) will be given to winners at the end of the parade in Brewster Park. Refreshments at the end of the parade in Brewster Park is coordinated by Ridgefield Park's Fire Department, Vol. Ambulance Corps and Rescue Squad.

A reminder to all participants in the Main Parade

- **DRIVE CAREFULLY! PLEASE DO NOT THROW ANYTHING FROM YOUR VEHICLES**
- **WALK TO THE CURB TO DISTRIBUTE ITEMS**
- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE**
- **DO NOT USE ANY SILLY STRING,**
- **JUDGES ARE AT THE CORNER OF MAIN AND PRESTON ST. (THE FIRST INTERSECTION ON THE LEFT AFTER TURNING SOUTH ON MAIN ST. UNIT PERFORMANCES SHOULD BE BRIEF AND ARE PERMITTED AT THIS LOCATION AND AT THE REVIEWING STAND AT BREWSTER PARK**
- **AT THE END OF THE PARADE ROUTE. MAKE A LEFT TURN ON-TO BREWSTER AVE., CONTINUE TO THE STOP SIGN BEFORE DISBANDING (ESPECIALLY FLOATS)**
- **HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY IN BREWSTER PARK IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE.**



• ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME TO ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS COURTESY OF RIDGEFIELD PARK EMERGENCY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Home and Business Decorating Contest (Chairman Alice Brown) is open to Ridgefield Park residents who want to have their **Decorated** homes and businesses judged. The required registration forms will be available June 9th - June 28th in the Municipal Building, on the website ridgefieldpark.org, or amrbrown@aol.com. You must submit a registration form no later than Wednesday June 28th. Judging will take place after 3PM on Friday June 30th. The winners of the Decorating Contest will be announced and awards given at Brewster Park at the conclusion of The Main Parade. The names of the winners and pictures will be on the Village website, and Ridgefield Park 4th of July committee Facebook page

PROGRAM COVER ART DESIGN CONTEST This year's entries are from grades 1-6, students attending schools in the Ridgefield Park School District. The entries will be judged at the May meeting of the Fourth of July Committee. The first place winner's entry will be on the program cover. The second place winner's entry will be on the inside of the back cover of the program.

GRAND MARSHAL Committee, Chairmen Mercedes and John Haines, have announced that the Ridgefield Park Fourth of July Citizens Committee will be voting to select this year's Grand Marshal at the committee's May 22nd meeting. Nominees for the Grand Marshal that have been received so far are: Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department — nominated by Chief James VanDerTulip, Asst. Chief John Antola, Jr., Asst. Chief Rodney Wagner, Gerard Garofalow — nominated by Leslie Olsen and Arlene Garofalow, Andrew Scheideler, Sr — nominated by Ridgefield Park Senior Club

JULY 4TH 2017

7:30 AM - Reading of the Declaration of Independence at Memorial Plaza on Euclid Ave north of Mt. Vernon Street

7:45 AM - Boy and Girl Scouts will raise the American Flag at the Memorial Plaza on Euclid Avenue at Mt. Vernon Street

8:00 AM - Fire Department July 4th Ceremonies- members and their equipment will be inspected at Euclid Avenue between Cedar and Mt Vernon St.

9:00 AM - Baby and Youth Parade - Euclid Avenue and Poplar St. Participants will walk or ride Poplar Street to Mt. Vernon Street and back around the island. Selected Honor Students from schools in Ridgefield Park will be recognized at this parade. Awards will be given out at the end of the parade.

11:25 AM - The bomb blasts and playing of the National Anthem by bands at the beginning of the parade route, Hudson Avenue and Preston St. is the start of the parade.

11:30 AM - the Main Parade begins, Read the program for the parade route and select a place to enjoy the parade. Trophies and awards will be given to the winning participants at the end of the parade in Brewster Park (Main St. and Brewster Ave).

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK. SEARCH RIDGEFIELD PARK 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE. IT IS UPDATED WITH INFORMATION AND PICTURES OF PAST JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS.

