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THERE'S LIGHT AT END OF THE TUNNEL; AND WE ARE HEADING INTO THE SUNSHINE.

We all know what this past year has been like; and it is good that we are looking at it through our rear view mirrors. Summer is here, the impact of the Coronavirus is lessening every day, and we have much to look forward to during the coming months.

Ridgefield Park's INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION will take place on Monday, July 5th with our parade events capped off with an evening concert and FIREWORKS display in Veterans Park. The Municipal Pool is open and is still accepting memberships. The Summer Concerts program is in full swing. The Summer Recreation Program is starting. And, there are a lot more smiles as we travel around our Village. Look for further details for these events inside the Village Newsletter.

We have much to be thankful for. We are Americans and live in our great country. We live in the Garden State of New Jersey with the Jersey Shore, the NJ Highlands, the Pine Barrens, open farm country producing "Jersey Fresh" products, and all of the historic places that celebrate the Crossroads of the American Revolution. We benefit from being in the New York and Philadelphia Metro areas with the great variety of foods, restaurants, museums, culture, sports events, and more. It is great to be in New Jersey! It is great to live in Ridgefield Park!

**Enjoy your Summer.
Enjoy Life.
We are Back!!**

Commissioner William Gerken
Commissioner Mark Olson
Commissioner Wanda Portoreal
Commissioner Adam MacNeill
Mayor John Anlian

BOARD OF RECREATION WHAT DO WE DO? LET US TELL YOU!

The RP Board of Recreation is here to help offer programs to our Village residents. The list below represents what is in the mix today, but we are always thinking about what else may make RP an even better place to live and we are always willing to listen to our Village residents if they have any ideas they would like to share. Check our page on the Village website at www.ridgefieldpark.org for all registration forms. Have a question? Send us an email and we'll respond as soon as possible.

Email: boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org.

Adult Trips/Activities - There are none currently, but we are discussing with the Commissioner and we look forward to bringing this type of event back for our Village residents. Have a suggestion? Send it to boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org.

Archery Clinic: It is new and exciting and open for anyone interested in this program which has really started to attract attention amongst young and old in town. There is no charge for our spring session.

Bowling - Check with Bowler City in Hackensack to see what's going on. Info: (201) 343-3545.

Basketball - We start with a clinic for 2nd graders and from there we head to the 3rd through 8th grade boys and girls having the opportunity to enjoy this Rec program tradition starting in late fall and running through the middle of winter. Fun and challenging and entertaining all around. Early bird registration ends August 15 and registration is in September.



Christmas Wish Tree - It is all about giving not receiving and we sponsor this program so that those who are fortunate enough to give can give to those who need it. Starting Thanksgiving weekend, you can select your ornament in the Municipal Building Lobby or at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

Christmas Tree Lighting - If you have not brought your child to one of these, there is always next year. It may be cold as heck, but it does not stop us from celebrating the season. This year the tree lighting is scheduled for December 5, 2021.

Easter Egg Hunt - We just wrapped this one up and there were plenty of smiling faces amongst the children pre-K through 6th grade as thousands of eggs and dozens of chocolate bunnies were out there for the taking down at Veterans Park. Always held the Saturday before Easter.

Girls' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team - We provide support to a U12 team with 4/5/6 grades.

Halloween Rag-A-Muffin Parade - Dress 'em up and march them down to the Fellowship Park tennis courts and we will celebrate the spooky season with a costume contest for the kids as well as food carts, DJ and a magician!! This year the parade is Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

Holiday Display Contest - We review the holiday display of those who choose to participate and award prizes to the best of the best! This year judging will be done on Friday, December 17. Look for a new twist in judging this year.

Saturday Night Hoops - Late fall through late-winter the high school boys, 9th - 11th grade, can join the Rec basketball league for Saturday night games at the high school.
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Tennis - The Fellowship Park tennis courts are where the action takes place. Program is held on Saturdays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. from April 3, 2021 - June 26, 2021. The fee is \$80.00 for interested parties. Check the website for a possible summer session as well! Adults and children are welcome to join in the fun.

