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## VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

We understand that there will be a story about our Village on Sunday, July 8, in the Real Estate section of the New York Times. As we all know, ours is a community of older homes, many of which are now 100+ years old. We believe the Times will be focusing on why newer residents have chosen to live here, as well as other community attributes.

Our Village's most important tradition, dating to 1894, is our annual 4th of July Independence Day Celebration. This widely recognized event is conducted entirely under the auspices of a volunteer citizens committee lead by Committee Chairman John Tymon. We commend and thank the citizens committee, and all the volunteers, Village employees and organizations who work to make our Village's day a great success. Full details of the day are distributed to all Village residents prior to the 4th as well as information contained in this newsletter.

Summertime also means resumption of our Wednesday night concert series in McGowan Park. Enjoy the concerts by the waters of the Overpeck Creek. A great night to relax and listen to different musical offerings.

Summer recreation programs provide opportunities for all. Again, full details in this newsletter. Also, consider joining the town pool for relief from the summer heat.

Enjoy the summer! Enjoy your vacations!

Commissioner Anlian  
Commissioner MacNeill  
Commissioner Kohles  
Commissioner Poli  
Mayor Fosdick

## FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK'S 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 2018. 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 2018 Meetings:

##### 2018 Caucus Meeting Dates:

June 7 and 21  
July 5 and 19  
August 9 and 23  
September 6 and 20  
October 4 and 18  
November 8 and 27  
December 6 and 20

##### 2018 Regular Meeting Dates:

June 12 and 26  
July 10  
August 14  
September 11 and 25  
October 9 and 23  
November 13 and 27  
December 11 and 27

The Caucus Meeting of November 27, 2018 will begin at 6:00 PM with the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2018 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](http://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 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](http://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.**

### WEBSITE

Our new website was launched last August. We have incorporated 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.

**Fly the flag  
July 4th**



**Welcome new residents**

## @ 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, 9/23 from 2:00 to 4:00 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 tickets 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](http://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 emails 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](http://www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org)

This is also where program registrations are accepted.

**Teen Summer Reading Registration-Begins Thurs. 6/19**, 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 read-



ing, a bookmark and more! For those entering 7th grade and up.

**Teen Summer Reading Program-Thurs. 6/19 through Mon. 9/3** This summer all students entering 7th through 12th grade are eligible to participate in our Teen Summer Reading Program. As you reach new goal levels come in to collect prizes and participate in special summer programs!

**Field Station Dinosaur Summer Reading Kickoff Program-Fri., 6/22, 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Sign up for the summer reading program and then enjoy a very special appearance from Suzy, the six foot T-Rex from Field Station Dinosaur located at Overpeck Park. Summer Reading registration begins at 4:00 p.m. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Libraries Rock Summer Reading Registration for Children-Sat., 6/23, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m, Mon., 6/25, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.** Do you want to fight that "Summer Slide", then join our Summer Reading Program. At this registration event, children get their choice of face painting, tattoos or a character balloon. In addition, children will get a Summer Reading kit, guided level book lists, stickers and so much more. This is a free program to help you maintain and improve your child's reading level, and have fun doing it. The more the kids read, the more prizes they can earn. Registration opens you up to many fun and exciting programs throughout the summer.

**Rizzo's Wildlife Discovery-Tues., 6/26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Celebrate the beginning of the summer reading program with a special guest, and his animal friends, including a baby alligator! Registration is required. Summer registration available all day!

**It Came From Beyond the Library!-Fri., 7/6, 7/13, 7/27, 8/3, 8/24, 8/31, 6:00 p.m.** Join our summer series of weird cinema, ranging from art house flicks to cult classic schlock. This program is for adults only. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required.

**The Garden Club-Mon., 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 10:00-**

10:30 a.m. Children entering kindergarten through adulthood are invited to join our garden club. We meet weekly to plan, plant and tend our veggie garden. In September, we will harvest our veggies and make tomato sauce in our Kids Chef Club. Registration is required.

**Sensory Storytime-Mon., 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 9/17, 9/24, 6:30-7:00 p.m.** Singing, dancing and listening to a story especially designed for special needs children and their families. Registration is required.

**Pajama Storytime-Tues., 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 9/18, 9/25, 7:00-7:30 p.m.** Celebrate Drop Everything and Read (D.R.O.P) with this relaxing storytime. Come dressed in your favorite pajamas. This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

**Baby & Me-Thurs., 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 11:00-11:30 a.m.** Pre-registered parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to bring their newborns to 2 year olds for stories, finger plays and songs.

**Movies for the Over 18 Crowd-Thurs., 7/5, 8/2, 9/6, 2:00 p.m.** Please contact the library to see what we will be showing. Coffee, tea, and donuts will be served. These movies are for persons over 18 years of age.

**Movie time for Kids-Thurs., 7/5, 8/2, 6:00 p.m.** Free popcorn will be provided but you may bring your own favorite snacks to enjoy. A list of the movies will be available at the library and on the event calendar.