THE COMMITTEE:

John Tymon, Dayle Roberts, Barbara McCoy, Karen Fosdick, Commissioner John Anlian, Russell Papay, Maureen McElroy, Eileen McElroy, Dianne Barbieri, Donna Arciuolo, Jean Lennart, Lucille Waggoner, Sonny Yotka, Mercedes and John Haines, Marge Sellen, Kevin Coyle, Donald Jump, Lisa Infantino, Capt. Charles Gneiding, Alice Brown, Howard Hendricks, Leslie Olsen and Loretta Vorhees

The July 4th Citizen's Committee wishes every one a safe and happy Fourth of July. We appreciate and thank everyone who helped to make this day possible.



RIDGEFIELD PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

R.P.P.D. Security Awareness Update

The Ridgefield Park Police Department would like to remind residents to **LOCK** their car doors. With the warm weather approaching, thieves will go out at all times of the day and night to prey on vehicles that are left un-locked. Thieves will go up and down the street, enter driveways and pull on vehicle door handles until they find an un-locked door. The thieves will then enter the vehicle and take anything of value in the vehicle. Common targets are cell phones, wallets, pocketbooks, packages, laptop computers, loose change and anything else they can get their hands on. If items containing personal information such as driver's licenses, credit card statements, checkbooks, bank statements and any other identifying information are obtained by thieves, this could lead to Identity Theft and Fraud.

The R.P.P.D. has observed an increase in these types of incidents since the warmer weather has commenced. The best way to deter this type of crime is to keep your windows shut and doors locked at all times. Very rarely have we observed thieves smash a window to obtain items from inside a vehicle but it is also strongly recommended that you not leave electronic devices, electronic device cords, packages, money, wallets, pocketbooks, cell phones or any other items of value in plain view inside of your vehicle even if it is locked. This invites thieves to target your vehicle. The most common occurrences are thieves checking the vehicle door handles to ascertain if they are unlocked and if so moving on to the next vehicle. Please contact the R.P.P.D. immediately if you observe any individuals peering into vehicle windows or pulling on vehicle door handles. If it is possible to provide a description of the actors from a safe distance, please do so as well.

RPPD Personnel

The police department would like to welcome Corey Buljeta who will be assisting residents with parking matters along Main Street. Parking Enforcement Officer Buljeta will be under the direction and supervision of the Traffic Bureau and will be strictly enforcing parking violations along Main Street and the Municipal parking lots.

The police department would also like to welcome our new full time dispatcher Gary Wengiel who had worked for us in the past on a per diem basis. Dispatcher Wengiel had spent the last 5 plus years working full time for the Morris County Communications Center.

On June 16, 2017 four new officers will graduate the Bergen County Police Academy and join the ranks of the Ridgefield Park Police Department. Ptl. Brian Ooms, who served as a civilian dispatcher for the police department will be joined by Ptl. Christopher Beirne, Ptl. James Arnold, and Ptl. Grant Novak. These officers will be assigned to field training officers and complete a comprehensive training curriculum.

We would like to wish the newest members of our police family good luck in their respective assignments.

Juvenile Bureau News

The Ridgefield Park Police Department, in cooperation with the Little Ferry Police Department, will be conducting the 13th annual Junior Police Academy Program. The Junior Police Academy will be a five-day program and will be open to boys and girls who will be completing sixth, seventh or eighth grade in June 2017.

Goals of the program are: to expose Village youths to police work through an enjoyable but disciplined forum; to allow members of the police department to interact with Village juveniles in a positive way; and to reinforce the consequences of negative behavior, violence and substance abuse. The week will consist of physical conditioning, military drill, and various hands-on experiences. There will be guests from federal, state and county law enforcement agencies who will provide demonstrations of their expertise. A one day field trip is also being planned.