T2S Basketball - The skills program is run by Larry Umana and Nate Lopez. Their Summer Clinic will run from June 28 - August 6 (9AM - 1PM). Cost is \$175 week, \$150 for multiple weeks. This two-some is always looking for something interesting to do connected to their program so who knows what also might pop up along the way. Info: t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com.

Women's Softball - A long-standing tradition in RP. The season is about to kick off so stop down at Veterans to enjoy a game or two this spring and summer. Want to get a team involved next year, you know who to ask about that now.

Acting & Improvisation Grades K-12 & adults. Info: maddockrsh@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/rshmaddock/
Ping Pong for children ages 5-15 and adults

We're thinking of bringing these activities back if there's enough interest. If you're interested, email us.

PREVENT USABLE GOODS FROM GOING INTO LANDFILLS! USE OUR MATERIALS REUSE PROGRAM

Bring the household things you don't want to the Village's DPW Materials Re-Use Program located at the DPW Monday through Saturday from 9am - Noon at 24 Industrial Avenue.

Whether its a mirror, a pot, a small table, a picture, a child's toy, a bicycle or even a shovel there is always something that someone else can use.

Reduce the amount of waste that needs to be recycled or sent to landfills and incinerators and you help your community and those in need.

WANTED: VILLAGE GARDENERS FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE.....

During the spring and fall of each year, a group of residents get together to plant flowers in the various planters on Main Street and in the neighborhood business districts on Teaneck Road, Ridgefield Avenue and other locations around our Village. They are known as the Village Gardeners. We are looking for more residents to join The Village Gardeners in this effort to keep Ridgefield Park beautiful.

If you are interested in joining, please leave your name, telephone number and address at the municipal building. You can also send this information to us via e-mail at: wgerken@ridgefieldpark.org. You don't need any prior gardening experience. Each planting event will take about 2 hours on a Saturday morning or on such other day that you might have available.

You don't need a green thumb to be a Village Gardener, just some time and enthusiasm to Help Keep Ridgefield Park Beautiful.

JOIN THE VILLAGE GARDENERS!!!



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 2021. 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 2021 Meetings:

2021 Caucus Meeting Dates:

2021 Regular Meeting Dates:

July 8 and 22

July 13

August 5 and 19

August 10

September 9 and 23

September 14 and 28

October 7 and 21

October 12 and 26

November 4 and 18

November 9 and 23

December 9 and 23

December 14 and 28

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/lgcc

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 six (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.

****THERE IS A DROP BOX LOCATED IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY FOR TAX PAYMENTS. PLEASE - NO CASH PAYMENTS.**



PROPERTY TAXES

LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN RIDGEFIELD PARK.....

Adopt-a-Park

The Adopt-a-Park program enables Ridgefield Park residents who have little spare time, the opportunity to still get involved in our Village. Join us in beautifying our parks by planting flowers, decorating for holidays and making other improvements.

Work alone or bring a few neighbors to your local park. This is a new, very flexible program, created by very busy people who still would love to get involved in something new. Volunteer twice a year or once a week. That's up to you.

This is the beginning of a multi-faceted plan. The ultimate goal is for many of our parks to be inclusive and accessible to all. It will take time to get there. This is a journey. We welcome you to come on board for however long you wish.

No mandatory meetings, plus a flexible time commitment based on your schedule.

Let's show some Pride in our Village!

To volunteer or ask questions, email us at adoptaparkRP@gmail.com



CHIEF JOSEPH RELLA RIDGEFIELD PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT



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 signal.

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 exercise caution when crossing the street and 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 mobile devices while crossing the street.

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

R.P.P.D. Security Awareness

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 unlocked. Thieves will go up and down the street, enter driveways and pull on vehicle door handles until they find an unlocked door. The thieves will then enter the vehicle and take anything of value. 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 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, packages, money, wallets, pocketbooks, cell phones or any other items of value in plain view inside of your vehicle even if it is locked. Most importantly, please **DO NOT** leave key fobs inside of your vehicles!

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Wise Watering

Water only those plants that need supplemental water. The following plants do not need water:

- 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 1½" of water per week during dry periods only. This includes both rainfall and irrigation.

Water deeply but infrequently. Watering lawns for a very brief time almost daily encourages shallow root growth (and fungus infections), whereas infrequent, deep watering like one inch per week, 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.