**Korean Storytime-Thurs., 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27, 5:00-5:30 p.m.** Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and fun in Korean! For Korean speaking children of all ages or children who would like to listen to stories in Korean.

**The Sensory Garden Club-Fri., 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 10:00-10:30 a.m.** Special needs children of all ages are invited to join our garden club. We meet weekly to plan, plant and tend our veggie garden. Registration is required.

**Kids Club-Sat., 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 8/4, 8/11 at 2:00-2:45 p.m.** Kids gather at the library for video games, board games, card games, snacks and socializing. Bring a friend! This is a drop in program, no registration is required.

**Summer Packets Homework Help-Sat., 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 1:00-1:30 p.m.** Need help with your math or reading summer packets, teens will be available to help you out, Registration is required, limited space.

**Children's Meditation-Sat., 7/7, 8/11, 9/8, 10:45-11:15 a.m.** This program is open to children of all ages and their families. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**When I Think of Water-Tues., 7/10, 11:00-11:40 a.m.** Learn the importance of water in our lives sponsored by Suez Water. Children entering Kindergarten and first grade will listen to a story followed by a coloring activity. Registration is required.

**The Incredible Journey-Tues., 7/10, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Learn the importance of water in our lives sponsored by Suez Water. Children entering 2nd -3rd grade are welcome to listen to a story followed by making a water bracelet. Registration is required.

**Meet the Author!-Wed., 7/11, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Meet Author Chana Stiefel for a reading, signing and craft of her debut picture book, *Daddy Depot* (illustrated by Andy Snair, Feiwel & Friends) for children of all ages and their families. Registration is required.

**YA Game Day-Tues., 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25 3:30-5:00 p.m.** Teens gather at the library for video games, board games, card games, snacks, and socializing. Bring a friend! For those entering 7th grade and up.

**Summer Reading Book and Movie Group-Tues., 7/10, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Teens and family members are invited to join us each week for a movie and discussion based on the Ridgefield Park School Summer Reading List. Snacks will be provided.

**7/10:** *Secrets of the Titanic* (Students entering 7th Grade)

**7/24:** *Wonder* (Students entering 8th Grade)

**7/31:** *The Help* (Students entering 10th Grade)

**8/7:** *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Students entering 11th Grade)

**8/14:** *The Secret Life of Bees* (Students entering 12th Grade)

**Knights of the Reading Table-Wed. 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/19 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Create a character and take part in an epic RPG adventure, Build alliances, battle monsters, and embark on an awesome quest. For those entering 7th grade and up. Registration is required.

**Family Game Night-Wed., 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Playing games with your child is a great way to spend quality time together and complete that summer reading packet. So join us in some quality and educational fun playing

classic board games. For children and their families. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Movie Matinee for Special Needs Kids-Thurs., 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 3:00 p.m.** Free popcorn will be provided but you may bring your own favorite snacks to enjoy. A list of the movies will be available at the library and on the event calendar.

**Conversations of Your Life-Thurs., 7/12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** It's about the necessity of Advance Directives. There will be ice tea and refreshments. Registration is required.

**STEM Club-Fri., 7/13, 8/3, 9/7, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Explore STEM through hands on activities and creative projects for village children. This program is for children in 3rd -6th grade, Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Bergen County Home Purchasing Opportunities-Tues., 7/17, 9/18 - 7:00 p.m.** Purchasing a home is a goal many think is next to impossible. This seminar will address the many opportunities available that can guide and assist you in completing this goal. This program is sponsored by Cleanscape Construction. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Anime Daze-Thurs., 7/19, 8/16, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; Thurs. 9/20, 3:30-5:30 p.m.** Fans of Japanese cartoons and comics join us for anime viewings, discussions, and snacks. Doesn't matter if you're an otaku or a newbie! For those entering 7th grade and up,

**Adult Video/Board Game Night-Fri., 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 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, with refreshments. We will be playing video games and will also have some board games set up if anyone wishes not to play video games. This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

**Bingo-Tues., 7/24, 8/14, 11:00-11:30 a.m.** For children up to 6th grade. Drop in, cool off and have some fun and win prizes playing Bingo!

**History of Diners in New Jersey-Thurs. 7/26, 7:00 p.m.** The silver Airstreams and neon signs of the classic American diner brighten New Jersey's highways and Main Streets. Although the industry is all but gone today, Author Michael C. Gabriele offers this delicious history collected from interviews with owners, patrons and experts — and indulges in many fond memories of New Jersey diners. His book "History of Diners in New Jersey" will be

for sale that night. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Teen Art @ the Library-Thurs., 7/27, 8/17, 2:00-4:00 pm** Every month learn a new art technique and take home a project you create. Snacks will be provided. For those entering 7th grade and up. Registration is required.

**Adult Book Club-Mon. 7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 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:** *Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon

**August:** *Crocodile on the Sandbank* by Elizabeth Peters

**September:** *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

**Basic Computer Classes-Wed., 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Register through the online calendar. 7/11, 7/18, 7/25-Back to Basics: Using Word-Learn how to create a document, copy and paste, insert images, insert tables, improve your typing skills and much more. 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22-Google and You: Learning About Sheets and Docs-Learn how to use the different services available when you set up a Google account. 9/12, 9/19, 9/26-Email and You, Condensed — Learn how to create an email address, draft letters to friends, add friends, add attachments and manage all your letter-sending settings. Please note that we will be using Gmail in class.

