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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the newsletter will no longer be distributed to every residence. The scouts and other local organizations are no longer able to provide this service and the postal and other distribution costs are prohibitive. We will be furnishing newsletters to the Municipal Building, Library, Civic Center and other locations where they can be picked up. Further, many residents now get their information on the internet. For current information about Village activities and events, we invite you to log on to the www.ridgefieldpark.org website for current updates. We also invite Village clubs and organizations to submit their own activities for posting. Further, the Village bulletin board, donated by the Rotary Club, in front of the Municipal Building continues to be a source for community information. All of us are adjusting to the lack of a local newspaper.

The Board of Commissioners is currently engaged in preparing the 2018 Village Budget which will not be finalized until mid-year following actions by the State Government in Trenton. We anticipate that the Village Budget will continue to represent about 1/3 of the total property tax bill, with the School and County budgets making up the remainder,

Springtime is always a time of renewal. We encourage everyone to clean-up, fix-up, paint-up. We are a community of older homes and buildings, all requiring "TLC" (Tender Loving Care). Let's all do our part and help keep Ridgefield Park beautiful.

Commissioner John H. Anlian
Commissioner Theresa A. Kohles
Commissioner Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner Hugo R. Poli
Mayor George D. 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:

March	8 and 22
April	5 and 19
May	3 and 17
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:

March	13 and 27
April	10 and 24
May	8 and 22
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 May 3, 2018 will begin at approx. 6:00 PM. 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 50/50s, tricky

trays, basket raffles, bingo, casino nights, or any other type of raffle must register with the State of New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Commission to obtain an Identification Number. **Only After obtaining this ID number can you apply for a raffle license.**

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

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

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

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Property Tax Payments can now be made online using a debit/credit card, or your bank account information. There will be convenience fees charged for this service. The convenience fee is charged by the provider and not the Village. To make a payment, visit the Village website: www.ridgefieldpark.org and click on the link: "Make online property tax payments"

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

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

NEW WEBSITE

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

**STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS
IN CROSSWALKS!**

@ YOUR LIBRARY

Book and Bake Sale

The Friends of the Library's semi-annual Book and Bake Sale will be held **4/19** to **4/21**! Books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, and home baked sweets at bargain prices with proceeds benefitting the Friends of the Library. The library will begin accepting donations of gently used materials for sale on **4/1**. Please do not donate magazines, encyclopedias, outdated non-fiction, or materials that are in poor condition. Those interested in volunteering to help with the book sale should call the library at 201-641-0689.

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.

Job Searching, Computer Skills, Meditation and More!

In the ongoing effort to provide our community with opportunities to take advantage of various forms of education and self-improvement, your library is offering a variety of programs to suit the needs of our villagers. Monday nights, Ridgefield Park resident Ariane will be holding meditation classes. Tuesday mornings, the library's Reference Area will be hosting Computer Classes on a variety of subjects. And on **4/4** and **5/2**, we will be offering lectures on money management and career makeovers. For more information, please contact the library or visit the library's webpage at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org

Libraries Rock 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! We have a wide variety of reading incentives and prizes to give away, 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 **6/21** for children and young adults, and **6/25** for adults,

Program Highlights

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

This is also where program registrations are accepted.

Musical Me!-Mon., 4/2, 11:00 a.m. Children ages 2-K will enjoy a story and a craft while learning about 88 keys, and 88 sounds. Registration is required, limited space.

Spring Break Movies-Mon., 4/2; Tues., 4/3; Wed., 4/4; Fri., 4/6, 2:00 p.m. Looking for something to do during the school break? We will be showing child friendly movies and supplying free popcorn. Feel free to bring your own favorite snacks.

Meditation-Mon., 4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7:00 p.m. Ridgefield Park resident Ariane will be holding meditation classes here every Monday evening. Please wear comfortable clothing. This is a drop-in program so no registration is required.

Basic Computer Classes-Tues., 10:00-11:00 am. Register through the online calendar.

4/3, 4/10, 4/24 Back to Basics: Introducing Powerpoint - Learn how to create a presentation, copy and paste, insert images, and more.

5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 Back to Basics: Introducing Excel - Learn how to create a worksheet, enter date, and much more!

6/15, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26 Computer Q&A- Can't figure out how to attach that family picture to an email? Not sure why your resume keeps printing out oddly? Bring your questions to this session and let your local librarian help.