The program is tentatively scheduled to run from Monday June 26, 2017 through Friday June 30, 2017. Applicants **must be permanent residents** of the Village of Ridgefield Park. Twenty-five juveniles from Ridgefield Park and twenty-five juveniles from Little Ferry will be chosen to

participate in the program. Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. The applications will be distributed through the school system and are currently available at Ridgefield Park Police Headquarters. Parents can contact Det. Triano or Det. Martin at police headquarters with any questions or concerns they may have. Please use the following contact information for inquiries to the program:

Det. Nicholas Triano - ntriano@rppd.org

Det. Karl Martin - kmartin@rppd.org

Helmet Safety Program

In a positive enforcement effort to make sure young bicyclists, roller bladers and skate boarders are wearing their helmets, Ridgefield Park Police Officers will stop and issue a "summons" to any youth found wearing a helmet while operating such within the Village of Ridgefield Park. The "summons" can then be turned in to any participating local businesses for various items listed on the summons.

The program will run from June 1 until September 30. If you have any questions about the program or the helmet law, please contact Det. Karl Martin at kmartin@rppd.org or 201-641-6400.



BACK YARD COMPOSTING PROGRAM

The village launched its Backyard composting program at the Earth Day & Green Fair celebration on May 13th.

The village is encouraging composting to reduce solid waste. If you do not have a composter you can get one through the Green Team. You can see it at the McGowan community garden location, if you would like to compost but do not have room at home you can participate in the composting program at the community garden.

The Green Team will be holding a series of composting classes/demonstrations at McGowan Park. They will be July 8th, September 9th and November 11th at 10:00am.

Learn more by visiting our pages on the village website: <http://www.ridgefieldpark.org/green-team> or www.ridgefieldpark.org/community-garden

RAIN GARDEN

Rain gardens are a valuable tool in the effort to keep storm water from overflowing the village's Storm water system which in part of the village results in raw sewage being released into the Hackensack River.

Rain gardens capture water during a storm and release it slowly into the ground. A rain garden consists of a shallow depression to hold the water with plants which can withstand being under water for a short time and also times of drought. Native plants are the best for this.

The village has built a rain garden at McGowan Park. It does not fill with rain water from a downspout but it does collect water during storms and releases it slowly. Stop by McGowan to see the rain garden. It is located between the gazebo and the community garden toward the street.

For more information on rain gardens visit the Green Team website at www.ridgefieldpark.org/green-team.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our community garden has become a reality with 2 locations - One at Fellowship Park and one at McGowan Park. The plots are open to residents, groups and businesses in the village. Plots are free but we ask all gardeners to contribute their time to maintain and improve both locations.

There has been a tremendous amount of interest to join in the fun. Fellowship is full but McGowan has some room for expansion. We will be building additional beds at McGowan as applications for plots are received until it reaches capacity.

Fellowship has 1 herb bed and McGowan has 2 for you to enjoy. If you need that sprig of basil or other herb for your dinner, stop by and pick some. Please take only what you need and leave the rest for others. McGowan has no fence so please take only from the public herb beds.

Each location also has one bed that is designated for the food pantry. All the produce from these plots will be donated to the food pantry.

The community gardens are a work in progress. Over the growing season you will see changes. Please pass by often to enjoy them, talk to the gardeners and maybe get involved.

There will be classes the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00am

June 10th - Saving seeds (Fellowship),
July 8th - composting (McGowan),

August 12th - canning (Fellowship),

September 9th - composting (McGowan),

October 14th - TBA (Fellowship), &

November 11th - composting (McGowan)

You can access an application on the village website by going to boards and committees and then community garden; www.ridgefieldpark.org/community-garden. They are also available at the Municipal Building. Feel free to contact us at rpcommunitygarden@gmail.com.



STC NEWSLETTER MAY 13, 2017

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!! Who's starring? ... Village students and Village trees! For the Arbor Day 2017 celebration, production crews from the Ridgefield Park public schools created spectacular videos to celebrate the trees. The videos which range from educational to entertaining to comedic were on view at the Arbor Day program held April 29, 2017 in the high school courtyard. Not to be missed, watch the students' creative and thought provoking work at www.ridgefieldpark.org/2017arbordayvideos.

Credit for the work:

Ridgefield Park Junior-Senior High School Principal James Donohue, Students Justin Donohue, Chandler Olivieri, Dorian Capurso, Maria Giuliano, Stephanie Vela, Dante Capurso, Allison Pasechnick, Samir Elsharkawy, Madison O'Brien, Ana Pena, and Jodi Puri created an informative and humorous video on the importance of trees.