**Friends of the Library-Tues., 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, 7:30 p.m.** Join the Friends to discuss upcoming programs and projects and socialize over refreshments. New Friends are always welcome.

**YA Movie-Sat., 7/14, 8/4, 1:00 p.m.** Join us for a special screening of a movie adapted from a popular YA novel. Snacks will be provided. July: *Love Simon*, August: *Ready Player One*

**Life-Sized Monopoly Game Day-Thurs., 8/9, 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.

**Reminiscing-Tues., 8/16, 7:00 p.m.** Reminiscing, when you recall people and events from the past, can be one of life's greatest simple pleasures. Conducting this "life review" can increase your personal sense of identity and meaning. Take a trip down memory lane and learn how reminiscing can be good for your health. There will be ice tea and refreshments. Registration is required.

**Legomania-Sat., 8/18, 1:00-2:00 p.m.** Village children will learn how Legos can



teach STEM. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Introduction to Wine-Tues., 8/21, 7:00 p.m.** Author and lecturer Dr. Mark R. Vogel is back again at the library, but this time he will be discussing wine. This is a comprehensive overview about selecting, buying, storing, serving, and cooking with wine. If you liked our "Jack the Ripper" program I'm sure you will love this one. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**End of Summer Reading Finale-Tues., 8/28, 7:00 p.m.** Village children that have participated in the summer reading program are invited to join us for a special event, Libraries Rock Adagio Show with Brian Richards. Registration is required.

**Teen Game Tournament-Fri., 8/10, 5:30-7:30 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. For those entering 7th grade and up. Registration is required.

**Rosie the Reading Dog-Sat., 9/8, 3:30-4:15 p.m.** Do you love to read? Would you like to practice your reading skills by reading to Rosie? Rosie is an awesome beagle, and certified therapy dog. Once you read a picture book, easy reader or a few chapters in a novel, maybe Rosie will do some tricks for you. Sign up for a 15-minute session. Village children only. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Pre Pre-school Storytime-Wed., 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 2-3 year olds meet from 10:30-11:00 a.m.** Registration is required.

**ArtSmart-Sat., 9/15, 1:00-2:00 p.m.** Village children grades K-6th grade are invited to learn about the life of an artist and then create a piece of artwork. Children should bring a smock. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Kids Chef-Sat., 9/15, 11:00-12:30 p.m.** Become an ultimate Italian Chef and learn how to make homemade tomato sauce from the tomatoes we have grown over the summer in our library garden. Registration is required. For village children K-6th grade,

**Homework Help for Kids-Mon., 9/17, 9/24, Wed., 9/19, 9/26, 3:30-4:00 p.m.** The library is offering after-school homework help for children in grades PK-6th, Teens can sign up to help kids with their homework. Registration is required. Great for community service hours!

**Peer Tutoring-Mon., 9/17, 9/24, Wed., 9/19, 9/26, 3:30-4:00 p.m.** Teens can sign

up to help kids with their homework. Registration is required. Great for community service hours!

**Chess Club Jr.-Mon., 9/17, 4:00-4:30 p.m.** Children grades K-1st grade can join us for an afternoon of learning about the game of kings. Registration is required.

**Kid's Corner-Wed., 9/19, 9/26, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** This club is for children in grades 2nd-4th. Sit and relax and let's read books together! The book will be provided on the day the club meets. Snacks will be provided. Registration is required.

**Chess Club-Thurs., 9/20, 9/27, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Children grades 2nd-Up can join us for an afternoon playing the game of kings. Registration is required.

**Crazy 8s Club-Fri., 9/21, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** For children 3rd-5th grade. This program is a recreational math club that helps kids enjoy the math behind their favorite activities. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Teens Cook!-Sat., 9/22, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Join us as we learn basic cooking skills to create a healthy and tasty meal. Participants will be able to eat what they prepare. For those entering 7th grade and up. Registration is required.

**Amy McCarroll Afternoon Tea-Sun., 9/23, 2:00-4:00 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.

**Crazy 8s Club Jr.-Mon., 9/24, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** for children K-2nd grade, This program is a recreational math club that helps kids enjoy the math behind their favorite activities. Space is limited, Registration is required.

**What is Autism?-Thurs., 9/27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Join Jessica Leachtweisz from Hope Education Services for a discussion about, "What is autism and how can I help my Child"?

## JUVENILE BUREAU NEWS

The Ridgefield Park Police Department, in cooperation with the Little Ferry Police Department, will be conducting the 14th annual Junior Police Academy Program. The weeklong program will be held from Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29 and will be open to boys and girls who will be completing sixth, seventh or eighth grade in June 2018.

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.

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 will also be available at Ridgefield Park Police Headquarters. Parents may contact Det. Nicholas Triano at [triano@rppd.org](mailto:triano@rppd.org) or Det. Brian Lyons at [blyons@rppd.org](mailto:blyons@rppd.org) for more information.