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.



WHAT'S A GREEN TEAM?

As a Village, we know the importance of protecting our surrounding natural resources. The Green Team focuses on ways to make our Village sustainable as well as adaptable. We support both improving our environment and maintaining the well-being of our residents. Accomplishing these goals takes creativity.

Part of being sustainable, is to try to reimagine how we can use a typical item in a new way. For example, the plastic bag recycling program has led to the village earning free Trex benches. Recycled "Styrofoam" coolers and packaging is used to create moldings for homes. Instead of throwing out household items, place them in the re-use area. With a little cleaning up, new paint or minor repairs, it can have a new life as well as a new home. Clothing can be recycled by donating for others to use. As much as we focus on what some would say are environmentally based programs, we also benefit from using our creative assets. The artist or poet or musician or dancer are all assets to our village. They help to make our village a more vibrant community.

As the Green Team, we think outside the box to create events and coordinate activities that will help us achieve these goals. We collaborate with other organizations for some activities.

Our Village is recognized by Sustainable Jersey, a non-profit organization, as achieving Silver Certification. 64 out of 457 municipalities qualified for Silver at the state level. We are one of 8 at the county level. Besides being prestigious, it also enables us grant opportunities.

Some exciting events are being explored for the future. If you are interested in finding out more about us, check out the village website or email us directly at greenteam@ridgefieldpark.org. Our meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm. We are transitioning from zoom to in person meetings which are held in the municipal building court room. Come join us.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

We have not forgotten; and we know that you haven't either.

We will be having a special ceremony on Saturday, September 11th, to remember the events of that day in 2001. Further announcements will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars. In the meantime, please keep in your prayers all those who lost their lives on that day.

NEW VILLAGE ART EXHIBIT SHOWCASES STUDENT ARTWORK

The Village Art Exhibit, located in the RP Municipal building, is now displaying artwork from our student population! The exhibit is a project of the Ridgefield Park Arts Association (RPAA). Students in kindergarten through 12th grade and who resided or attended school in the village were eligible to apply. The exhibit showcases the artwork of 20 students from each of our elementary schools, the Ridgefield Park Junior/Senior High School, and the Bergen County Technical High School. The RPAA invites you to visit the exhibit which opened on June 3 with a reception for the students and their guests. It will be on display through September. To see the exhibit, enter the Municipal Building (open weekdays at 234 Main St.) from the Park Street entrance and take the elevator up to the 2nd and 3rd floors. Artwork will greet you as you exit the elevator. This summer, come and enjoy the talent and creativity of our students at the Village Art Exhibit!

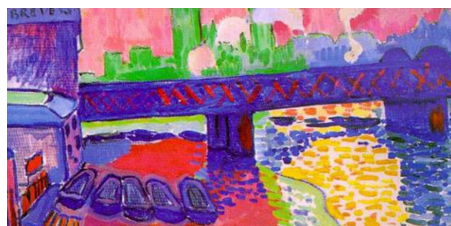
Follow our events on Facebook:
Ridgefield Park Arts Association

Or Instagram: [artsinrp](#)

Check out our Website:

www.ridgefieldparkarts.org

If you wish to reach us, email us at
ridgefieldparkarts@gmail.com



@ YOUR LIBRARY

Free Professional and Educational Online Classes

Are you looking for a chance to build a useful talent? How about a certification for a professional skill? Need help acing an interview? Or how about studying for the SAT? The Ridgefield Park Public Library has got you covered! Through our website (www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org), the library is offering free classes in a variety of professional subjects. Everything from ESL, to management, to website design and over **6,000 free courses** are available to you via our new service: **Gale Presents Udemy**. For more information, please visit the library.

Going on a Trip?

Take the Internet With You!

The library now offers free Wi-Fi hotspots for patrons to take with them on trips. These portable devices allow patrons to connect to the internet wherever they are without having to rely on phone signals or local internet providers. It's as easy as checking out a library book. One of the many things made possible through the Friends of the Library. For more information, please visit the library.

Free Driver's License Learning

The library is now offering free Driver's License Practice Tests through our new service, ePermitTest. By visiting our website, www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org, you will gain access to guides, simulators and virtual exams for your driver's licenses and permits. For more information, please visit the library.