Grant School Principal Angela Bender with Carol Alberque, producer and director; Bob Morris, film editor.

In recognition of Arbor Day, all Grant School students acted out the process of photosynthesis.

Lincoln School Principal Joseph Neubert. Students Askar Mirza, Rohan Modi and Anthony Denino created an informative video about the importance of trees.

Roosevelt School Principal Mike Alberque. Students Sebastian Barerra and Nicholas Schneider created an informative video about the importance of trees.

The celebration also included "God Bless America" sung by Connie Campbell Sheehan; and a poetry reading of "Trees of the Fragrant Forest" by Gianna Terrarosa, a sixth grader at Lincoln School.

NEW TREES PLANTED

DPW planted sixty-seven new trees along residential streets, the shopping district, in parks and in the school yards. Species include cherry, hawthorne, London plane, linden, elm, dogwood, oak, maple, crapemyrtle, magnolia, and redbud.

Enjoy the trees but also please attend to their health. Water trees that look thirsty and place mulch around established as well as new trees. Mulch keeps the ground moist and keeps lawn mowers and weed whackers away from the trunks, BUT correct application is important. Spread a 3 to 4 inch layer around the tree, never touching the trunk. Keep at least an inch margin between mulch and tree ... NO mulch volcanoes.

Free mulch is available at the DPW; it is located in a container across from the gas pumps.

SEWER BACK-UPS AND TREE ROOTS

Homeowners have asked for help with sewer back-ups due to tree roots. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the sewer line from their home to the connection into the town's main sewer line, which generally runs down the center of the street. Homeowners should have their plumber snake the line all the way to the center of the street. They can then call the DPW and make an appointment to have an application of Root-X inserted in their sewer line, which helps to reduce the growth of the roots.

The appointment takes less than 30 minutes and requires the homeowner to be present to allow access to the basement.

If there are questions, please call the DPW @ 201-440-4860.

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 HA 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**

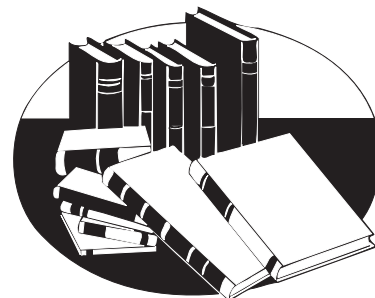
and done by a STC APPROVED CONTRACTOR. Property owners will not be reimbursed for work done without pre-approval by STC or by a contractor who is not STC approved. Property owners are required to pay the contractor and then submit the invoice to the STC for reimbursement.

REMINDERS

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

If there is a concern about a Village tree, Contact the STC either by letter addressed to 234 Main Street; Phone 201-641-4950, extension 640; ; or by attending a meeting. Always provide your name, phone number, and concern along with the address of the tree. You will be contacted after a 81-C meeting; the STC meets on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 pm in the third floor conference room.

Join STC and help to keep the Village lovely and green.



@ YOUR LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library Need You!

The Friends of the Library is a group of Villagers, such as yourself, who meet once a month to discuss what they would like to see happen at your public library. Thanks to this group of library lovers, Villagers are able to enjoy a vast assortment of privileges, such as our Free Museum Passes, maker spaces, and free programs all at your library. In addition, the Friends volunteer during popular events, such as the Book and Bake Sales, Afternoon Tea, and the Festival of Wreaths. If you would like to join a dynamic group of like-minded individuals, please call the library at 201-641-0689. It's good to have friends.

Afternoon Tea

The Friends of the Library will host its annual Afternoon Tea on Sunday, 9/17 from 2 to 4 p.m. A full menu of savories, sweets, and tea will be served in our library turned into a tea room. Tickets (\$15.00 each) will

be available in August and tickets will not be sold at the door. This event generally sells out so purchase your ticket-, early. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Summer Reading Fun for All

All Village residents will enjoy what we have planned for our summer reading programs. There are separate programs for adults.. teens. and children and we've planned many activities to supplement our usual program of reading and incentives for reading. Some of these programs are highlighted below, but please check our calendar at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org frequently for details. 'While you're visiting the website, please consider signing up for our electronic mailing list so that you'll receive our monthly newsletter highlighting the programs we offer. You can now register for our programs directly from our web site. We promise not to clutter up your mail box with a slew of emails and we definitely never share your email address with any company, agency, or person-your privacy is very important to the library.