## AUTISM AND SPECIAL NEEDS DATABASE

The Ridgefield Park Police Department maintains a database on all autistic and special needs residents. The database is voluntary and is designed for families who wish to complete a Hidden Disability Registration Form. The purpose of the database is intended to provide police officers with quick access to important information which can be used to aid in the recovery of a missing autistic person as well as the identification of a located person who may be autistic or have special needs. The information stored in this data base is for police department use only and shall not be shared with the public for any reason. Please contact Lt. Joseph Rella at [jrella@rppd.org](mailto:jrella@rppd.org) for more information.

## NO OVERNIGHT TRUCK PARKING

Village residents are reminded that they are not permitted to park any truck, bus, tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, boat, camper or other motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of more than 5,500 pounds and/or a length of more than 18 feet and/or a height of more than seven feet and/or equipped with more than four tires and/or equipped with any fixed appurtenance on any day of the week on any street within the Village of Ridgefield Park between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. (Village Ordinance 197-10)

## R.P.P.D. SECURITY AWARENESS UPDATE

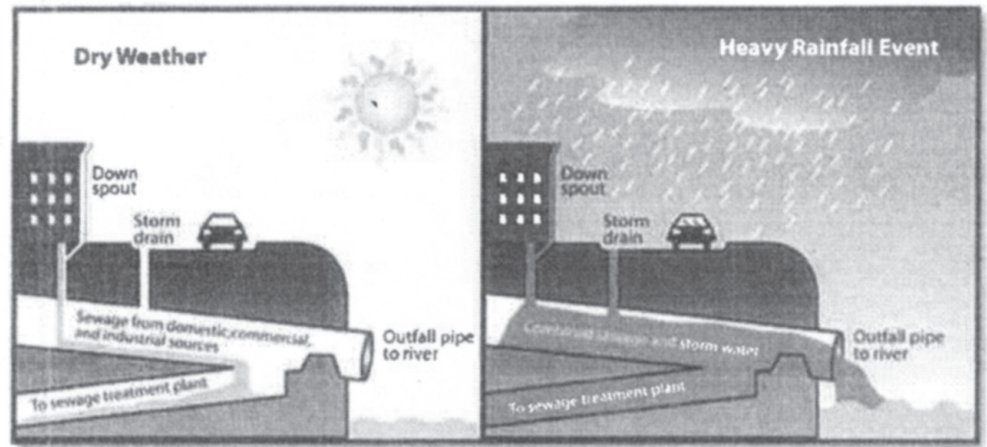
The Ridgefield Park Police Department would like to remind residents to **LOCK** their car doors. With the warm weather approaching, thieves will go out at all times of the day and night to prey on vehicles that are left unlocked. Thieves will go up and down the street, enter driveways and pull on vehicle door handles until they find an unlocked door. The thieves will then enter the vehicle and take anything of value 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.

## 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. Nicholas Triano at [ntriano@rppd.org](mailto:ntriano@rppd.org) or Det. Brian Lyons at [blyons@rppd.org](mailto:blyons@rppd.org) for more information.



## RIDGEFIELD PARK: THE FUTURE OF OUR WATERWAYS IS IN YOUR HANDS

Did you know that the Village of Ridgefield Park, like many older urban areas, has a Combined Sewer System (CSS) that discharges into local waters during heavy rainfall?

Combined Sewer Systems are typically located in older urban areas and were constructed to provide for the transportation of sanitary sewage, industrial discharges and stormwater within the same pipe. The combined sewer systems in these municipalities were designed to transport all sewage flows and some wet weather flows for treatment at the Bergen County Utilities Authority Water Pollution Control Facilities in Little Ferry. The system was also designed to discharge excess flows from the Combined Sewer System owned and operated by these municipalities as a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) discharge into the adjacent waterways. The transport and treatment systems owned and operated by the BCUA have limited capacity and if CSSs were not permitted to overflow, the community would flood with a combination of stormwater and sewage.

The Village of Ridgefield Park has six combined sewer outfalls. Four of these outfalls discharge to the Hackensack River, which is classified as Saline Estuary (SE1) waters. Two outfalls discharge to the Overpeck Creek, which is classified as Saline Estuary (SE2) waters. The designated uses for SE1 waters are primary and secondary contact recreation, and for SE2 waters are secondary contact recreation.

### What can you do to help? SLOW the FLOW

As a community and as an individual you can help reduce the amount of water that enters the Combined Sewer System during wet weather events but this will take a shift

in thinking. In the past, stormwater was treated as a nuisance to be diverted away as quickly as possible. The result was flows in the combined sewer system that frequently exceeded the treatment plant's capacity and overflowed to our rivers.

By taking a few simple and inexpensive steps, such as using rain barrels and planting rain gardens, you can hold some of the rainwater on your property during the storm. The water you retain can be used on your property for watering plants or released to the sewer system gradually during dry weather.