Tales and Tails are Coming this Summer!

Summer is right around the corner, and with it comes the library's excellent array of summer programs for readers of all ages! The Friends of the Library have a wide variety of reading incentives and prizes to give away - including gift cards to Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Target and more! So be sure to check our calendar at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org frequently for details. While you're there, please consider signing up for our electronic mailing list so that you'll receive our monthly newsletter highlighting the programs we offer. 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.

Registration for programs begins on 6/28 for children, young adults, and adults.

The Library is Open!

The Ridgefield Park Public Library is open for browsing. We will still be honoring any request for Cubside Pickup, as well as remote printing/copying/scanning. Please check the library's website (www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org) for additional details and hours, and to stay updated on the new services we will be offering through the summer and beyond!



JOHN B. DAVIS POOL

Although the thermometer maybe dipping into cooler temperatures 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 St and offers everything you would want in a community pool. In addition to our three pools, we offer swim lessons and a competitive swim team for the children and a lap lane for the adults - there is something for everyone. The pool is open weekends from May 29 through June 25 and daily from June 26 through September 6. Membership is limited to Ridgefield Park, Little ferry; and Bogota residents, as well as employees and volunteers from these towns. In addition, members can sponsor Bergen County residents for a full membership.

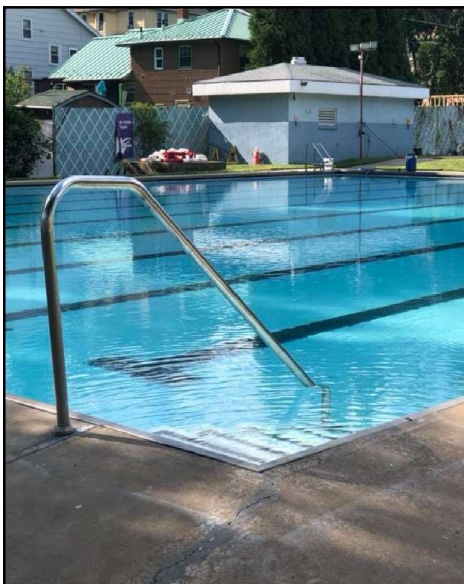
Anyone interested in information regarding Membership fees or rules and regulations, please contact us at (201) 641-5221, or email us at

poolcomm@ridgefieldpark.org

you can also visit us at

www.ridgefieldpark.org/pool-Commission

You can also visit the pool with a day pass for \$20. Don't miss out on the summer fun! Come on down and enjoy our local Bob'Os at the concession stand.



RIDGEFIELD PARK DOWNTOWN STREET FAIR SATURDAY - OCT. 30TH

The 10th Annual Ridgefield Park Street Fair will be held along Main Street from Cedar Street to Park Street from 10am-5pm. Hosted by the Village of Ridgefield Park and the Ridgefield Park Business Association Main Street will be transformed into a giant town block party.

Many of the local merchants and businesses will showcase their shops and offer their special sales. There will be merchandise vendors, crafters, kiddie rides, great food, and entertainment all day long. This event brings the whole community together.

We also have The "Kidz Traveling Shindig" which is a section by Town Hall dedicated to children with kiddie bounce rides, slides and interactive blow ups, face painters, sand art & kids games just to name a few things.

Come hungry to the street fair and enjoy the delicious foods being served by local restaurants, gourmet food trucks and food stands.

Some of the foods being sold are gourmet empanadas, tornado potatoes, shish ka bob, gyros, chicken fingers & fries, hot dogs, hamburgers, fresh squeezed lemonade, ice cream & lemon ice, sausage & peppers, steak sandwiches and zeppoles, funnel cakes and more!

For your shopping pleasure there will be quality exhibitors selling their merchandise such as jewelry, handbags, sports collectibles, clothing, home decor and much more.

There will be live music all day at town hall with a DJ and local groups performing. Don't miss stopping by the many local merchants & civic organizations to see what goodies they have.

We hope that you'll consider joining us and we look forward to seeing you.

For more information please email:

events@jcpromotions.info

or call 201-998-1144. If there are any local people or groups that would like to entertain please call us.