Program Highlights

A full listing of our programs appears at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org This is also where program registrations are accepted.

Movies for the Over 18 Crowd-Thurs., 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 2:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a free movie, coffee, tea, and donuts, Stop by the library, check our website calendar at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call to see what films will be playing on these dates.

Friends of the Library-Tues., 9/12, 7:00 p.m. Join the Friends to discuss upcoming programs and projects and socialize over refreshments. New Friends are always welcome.

Adult Video/Board Game Night-Fri., 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Need a night out? Do you like to play video games or board games? Why not come to the library? We will be hosting a video/board game night for adults only. You say, you would love to come but you don't know what to do with the kids, well no worries we will provide babysitting at the library while you are upstairs having fun. Your child/children will be downstairs supervised by a staff member and volunteers. Refreshments will be served. This program is for adults only. Please register through the calendar at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call the library at 201-641-0689.

Teen Summer Reading Registration- Bring in your library card and sign up

for the Teen Summer Reading Program. When you sign up you will receive a sheet for recording your reading, a bookmark and more! Record your reading progress and earn prizes through out the summer. Registration for the program starts 6/19 but one may sign up any time during the summer, This program is for Village teens entering 7th-12th grade.

Build a Better World Mystery Party-Thurs., 6/22, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Kick off Summer Reading with a special mystery dinner party. Guests get to solve a mystery while in disguise! This program is for Village teens entering 7th-12th grade. Registration is required,

Build a Better World Adult Summer Reading Program-The theme for this year's Adult Summer Reading program is "Build A Better World." Come and sign up for the adult summer reading program, the first twenty-five people to sign up will receive a surprise gift. There will be movies, weekly drawings for prizes, special programs, and lots of books from which to choose from. Registration for the program starts 6/26 but you may sign up any time during the summer. Don't get left out, grab a flyer at the library, or check our website www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org This program is free and open to all village residents over 18 years of age.

Writer's Group-Wed., 6/21, 7/19, 7:30-8:10 p.m. Want to be a writer? Sandra Parente (a resident of Ridgefield Park and published writer) will be hosting a group to help provide support and information for serious aspiring authors, Please register through the calendar at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call the library at 201-641-0689.

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program for Children-Mon., 6/26, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Registration begins 6/26, but you can sign up any time during the summer. Children will get a Summer Reading kit to aide in their summer reading, Our main goal-is to help you maintain and improve your child's reading level, and have fun doing it, There will be weekly drawings for prizes and there are incentive prizes to keep them reading all summer. Reading is a skill your child will need to succeed. Let us help them have fun practicing. This program is for village children up to 6th grade.

Rizzo's Wildlife Discovery-Tues., 6/27, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Celebrate the beginning of the summer reading program with our special guests, Rizzo and his animal

friends. Summer reading registration will be available before and after the program from 6:00-8:30 p.m. For Village children entering pre-K - 6th grades. Registration is required.

The Lemonade Stand-Wed., 7/15, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, Sat., 8/5, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Each week we will read a few chapters of the book, The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies. At the conclusion, children will break up into teams and sell lemonade at the library in the same fashion as our characters in the book, Evan and Jessie. For village children entering 3rd-6th grades. Registration is required.

Kid's Author Visit: Diana Lee Santamaria-Thurs., 7/5, 7:00-8:00 p.m. International Latino Book Awards Winner, Diana Lee Santamaria, will be coming to read books from her Preschool Learning Series entitled. DLees World. Come on down for a reading, songs, and a coloring activity! Registration is required,

The Garden Club-Thurs., 7/6, 8/3, 3:00-3:30 p.m, Meet monthly to plan, plant and tend our veggie garden, No matter if you are free for 1/2 an hour a month or every day, your talents and time will make this club a success. In September, we will harvest our veggies for the Senior Center in Ridgefield Park. For Village children K-12th grade, Registration is required.