## THE CLEAN WATER ACT ESTABLISHES WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

More than 40 years ago, the Clean Water Act established the goal of making all rivers fishable and swimmable. The Act established water quality criteria for receiving waters as well as a permit system regulating the discharges to the receiving waters. The primary goal of the Clean Water Act was directed at upgrading wastewater treatment plant. As existing treatment plants were upgraded and new treatment plants built, the quality of the receiving waters began improving. Nevertheless, the waterways were still not meeting water quality standards.

In 1995, as part of the EPA CSO Control Policy, all CSO discharges were also brought into the discharge permit system under the General New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Permit for Combined Sewer Systems. The purpose of the permit was to reduce the pollutant loadings of CSOs on the receiving waters.



The village of Ridgefield Park, along with the other CSO communities in the BCUA service area, have been evaluating options to meet the requirements of the current permit. Members of the community have been providing feedback and input into the planning process. More information will be provided as the plans are finalized.

## RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU SLOW THE FLOW

Bergen County Utilities Authority offers a Rain Barrel Incentive Program as well as other tips for reducing the impact of rain water on the combined sewer system.

- Rain-derived Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Program (BCUA) [http://www.bcu.org/index.asp? SEC=37286623-B069-4C00-8F98-A37A7D3EBCD1&Type=B\\_BASIC](http://www.bcu.org/index.asp? SEC=37286623-B069-4C00-8F98-A37A7D3EBCD1&Type=B_BASIC)

- Homeowner's Guide (BCUA) and Rain Barrel Incentive Program [http://www.bcu.org/vertical/sites/%7BF76805AC-71CD-427F-AD9B-9E08876F224A%7D/uploads/II\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.bcu.org/vertical/sites/%7BF76805AC-71CD-427F-AD9B-9E08876F224A%7D/uploads/II_brochure.pdf)

In addition, the Department of Environmental Protection offers information about Green Infrastructure that you can install when making modifications to your property.

- Environmental Protection Agency Green Infrastructure <http://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure>

Ridgefield Park's Green Team also provides education on things that you can do to reduce your impact on the waterways

- The Green Team <https://www.ridgefieldpark.org/green-team>

## 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 [boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org) or calling (201) 641-4950 ext. 610. Information on all Board of Recreation activities is at [www.ridgefieldpark.org](http://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, wrestling 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: [boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org). 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 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 Sports Concussion policy protocol is [www.NJMEL.org](http://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 [boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org) and someone will get back to you shortly.

Please also be on the look-out for registration forms and news from the Board of Recreation on the school district website. A link has been created for community flyers. 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](http://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 to 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, 2018, 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.

Also, for the safety of our youth, background checks are mandatory for anyone coaching a Board of Recreation sponsored activity. If you desire further information on the process for the mandatory background check, please contact the Board of Recreation at: [boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org).

No person will be exempt from a background check,

**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. Fall registration is scheduled for Friday, September 28, 6:00-8:00 and Saturday, September 29, 2018 10:00 a.m. — 12 noon at the DARE Office on the third floor of the Municipal Building,

**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 cell number. Lessons will take place on Fridays, Sessions will run June 22, June 29, July 6, 13, 20. 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 22, June 29, July 6, 13, 20**

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

**T2S Basketball Academy** - The Board of Recreation is sponsoring a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students grades 2-12. 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 and 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](http://www.t2sba.com) or email [t2basketballacademy@gmail.com](mailto:t2basketballacademy@gmail.com), or on Facebook: @train to succeed, or follow T2S on Instagram @t2sbasketballacademy 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 May 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 as well as First Place National Champions in Hershey Park!!

**Acting and Improvisation for Children and Teens**

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

**Summer Classes for all grades. July 10-August 9**

Taught by Rachel Maddock, MA Educational Theatre.

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

For info: Voicemail (201) 641-4950 ext, 610 or email: [boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:boardofrec@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://www.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 pm 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: [boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org). For any information concerning Board of Recreation activities or to get a registration form, please go to [www.ridgefieldpark.org](http://www.ridgefieldpark.org).

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

## RIDGEFIELD PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our second year at the Community Garden located at Fellowship Park and McGowan Park, is off to a busy start.

As you drive by either location, you will notice the addition of new plots which have trellis backs and are stained a blue green color, forming the perimeter of each garden. This year, the gardeners will be maintaining these new plots which will contain a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers. Village residents will be invited to share in this harvest on designated days. The plots without these trellis backs, located on the inner side of each garden are for private use by the members of the community garden.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the community garden can fill out an application and submit it. <https://www.ridgefieldpark.org/community-garden/files/application-deadline-May-15>. Fellowship is full, but we still have space at McGowan, as of this writing. You can also get information from our website on the village website or email us at [communitygarden@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:communitygarden@ridgefieldpark.org) or call Janet at 201-362-4420.

If you want to meet new people, share gardening tips or recipes, harvest some homegrown vegetables, or just like being outdoors, come join us. No gardening experience needed. We look forward to hearing from you.

## THE VILLAGE WILL BE CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY ON WEDNESDAY JULY 4

Ridgefield Park's 124th 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, this website 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

**Go to the concert  
Wednesday night**

Committee at the May 21st meeting.