The Four Cornerstones to Your Financial Future—Wed., 4/4, 7:00 p.m.

Ridgefield Park resident Niraj X. Chhabra will do a presentation on budgeting, retirement planning, tax-strategies, education planning, planning for aging parents and estate planning as well as solutions on how to overcome them. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited so please register early at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call the library.

Knights of the Reading Table-Wed. 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 5/30, 6/13, 6/20, 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 7th grade and up. Registration required.

Movies for the Over 18 Crowd - Thurs., 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, 2:00 p.m. Stop by the library, check our website calendar at www.ridgefieldpubliclibrary.org or call to see what films will be playing on these dates, All movies are on Thursday starting at 2:00 pm. Come, enjoy a free movie with coffee, tea and donuts.

Earth Day Celebration-Sat., 4/7, 1:00 p.m. Village residents are invited to learn the importance of caring for our planet by growing their own beautiful flowers and by making dirt pudding. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Teen Tutoring and Homework Help for Kids!-Mon., 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 6/4, Wed., 4/11, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 3:30-4:00 p.m. Teens help elementary school kids with homework and/or reading. Space is limited. Registration is required.

YA Game Day-Tues. 4/10, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 3:30-5:00p.m. Teens gather at the library for video games, board games, card games, snacks, and socializing. Bring a friend! For 7th grade and up.

Friends of the Library-Tues., 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7:00 p.m. Join the Friends to discuss upcoming programs and projects and socialize over refreshments. New Friends are always welcome.

Teen Short Story Club-Wed. 4/11, 5/9, 6/6, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Each month talk about your favorite short story and author over snacks, Each short story collection available at circulation the month before each meeting, For 7th grade and up. Registration required.

April: Up All Night

May: Because You Love to Hate Me: 13 Tales of Villainy

June: Summer Days and Summer Nights: Twelve Love Stories

Coloring for Kids-Wed., 4/11, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Village residents from 4th grade to adults can learn how to crochet this spring. Make something for yourself or give it to someone special. Beginners are welcome. Registration is required.

Chess Club-Thurs., 4/12, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Village children 2nd-6th grade, join us for an afternoon playing the game of kings. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Teen Art @ the Library-Thurs. 4/12, 5/10, 6/14, 3:30-5:00 pm Every month learn a new art technique and take home a project you create. For 7th grade and up. Registration required.

Keep It Real Club-Fri., 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 4:00-5:00 p.m. This program is for village children in 2nd & 3rd grade with a focus on discussing non-fiction books and a corresponding craft. Registration and valid library card required for each session. April: Earth Day May: Pet Care June: Bubblegum

Wonderful Working Worms!-Wed., 4/25, 4:00-4:30 p.m. A traveling composting bin, complete with red worms, which explores the world of composting and examines the difference between worm composting (which can be done indoors) and outdoor composting. Classroom teachers will be able to request worms from this bin after our presentation, in order to begin their own "worm bin." It is sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities Authority. For Village Children 4th -8th grade. Registration is required.

Teen Graphic Novel Club- Wed. 4/25, 5/16, 6/13, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Each month meet and talk about what you liked or disliked for the month's selection. Copies of the book will be available at circulation the month before each meeting. For 7th grade and up. Registration required.

April: *Relish: My Life in the Kitchen* by Lucy Knisley

May: *Wires and Nerves* by Marissa Meyer and Doug Holgate

June: *Cast No Shadow* by Nick Tapalansky and Anissa Espinosa

Roxy the Recycling Raccoon-Thurs., 4/26, 4:00-4:30 p.m., Through the use of a raccoon puppet, shadow boxes, a garbage can and a recycling box children experience a visual and verbal explanation as to what materials can and should be recycled. Students become "garbage detectives" in order to help Roxy the Recycling Raccoon eliminate recyclables in the garbage. It is sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities

Authority. For Village Children in 3rd grade, Registration is required,

Coder Dojo-Thurs., 4/26, 5/24, 7:00-9:00 p.m. 9 to 17 year olds gather to work with volunteer mentors on learning and practicing coding (programming). Space is limited. Registration for each session is required.

Adult Book Club-Mon. 4/30, 5/21, 6/25, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Join us the last Monday of the month for a fun and lively discussion of our book club pick.

