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Ridgefield Park Christmas Bird Count Scheduled for Dec. 3rd

RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ---The Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission will be holding its 5th Annual Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 3rd from 7:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Residents of the Village and surrounding areas are invited to participate in the event.

Stephen and Linda Quinn, members of the Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission, will be leading the Christmas Bird Count.

There will be four locations in Ridgefield Park to observe and count the local bird population. The starting point will be at 7:00 a.m. at McGowan Park. Another meeting point will be the Amphitheater at Overpeck Park at 9:30 a.m. The other locations will include Waterside Park on Industrial Avenue behind the Ridgefield Park Department of Public Works and the Ridgefield Park Nature Preserve, where the bird count will conclude.

“Over the last five years the Christmas Bird Count here in the Village has attracted more children and their families. Of course we are looking for more birders and students to join us this year. The return of the American Bald Eagle is one of the many attractions that participants might see during the bird count” said Quinn.

“The exciting part of the Christmas Bird Count is that it helps us take inventory of the local bird population” added Quinn. “I guess you can call it a wildlife census, which is essential to monitoring, tracking and assessing the bird population and trends in the area.”

“This event is definitely the perfect gathering that brings together bird lovers, families and students who want to learn more about the birds in our area and make a difference for science and bird conservation,” said Quinn.

Those interested in participating in the Ridgefield Park Christmas Bird Count, should wear hiking boots and appropriate clothing for winter weather conditions. The Christmas Bird Count will take place rain or shine. Participants should bring a pair of binoculars with them. There is no cost involved to participate. For additional information or to reserve a spot at the Christmas Bird Count, email the Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission at RPEnvironmental@gmail.com.

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