THE BABY and Youth Parade- (chairman Maureen McElroy) takes place at 9AM corner of Poplar St. and Euclid Avenue. "WE SALUTE THE RIDGEFIELD PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT - PROTECTING AND SERVING OUR VILLAGE FOR 125 YEARS" 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 creative and most of all have fun. You must submit a required registration form to be eligible to participate. The form must be emailed to mam.4thofjuly@gmail.com or mailed to 102 Gordon St. Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660 and be received no later than July 2nd. It is difficult to register the morning of the parade. The 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 Arciuolo) 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 Arciuolo) 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.

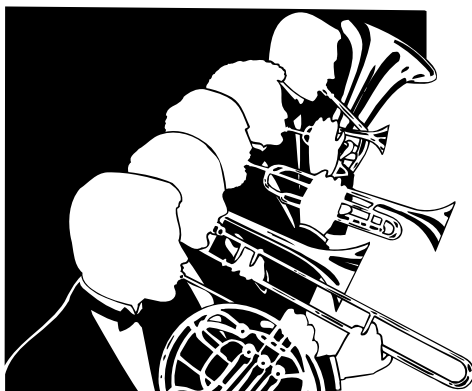
A reminder to all participants in the Main Parade

- 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 ONTO 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 Friday June 29, 2018. Judging will take place after 3PM on Tuesday July 3, 2018. 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, Ridgefield Park 4th of July committee Facebook page

**PROGRAM COVER ART DESIGN CONTEST** This year's entries are from grades 7-12, 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 21st meeting.

#### **JULY 4TH 2018**

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 Infamino, 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.

**Volunteer!**





## 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 26th through June 23rd, and daily from June 25th 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 email: poolcomm@ridgefieldpark.org.

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION

### ARBOR DAY

This year's Arbor Day theme was Beauty of Trees and Their Resilience with elementary school students creating beautiful posters highlighting that theme.

The 39th Annual Arbor Day celebration May 5 at Riverside Park on the Hackensack River featured "America the Beautiful" sung by Connie Campbell Sheehan; the poem "The Heart of the Tree" read by Gianna Terrarosa, a seventh grader at the Ridgefield Park Junior-Senior High School and a cadet member of Girl Scout Troop 2525; and comments by Andy Scheideler Jr. about his father Andy Scheideler Sr, for whom a memorial tree was planted in Friendship Park.

It was a wonderful event where Village residents of all ages, Commissioners, and school administrators gathered to celebrate the trees.

Arbor Day Chairperson Veronica Hanne

presented the cash awards to the poster contest winners whose work will be displayed at the Ridgefield Park Library.

The winners from each school:

### Grant School

1st Prize: Andrew Jung  
2nd Prize: Gabriela Duranona  
3rd Prize: Paul Lugo

### Lincoln School

1st Prize: Jennifer Maddock  
2nd Prize: Alberto Roca  
3rd Prize: Chaherazed Chaki

### Grant School

1st Prize: Samantha Molin  
2nd Prize: Sophia Johnson  
3rd Prize: Gail Sanchez

STC appreciates the efforts of so many who contributed to the program including: Dyan Thiemann, who coordinated the contest among the schools; Eric Koenig Ridgefield Park Junior-Senior High School principal and his students who were judges for the poster contest; Catherine Cole of Office Works Etc. who donated time and materials; Principal Angela Bender and Carol Buljeta Grant School; Principal Joseph Neubert and June Bauernschmidt Lincoln School, and Principal Michael Alberque Roosevelt School whose students created posters; and last but not least the DPW who not only plant the trees in spring but inspect, prune, and remove trees all year round.

Shade Tree Commission members, Flo Muller, George Gosen, Marsha Rosen, Virginia Pizzuta, Veronica Hanne, Kerstin Keyser, Kate Spontak, secretary Linda Quinn, and Commissioner John Anlian, thank everyone who participated and encourage others to join the STC.

### SPRING PLANTING

The DPW planted 60 trees around the Village; enjoy them! Species selected for 2018 are serviceberry, hackberry, red oak, black gum, Japanese pagoda, higan cherry, and zelkova. The DPW will fill the gator bags in the summer but if a tree needs water, please add some if you can. Tree mulching is good...limits weeds, retains moisture, protects trunks from weed whacker and lawn-mower damage, but mulch should only be three inches deep and not touching the tree.

### SIDEWALKS

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



completed forms to the STC to initiate inspection.

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

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

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 site. You will be contacted after a STC meeting; the STC meets on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 pm in the third floor conference room.

### REMINDERS

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

"The Heart of the Tree" written by Henry Cuyler Bunner and read by Gianna Terrarosa

*What does he plant who plants a tree?*

*He plants a friend of sun and sky:*

*He Plants the flag of breezes free:*

*The shaft of beauty, towering high;*

*He plants a home to heaven anigh;*

*For song and mother-croon of bird*

*In hushed and happy twilight heard-*

*The treble of heaven's harmony-*

*These things he plants who plants a tree.*

## BOARD OF HEALTH

### Ordinance 123-10

The code of the Village of Ridgefield Park requires ALL dogs and cats be licensed by the Health Department. Violators are subject to fines.