April: *Hotel du Lac* by Anita Bruckner

May: *The City & The City* by China Miéville

June: *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier
Spanish Storytime-Mon., 4/30, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Es una hora de cuentos para los niños en III biblioteca de Ridgefield Park Public Library! Bring your whole family out to enjoy a story & craft that supports early literacy development and help foster a love of books and reading. Sharing the wonders of books with your family helps increase children's learning and reading skills. For children up to age 7 and their parents or caregivers. This program includes a story in Spanish and English. Registration is required.

Career Makeover, Mindset Makeover. Building the foundation for a new YOU-Wed., 5/2, 7:00 p.m. This seminar will focus on creating a success mindset, creating goals that matter, looking at areas in your life that need attention and overcoming fears and limiting beliefs. This program is sponsored by Cleanscape Commercial Cleaning Corp. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited so please register early at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call the library.

Inright Mars Lander Launch-Sat., 5/5, 11:00 a.m. Join us for a celebration of the launch of Inright Mars Lander, the first mission to explore Mars' deep interior. Open to readers grades K-12th. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Biblio-Con 2018-Sat. 5/5, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Teens can come in dressed up as their favorite characters from books, movies, comics, or whatever else they can imagine for an afternoon of games, snacks, trivia, crafts, and a truly terrible film. Registration is required.

Mother's Day Craft-Tues., 5/8, 7:00 p.m. Open for Village children ages 5 through 12. Create an awesome card and special gift for a special lady in your life. Registration is required.

Fun with Legos!-Sat., 5/19, 1:00-2:00

pm. Village children will use our Legos to let their imaginations run wild. We will display their creations at the library.

What to do With All That Stuff-Tues., 5/22, 7:00 p.m. If you can't see your table under all the papers and have boxes of photographs to sort, then run don't walk to this de-cluttering comedy show! Join Organizing Humorist and bestselling author Jamie Novak as she shares her laugh-out-loud funny approach for what to do with all the stuff. Seating is limited so please register early at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call the library.

Anime Daze-Thurs. 5/24, 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 7th grade and up.

Are you Ready for a Career Makeover?-Wed., 6/6, 7:00 p.m. An opportunity to hear from experts in marketing, finance, and HR about taking the leap into a new job or career. Everything from writing a resume to picking out clothes for an interview to negotiating for more money. This program is sponsored by Cleanscape Commercial Cleaning Corp. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited so please register early at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call the library.

Fire Safety-Thurs., 6/7, 4:00 p.m.; Thurs., 6/14, 11:00 a.m.; Thurs., 6/28, 11:00 a.m. In honor of National Safety Month, fireman Andrew J. Scheideler, Jr. will be visiting the Children's Department for discussions on fire safety, music and stories, For all Village children up until 6th grade. Registration is required.

6/7: 4th-6th Grade

6/14: Infants-2-year olds

6/28: K-3rd Grade

Fire Safety-6/14, at 11:00 a.m. Young families with infant to 2 year olds can join us with fireman Andrew J. Scheideler, Jr. for music and discussion on fire safety. Registration is required.

Fire Safety-6/28, at 11:00 a.m. Village children grades K - 3rd grade can join us with fireman Andrew J. Scheideler, Jr. for a story on fire safety. Registration is required.

Grand Event!-Sat., 6/16, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Open for village children ages 5 through 12. Spend some time with a special man in your life playing a virtual bowling game. He could be your dad, uncle or a person who means a lot to you. Hot dogs and chips will be served, so bring him with you. Space is limited, Registration is required.

Bridging Party-Thurs. 6/21, 2:00-3:00

pm. For all students entering the 7th grade this fall, come meet the YA librarian, get a tour of library and enjoy ice cream sundaes! Registration is required.

Kid's Movie Matinee Fri., 6/22, 10:00 a.m. Let's start the summer rocking. We will be showing child friendly movies and supplying juice and donuts. Feel free to bring your own favorite snacks.

Summer Reading Libraries Rock Kickoff-Sat., 6/23, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm, Stop by and learn about the summer reading program. We will have face-painting, balloons, tattoos and giveaways for children of all ages up to 6th grade who sign up.