Teen Video Game Tournament-Fri., 7/7, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Sign up today for our summer Teen Game Tournament! Come prepared to battle it out for the top prize. And remember the game will not be revealed until the tournament begins. This program is for Village teens 7th-12th grade. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle STEAM Event-Mon., 7/10, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Village children can enjoy a fun morning learning how to make recycled paper using discarded paper from their home, Registration is required.

Teen Advisory Board-Mon., 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, 3:30-4:30 p.m, Village teens are invited to help us develop programs and suggest titles for the YA collection, Refreshments will be served. For 7th grade and tip.

Teen Short Story Club-Wed., 7/12, 8/9, 9/13, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Talk about your favorite short story and author over snacks. Each short story collection will be available at the circulation desk the month before each meeting. For YAs going into 7th grade and up. Registration is required.

July: *Zombies vs. Unicorns*

August: *Steampunk!*

September: *Geektastic*

YA Movie—Sat., 7/15, 8/26, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a special screening of a movie adapted from a popular YA novel. This program is for Village teens entering 7th-12th grade, Snacks will be provided.

Book Domino—Mon., 7/17, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Stack 'em up and let them fall. Build an amazing design with books and then watch as we knock those dominoes down! This program is for Village teens entering 7th-12th grade. Registration is required.

Teen Graphic Novel Club—Wed., 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Each month meet and talk about what you liked or disliked for the month's selection. Copies of each title will be available at circulation the month before each meeting. This program is for Village teens entering 7th-12th grade. Registration is required.

July: *The Eternal Smile* by Gene Luen Yang and Derek Kirk Kim

August: *March: Book 1* by John Lewis, Nate Powell, and Andrew Aydin

September: *In Real Life* by Cory Doctorow and Jeri Wang

Teen Art @ the Library—Thurs., 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 1:30-5:00 p.m. Every month learn a new art technique and take home a project you create. This program is for Village teens entering 7th grade. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required.

Chocolate. Divine Food, Fattening Junk or Nutritious Treat?—Tues., 7/25, 7:30-8:30 p.m. originally known as Theobroma cacao (food of the gods), chocolate has a history dating back to ancient American civilizations. This talk will take a fun look at the history of chocolate, and explore its potential health benefits. Refreshments will be served, please register through the calendar at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call the library at 201-641-0689.

Overnight @ the Library—Fri., 7/28, 7:00 p.m.—Sat., 7/29, 7:00 a.m. Trapped in the Library! With a movie, games, pizza and prizes, this overnight will be tons of fun. For YAs going into 7th grade and up. In-person registration is required.

Adult Book Club—Mon., 7/31, 8/28, 9/25, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Join us the last Monday of the month for a fun and lively discussion of our book club pick, July: *Blonde* by Joyce Carol Oates August: *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel September: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly

Life-sized Monopoly Game Day—Thurs., 8/10, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Village families can enjoy a fun afternoon playing a game in teams. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required.

Julia Says, Bon Appetite!—Tues., 8/15, 7:00 p.m. This is a one women show performed by Linda Kenyon. While Julia's public face and voice became familiar to all of us, this performance focuses on her private side — especially the relationship with her husband, Paul Child. Please join us for a fun and most enjoyable evening with Julia Child aka Linda Kenyon. Space is limited. Please register through the calendar at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call the library at 201-641-0689.

Day of the Eclipse Fair—Mon., 8/21, 11:00- 4:00 p.m. Come join us for the Celestial Event of the Century! In collaboration with NASA we will hold an Eclipse Fair featuring projects, art and music created by the children and teens of Ridgefield Park. At 1:15 p.m. we will meet in the front lawn to see this spectacular event with our special glasses provided by Starnet, part of a NASA grant received by our library. Registration is required.

The Road to Wellness—Tues., 8/22, 7:30 p.m. Wellness involves more than just an absence of disease; remaining healthy requires active participation on your part. Learn about the steps you can take to maximize your health and your role in working with your healthcare professional. There will be ice tea and refreshments. Please register through the calendar at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call the library at 201-641-0689.