## RIDGEFIELD PARK ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Ridgefield Park Arts Association (formerly known as the Creative Team) is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to promoting and supporting the creative arts in our community. By producing and supporting high quality events, projects and activities involving music, painting, sculpture, dance, handcrafts and other forms of artistic expression, the association aims to make Ridgefield Park a beautiful and vibrant destination for arts and culture.

Over the past year, the association has produced exceptional music concerts featuring prominent, world-class musicians including village residents Frank Donaruma, Atsuko Sato and Karen Purpura. The association was also hired by the Ridgefield Park Green Team to help them select an artist who will create our first public sculpture that will be located in the center of the Community Garden in McGowan Park. Sunny Shin, a member of the association and owner of Art Mora Gallery (222 Main St.) reviewed the portfolios of dozens of artists from all over the world to help determine which artists would be considered for the project. In March and April, the sculpture designs were on display for community feedback at the public library, Civic Center, Jr./Sr. High School and First Presbyterian Church. We expect to install the sculpture sometime this summer or fall.

On June 30th, 2018 the association will be hosting a dance fundraising event featuring Brian Poniatowski, winner of the hit reality television series, "So You Think You Can Dance." The event will allow children (ages 10-12), teenagers and adults of all ages to learn a fun and easy dance routine from Brian. Watch out for posters and flyers that will be distributed around town (and in Little Ferry and Bogota) by students from the Ridgefield Park Jr./Sr. High School as a community service project.

If you would like more information about the Ridgefield Park Arts Association or would like to volunteer, please email us at RidgefieldParkArts@gmail.com or call Giselle at 201-310-3098.

## SUMMER REC

For over 85 years Ridgefield Park has offered a Summer Rec Program for the children of the village. What started as a small program offering a few hours of recreation and crafts during the summer recess has morphed into an affordable, full-day program to accommodate the needs of working parents. Children from RP and surrounding towns participate in recreational activities, crafts, educational programs and twice weekly pool visits.

Summer Rec Program employs many local teachers, college & high school students. The program runs from June 25-August 3 and offers full-day and half-day sessions at affordable prices. Director Daina Scheideler attended the program as a child and started as a student counselor while in high school. She has been working with the program for 24 years. Daina can be reached at: 551-404-2418 or rpsummerrec@gmail.com

For information check the website: <https://sites.google.com/site/rpsummerrec/home> or the Ridgefield Park Summer Recreation Facebook page.

## EARTH DAY/GREEN FAIR CELEBRATION

The Environmental Commission and Green Team held the Annual Earth Day/Green Fair Celebration at Riverfront Park on May 5, 2018. The event started with an Arbor Day Ceremony hosted by the Shade Tree Commission.

Information tables from many organizations such as the Hackensack Riverkeeper, BCUA, Community Garden, DPW, Girl Scouts, Green Team, Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Commission, Master gardeners, Mosquito Control, Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Tenafly Nature Center, Wanda Canoe Club and the Nature Preserve, to name a few, were available for all to find out information on our environment. The Environmental Commission, Green Team, Community Garden and Shade Tree Commission presented tables to inform and educate the public of what programs are available in the Village,

The first live show of the day was Mad Science, an Interactive and entertaining science show, where the audience got to explore all the amazing sciences of the earth.

Two wildlife shows were presented by the Tenafly Nature Center. The first show

was Endangered NJ, a live animal show. Presenters taught about the major factors that threaten animals with endangerment and extinction worldwide. Through use of artifacts and live animals, participants learned the status of select native New Jersey fauna. The audience was made aware of New Jersey's over 60 endangered species, and how they can help prevent threats to local wildlife.

The second show presented by Tenafly Nature Center was Rapp'n with Raptors Show. The audience got to observe several live raptors up close and learn about their behavior, physiology, adaptations, ecological importance and natural history. Hands-on artifacts and demonstrations captured the imagination of young and old.

The day continued with hands-on fun at the Dirt on Garbage Booth! Interactive tables that allowed young students to explore the dirt on garbage! Students were able to explore landfills and create some of their very own Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! Students explored the many ways we can help our planet starting right at home!

Some exhibits and activities were continuous throughout the day. **BATS, BATS, BATS** - Throughout the world, bats have been misunderstood and persecuted, causing a serious decline in bat population. The program "BATS, BATS, BATS!" was established to bring this matter to the public's attention VIA A VERBAL LECTURE, SLIDE PRESENTATION & LIVE BATS! Visitors learned why bats are now being protected because of their vital role in virtually every environment on earth, for example, their importance in insect maintenance and rainforest regeneration. Joe D'Angeli helped to dispel the many myths of these most important nocturnal creatures.