CHIEF JOSEPH RELLA
RIDGEFIELD PARK
POLICE DEPARTMENT



BODY-WORN CAMERAS (P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 128)

On November 24, 2020, Governor Murphy signed historic legislation, P.L. 2020, Chapter 128, requiring that by June 1, 2021 every uniformed patrol officer in New Jersey wear a body-worn camera while on duty. In compliance with the recently signed legislation, the RPPD has ordered new Panasonic body-worn cameras for each of its officers. The department will soon be transitioning from in-vehicle cameras and audio mic packs to body-worn cameras. Due to high demand and the number of body-worn camera orders in the state, the RPPD is still awaiting the arrival of its cameras. We hope to have these cameras delivered and promptly put in use this summer season. Our goal is to continue to provide our residents with the same courteous and professional service, while also adapting to today's new standards in an effort to promote transparency and accountability within our community.



ALL THROUGH THE PANDEMIC, OUR SCHOOLS HAVE SHONE BRIGHTLY

During the past two SCHOOL YEARS, the impact of the global pandemic was unprecedented in our history. Yet, our Board of Education - under the leadership of our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Angela Bender, took action so that our schools remained an active and functioning school system. In addition, they made some unprecedented progress. For example, in the Spring of 2020 our schools became "one-to-one", with every student receiving a computer device to assure that they could participate in school either at school "in person" or from home. The terms "Google Classroom" and "Zoom" became standard words in every household.

Our school district - along with our community - demonstrated a resilience and perseverance that was second to none. Our schools completed major facilities projects, including freshly painted schools, major bathroom renovations, and installing all new windows at Grant School.

New instructional practices included having a class period for Social and Emotional Learning, as well as greeting students with Warm Welcomes and concluding classes with Optimistic Closures to provide students with safe and respectful spaces in which to develop inclusivity and acceptance practices.

Community events included Health and Wellness, Social Justice, and "World Café" evenings for our families; and the Ridgefield Park School District is proud to continue these community events with the following announcements recently provided by Dr. Bender.

Congratulations to the Board of Education and Dr. Angela Bender for a job well done; and for keeping innovative education a part of our school system AND our community.



Ridgefield Park
Public Schools

Home of the Scarlets!

FREE MEADOWLANDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR OUR RIDGEFIELD PARK COMMUNITY!

Mobile Food Lab Activities on Tuesday and Thursdays for our K-5 students.

The Meadowland Mobile Lab will be parked at the following schools on the following dates, for student projects, followed by evenings for Family Science Nights. All K-5 Ridgefield Park students are welcome to register and bring your family back for Family Science Evenings for the following dates.



From: 1:00-3:00 for students AND 5:00-7:00 Family Science Evenings	Mobile Food Lab Location
6/29 and 7/1	Roosevelt School Parking Lot
7/6 and 7/8	Grant School Parking Lot
7/13 and 7/15	Lincoln School Parking Lot
7/20 and 7/22	JrSrHS Parking Lot
7/27 and 7/29	JrSrHS Parking Lot

FREE - MEADOWLANDS FANTASTIC FRIDAY FIELD TRIPS FOR K-5 STUDENTS

Busses will leave each elementary school promptly at 9:00 am on Friday mornings and return at approximately 12:30 pm to the same elementary school parking lot. If you want your student to attend a Field Trip Friday you must complete a field trip permission slip, agreeing to have your student in the school parking lot before 9:00 am on Friday. Please contact Daniel Quackenbush for a Field Trip form.

[<dquackenbush@rpschools.net>](mailto:dquackenbush@rpschools.net).

Field Trip forms must be returned by 6/25/2021.

Fieldtrip Friday Days	For Grades
July 2, 2021	K-2
July 9, 2021	3-5
July 16, 2021	K-2
July 23, 2021	3-5
July 30, 2021	K-5

FREE - ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE FOR 7, 8, 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

If you're a Middle School student, grab some friends and prepare to create your own floating Island that will be launched into the waters around the Meadowlands Environmental center on July 30th. Dates for this JrSrHS activity are from 9:00 - 12:30 on July 1, July 8, July 12, July 14, and launch your island on July 30.