End of Summer Event: Build a Better Mini Golf Challenge—Fri., 8/25, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Create teams to build a mini-golf course in the library! Each team will face a different challenge and must complete their hole in under an hour. Do you have what it takes! Sign up today. This program is for Village teens entering 7th -12th grade. Registration is required.

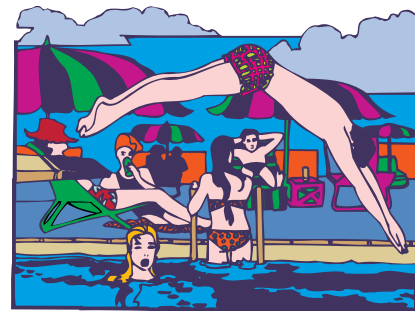
End of Summer Reading Finale—Tues., 8/29, 7:00 p.m. Village children that have participated in the summer reading program are invited to join us for a special event, Build A Better World Magic Show with Brian Richards. Registration is required.

Storytime Registration—Fri., 9/1—Fri., 9/8, Register your child, (ages 2-3 rd grade) for the fall storytime session this week in the Children's Department. Storytime is for village residents only.

Escape the Library—Fri., 9/8, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join us for our first ever escape room. Can you solve the clues and escape or will you be trapped? For 7th-12th grade, Registration is required.

Teddy Bear Sleepover—Fri., 9/15—Sat., 9/16, 10:00 a.m. Children can bring their favorite stuffed animal for a sleepover on Friday. Come back on Saturday for breakfast, games and a great story. For Village children 0-12 years. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Afternoon Tea—Sun., 9/17, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Join the Friends of the Library for a full menu of savories, sweets, and teas. Tickets (\$15.00 each) go on sale in August. This event always sells out so get your tickets early at the library, Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.



JOHN B. DAVIS POOL

It's time to start thinking about fun in the sun at the John B. Davis Municipal Pool of Ridgefield Park. This facility is located at the foot of Hobart Street and offers everything you would want in a community pool. In addition to our three pools, we offer swim lessons, a competitive swim team for the children, a lap lane and water aerobics for the adults. There is something for everyone. The Pool is open weekends from May 27th through June 23rd, and daily from June 24th through September 4th. Membership is, available to residents of Ridgefield Park, Little Ferry and Bogota, as well as employees and volunteers from these towns. In addition, members can sponsor Bergen County residents for full membership.

Anyone interested in information regarding membership fees or rules and regulations, please contact us at 201-641-4950, x100 or visit us at <http://www.ridgefieldpark.org/poolcomish> Don't miss out on the summer fun. You can also visit the pool for one of our Open House

Please check our website later in the spring to check for dates.



June/July 2017

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps

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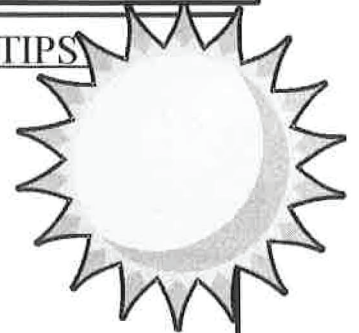
To our Newest Member: Rosina Huddleston

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SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

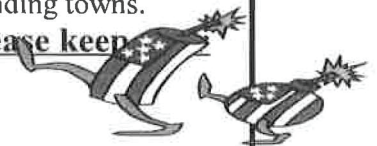
Drink plenty of water.
Wear loose fitting clothes.
Avoid prolonged sun exposure.
Wear sunscreen on all exposed skin.
Choose cool times to work around the house.
Elderly and young are vulnerable to heat stroke.
Schools are out.. Children are playing.. Drive safe.
Fireworks are **ILLEGAL** and can cause serious injury or **DEATH.**
HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!



THE 4TH OF JULY

Come and join the Village for its annual July 4th Celebration. The starting point of the day will be the grand parade. Come and cheer on all the Village Volunteers, our town's finest and bravest, as well as many bands, and floats, and our fellow Volunteers from our surrounding towns.

Parents, on this day, and all year round, please keep children safe!



DARE TO CARE??

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