Two fun activities enjoyed by all were fishing with the Hudson River Fisherman's Association and boat rides with the Hackensack Riverkeeper. A face painter provided free face painting for the kids visiting the celebration. Tasty snacks were prepared by Troop 3 Boy Scouts and Mark Rust provided the musical entertainment for the day. A free shuttle bus provided transportation throughout the Village. The class with the best attendance from each of the RP elementary schools was treated to an ice cream party courtesy of the Environmental Commission. There was a little something for everyone at our Earth Day celebration. It was a great opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate and enjoy the environment where we live.



**FULL  
DAY**

*The Village of Ridgefield Park*

now offers an

★ **AFFORDABLE**

★ **FULL DAY**

## **Summer Recreation Program**

In an effort to provide an affordable solution to meet the needs of the community, Ridgefield Park has expanded its Summer Recreation to a **FULL DAY** program that includes:  
Longer hours, STEM Programing and a weekly ART Activity Program.

The program will run from 8:30am-5:30pm Monday-Friday for 6 weeks from June 25 through August 3, 2018



### **FULL DAY Option:**

8:30am-5:30pm

**RP Residents** - \$690 for the full 6 week program

-or-

\$115 per week

**Out of Town Residents**- \$840 for the full 6 week program

-or-

\$140 per week

### **1/2 DAY Option:**

**Mornings**-8:30 am– 1:00pm or **Afternoons**-1:00pm-5:30pm

**RP Residents**- \$345 for the full 6 week program-**1/2 day**

-or-

\$57.50 per week-**1/2 day**

**Out of Town Residents**-\$420 for the full 6 week program-**1/2 day**

-or-

\$70 per week-**1/2 day**

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* 4 year old program 8:30am-1pm only \$345 for 6 weeks -or- \$57.50 per week**

Adult and high school counsellors oversee daily activities with campers, who are grouped according to age.

All employees take the required MEL Safety Institute training and some are CPR certified.

The program includes twice a week pool visits, games & activities, theme days and competitions.

Indoor space has been arranged at the High School for daily use.

Children must bring their own lunch, drinks & snacks-refrigeration is available.

### **INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

Wednesday April 18th and Wednesday May 9th

6:30-7:30pm

Municipal Building—234 Main Street-3rd Floor

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration deadline June 1, 2018

Late registration June 2-June 8 = \$50 LATE FEE

NO Registrations after June 8th

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@ RidgefieldParkSummerRecreation



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## *Imagine life without a Department of Public Works (DPW)...*

Who would pick up your garbage and trash? Or run the recycling center? Who would maintain the parks and fields that your children use? Who would take care of all the public buildings like the Municipal Building/Police Station, Ambulance & Rescue Squad buildings, and Civic Center? What would happen when it snows? And how about clean-up after a big storm that knocks down trees -who would take care of that? Let's not forget about the sanitation/sewer systems!

DPW workers are the unsung heroes of many small towns. Most citizens never give a thought to the work that needs to be done to keep a town running. Most towns like Ridgefield Park have a small staff of hard working employees who often times work on holidays in an effort to keep things running smoothly. Let's work together to keep Ridgefield Park a community we are all proud of. If you have a concern, please call the office at 201-440-4860.



**Recycling Center hours are Monday through Saturday, 9am-12 noon.**

**Please do not arrive after 12.**

**Even if the gates are open-it may not be safe for you to enter.**



The following items are NOT picked up at the curb-You may bring these items to the Recycling Center:

- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Car batteries (regular batteries go in household garbage)
- Used cooking oil
- Antifreeze
- Motor oil and oil filters
- Propane Tanks
- Paint Cans
- Helium Tanks

**On July 4<sup>th</sup> our DPW employees are working to make things run smoothly for the village.**  
**There will be NO Wednesday pick-up of Recycling/Cardboard or White Goods until July 11.**  
**Please do your part and remember to properly dispose of your garbage.**

**YARD WASTE** is picked up at the curb the night before collection.

- Mt. Vernon & South is picked up on Mondays
- North of Mt. Vernon is picked up on Tuesdays

Yard waste consists of weeds, grass clippings, branches twigs and clippings from bushes and flowers. Branches should be cut into 4 foot lengths and tied into bundles. NO DIRT OR ROCKS! It must be placed in a dump able container (35 lb. limit) or a brown bag. Please DO NOT dump yard waste in the street.



**Please remember to rinse out your trash/recycling cans regularly.**  
**Dirty receptacles are unsanitary and attract pests!**  
**Your Garbage crew thanks you!**

## **DON'T FORGET...**



You must call in the following items for **"White Goods"** collection by Tuesday for Wednesday collection.

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|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| • Tires        | • Treadmills       | • Stoves            |
| • Bicycle      | • Air Conditioners | • Refrigerators     |
| • Lawnmowers   | • TVs              | • Dishwashers       |
| • Snow Blowers | • Computers        | • Hot Water Heaters |
| • BBQ Grills   | • Printers         | • Washers/Dryers    |

Your address will be added to a list. Place your items at the curb on Tuesday night and a special truck will pick-up on Wednesday morning starting at 6am. Call 201-440-4860



**Mark your Calendars ... Paper Shredding, Saturday October 27 9am-1pm @ DPW**