CELEBRATING THE 4TH ON THE 5TH

The Ridgefield Park Fourth of July Parade and Celebration will be held on Monday July 5th since the 4th is a Sunday. The parade was founded in 1894 and is one of the oldest parades in the United States. The Ridgefield Park Fourth of July Citizens Committee prepares for the day's events months ahead of time. Many organizations, schools, churches and families also plan for the day's activities. Invitations are sent to organizations in and outside the community to participate. Emergency Service Units prepare for every possible occurrence so that residents and visitors to the Village can relax and enjoy the day. The Mayor and Commissioners welcome all to our Village for these events.

Our day begins at 7:30 am at Euclid Ave. and Mt. Vernon St. with the reading of the Declaration of Independence and then at 7:45 am, the Flag Raising Ceremony by the Boy and Girl Scouts. At 8am the Fire Department and Emergency Units present their personnel and equipment for inspection and honor the milestone anniversaries of their member.

The Baby & Youth Parade, first of two parades, begins at 9am at Poplar St. and Euclid Ave. Honor students lead the parade. This parade consists of village and visiting children, who walk, ride in decorated carriages, elaborate floats or personally decorated bicycles. You will see red, white, blue and lots of patriotism on this day. Prizes are awarded and a grand time is had by all. The Civic Parade steps off promptly at 11:30am at Preston St. and Hudson Ave. This year's Grand Marshal is Gerard Garofalow and he will lead the parade. Fraternal and village organizations, youth and sporting associations, bands and visitors march with pride. Village residents and visitors have enjoyed this event for over a century.

The day will end with a concert and fireworks display in Veterans Park. Come and Join The Fun.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO THE RIDGEFIELD PARK/BOGOTA ROTARY CLUB

Our local Rotary Club is celebrating **100 years** of service to our communities this year. As part of their celebration, they are paying for our evening

FIREWORKS DISPLAY on July 5th evening.

In order to raise the funds to support this event, they are holding a **50/50 Raffle**.

The drawing will be held on JULY 5, 2021 at 9:00PM at Veterans Park - just before the FIREWORKS. **The winner will receive 50% of all monies collected as part of the Raffle. THE RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$100.00 EACH.** The winner does not need to be present to win. All remaining proceeds will be used for the Rotary's charitable endeavors.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

1. High Spirits Liquors, 218 Main Street, RP
 2. Coaches Corner, 67 Euclid Ave., RP
 3. Box Car Bagels, 10 River Road, Bogota
- OR CALL/TEXT : 201-923-3658

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The STC is responsible for planting and caring for trees in Village parks, on school grounds and on all public areas, or along our streets in the public rights-of-ways, which generally extends 7 feet or so inside the curb line. Note that only STC members, the Village DPW, our professional arborists, and public entities such as PSE&G may plant, prune or otherwise care for those trees.

STC members are required by State law to attend educational classes about the needs of trees. As an example, several members each year attend the NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference to learn about tree issues. All of this training improves the Village's protection against lawsuits.

This Spring, we planted 62 trees, with the DPW doing the actual planting. THANK YOU DPW! We plant a variety of tree species, especially native trees, and take care to plant the new trees in appropriate locations.

The DPW follows up during the summer by watering our new trees. But, we could use help. So, if possible, we ask that homeowners water the new trees during the days of hot dry weather.

An ongoing aspect of the STC is responding to residents' concerns about trees. Please let us know about your concerns.

We now have a committee of Block Rangers - volunteers who keep an eye on the trees in their neighborhoods. So, if you have a little time, please join us in this effort. We encourage all residents to care for the trees on your own properties; and keep a watch over other trees in your neighborhoods.

Unfortunately, during this past year of Covid, we were unable to celebrate Arbor Day. But, next year we plan on resuming this long standing tradition of our Village. As part of this celebration, we have students from our schools participate in art, poetry and similar projects which emphasize the benefits of trees.

We also have a Sidewalk Safety program where the STC will assist homeowners in repairing or replacing sidewalks which have been impacted by tree roots. See the Village website for forms concerning this program.

If you would like to join the Shade Tree Commission, or become a BLOCK RANGER, or donate a little time to help us care for our URBAN FOREST, Please give us a call or send us an email. You don't need to be a tree expert. You just need to appreciate our trees.

Call 201-641-4950, ext. 640
shadclrccomm@ridgefieldpark.org

For general tree information: arborday.org

FREE! RIDGEFIELD PARK DOG & CAT OWNERS

**ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC
SPONSORED BY THE:
RIDGEFIELD PARK HEALTH DEPT.
JUNE 24, 2021 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING (DPW)
24 INDUSTRIAL AVE.,
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**DOGS MUST BE SECURED TO A
LEASH AND MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A
PERSON OVER AGE 12.**

**CATS MUST BE BROUGHT
IN A CARRIER.**

**LICENSES FOR DOGS AND CATS
MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE SITE.**

**\$10.00 - NEUTERED
\$15.00 - NOT NEUTERED**

The DPW crew has been working hard to clean up the parks and properties.
Your help is needed to keep Ridgfield Park looking good.



- Please don't litter. Use the trash cans.
- Pick up after your dog.
- Do NOT put grass clippings or leaves on the islands or in the street.
- Follow the schedule for your area for collections. **REMEMBER:** No special trash pick-ups or house clean-outs.

Paint is no longer accepted at the Recycle Center

Empty paint cans can be put out on trash day,
but must contain no liquid paint
and have covers removed.

All paint cans with liquid must be brought to a
Bergen County Utility Authority (BCUA) Location

For info call 201-807-5825
or visit BCUA at www.bcua.org

The RECYCLING CENTER

is located at 24 Industrial Avenue.

Residents can drop off recyclable items and trash
from 9 AM to 12PM (NOON), Monday through Saturday.

Only small amounts will be accepted
and proof of residency is required.

***NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

***NO CONTRACTOR WASTE PERMITTED**

***NO HOUSE CLEAN-OUTS**

Mt. Vernon Street & South Collections

- Household garbage (kitchen and bathroom) gets picked up on **Tuesday & Friday**.
- Recycling-(comingled) is picked up on **Wednesday**-place loose in garbage can-**NO PLASTIC BAGS!**
- Cardboard-(corrugated) is picked up on **Wednesday**-flatten and tied with string or place inside one of the boxes.
- **You MUST call** 201-440-4860 to schedule a **Wednesday** pick-up of the following:
 - Appliances-Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers, Hot Water Heaters, Air Conditioners, TVs, Computers, Printers, Tires, Metals, BBQs.
- Newspapers/magazines get collected on **Fridays**- EXCEPT 1st Friday/TRASH Day
 - **NO Plastic Bags**. Tie in bundles or place in a container.
- On the **1st Friday** of each month TRASH is collected in your area. Trash includes furniture, mattresses, clothing, books, dishes, toys, etc. NO APPLIANCES /TVs/ACs
- Yard waste is picked up on **Monday**. **NO PLASTIC bags!** Use brown paper bags or place leaves and clippings in garbage can. Branches have to be tied in small 4 foot bundles.
- Place items at curb no later than 6 a.m.

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Check website or call for holiday closings

North of Mt. Vernon Street Collections

- Household garbage (kitchen and bathroom) gets picked up on **Monday & Thursday**.
- Recycling-(comingled) is picked up on **Wednesday**-place loose in garbage can-**NO PLASTIC BAGS!**
- Cardboard-(corrugated) is picked up **on Wednesday**-flatten and tied with string or place inside one of the boxes.
- **You MUST call** 201-440-4860 to schedule a **Wednesday** pick-up of the following:
 - Appliances-Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers, Hot Water Heaters, Air Conditioners, TVs, Computers, Printers, Tires, Metals, BBQs.
- Newspapers/magazines get collected on **Thursdays**- EXCEPT 1st Thursday/TRASH Day
 - **NO Plastic Bags**. Tie in bundles or place in a container
- On the **1st Thursday** of each month TRASH is collected in your area. Trash includes furniture, mattresses, clothing, books, dishes, toys, etc. NO APPLIANCES /TVs/ACs
- Yard waste is picked up on **Tuesday**. **NO PLASTIC bags!** Use brown paper bags or place leaves and clippings in garbage can. Branches have to be tied in small 4 foot bundles.
- Place items at curb no later than 6 a.m.

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Please cut and save the schedule for your address