Libraries Rock Reading Program for Children-Mon., 6/25 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Registration begins 6/23, but you can sign up any time during the summer. Children will get a Summer Reading kit to aide in their summer reading. Our main goal is to help you maintain and improve your child's reading level, and have fun doing it. There will be a weekly drawing for prizes and there are incentive prizes to keep them reading all summer. Reading is a skill your child will need to succeed. Let us help them have fun practicing. This is for village children of all ages up to 6th grade,

"Libraries Rock" Adult Summer Reading Program-Mon., 6/25, The theme for this year's Adult Summer Reading program is "Libraries Rock." So come on down and sign up for the adult summer reading program. There will be lots of rocking and roll going on at the library. The first twenty-five people to sign up will receive a surprise gift. There will be movies, weekly drawings for prizes, and special programs to choose from. There WILL be NO book discussion groups, meetings to attend, or logs to keep just plenty of books to read and programs to attend if you wish. Registration for the program starts **6/25** but you may sign up any time during the summer. Don't get left out, grab a flyer at the library, or check our website www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org. This program is free and open to village residents over 18 years of age.

Rizzo's Wildlife Discovery-Tues., 6/26, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Celebrate the beginning of the summer reading program with a special guest, Rizzo and his animal friends. Summer reading registration will be available before and after the program at 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Islands of New York City-Wed., 6/27, 7:00 p.m. Lecturer and presenter Mario Medici will do a photo presentation, with commentary on historic landmarks, archi-

ture, history, and art of Governors Island and Roosevelt Island in New York City. There will be a Q and A after the presentation. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited so please register early at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org, or call the library.

Library's Rock Mystery Party-Thurs. 6/28, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Kick off Summer Reading with a special mystery dinner party. Guests get to solve a mystery while in disguise! Open to students going into 7th grade and up. Registration is required.



BOARD OF RECREATION

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

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

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:

Acting and Improvisation Grades K-12

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

Classes now forming for the Summer Session for all grades. Taught by Rachel Maddock, MA Educational Theatre. On-going Registration. Registration forms available at the Clerk's office or on-line. For info: Voicemail (201) 641-4950 ext. 610, Email: rpboardofrec@gmail.com or visit www.ridgefieldpark.org.

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

Adult Women's Slow-Pitch Softball - Completed registration packets are due by March 31. The season begins in May and runs through July. All women 18 years of age and older (including out-of-towners) are eligible to play in this league. Late registrations should be immediately dropped off at the Village Clerk's Office, Registration fee is \$90.00 per player (with shirt).

Easter Egg Hunt - The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. SHARP at Veteran's Park. Line up at 9:45 a.m. on the Preston Street side of the high school. Prizes will be awarded and the Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet the children. All children up to Grade 6 are invited to participate. The Easter Egg Hunt is a rain or shine (or snow!) event. Don't forget a basket to carry your eggs! Please remember this is a dog-free park and dogs are not permitted to enter the park.

Tennis - The Board of Recreation

sponsors a tennis program run by Barry Rubach. Registration forms are distributed in the schools. The program is available for RP residents/students or those attending school in RP. Barry Rubach runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff.

Session 1 April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5

Session 2 May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16

2:00 - 3:00 pm — 6 - 7 years old

3:00 - 4:00 pm — 8 - 10 years old

4:00 - 5:00 pm — 11 years old and up

For more information, call Barry Rubach at 201-568-3946 or go to www.allprotennis.net or email barrys10s@gmail.com. Sessions run from the spring through fall.

T2S Basketball - The Board sponsors a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students in grades 2-12 run by T2S Basketball Academy. There is ongoing registration at www.t2sba.com for registration online using the registration tab on the website. For further information, interested people can email t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy or follow T2S on instagram for updates on scheduled training sessions, packages and locations.

All Board of Recreation meetings are open to the public. They are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building on the third floor in the Dare Room. Anyone with any questions, comments or suggestions is more than welcome to attend any meeting. Anyone needing to speak to the Board of Recreation may call (201) 641-4950 ext. 610 and leave a message on the voice mail. If you wish to send a letter, please address it to the Board of Recreation at 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park. For any information concerning Board of Recreation activities or to get a registration form, please go to www.ridgefieldpark.org. If you prefer to send an email, the email address for the Board of Recreation is rpboardofrec@gmail.com.

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



FIRE SAFETY

Welcoming Spring comes with some reminders to keep your home fire safe. The plants may be budding and the trees may be in bloom and you may be looking to do some “Spring Cleaning.” Here are a few safety tips:

- Remove stored newspaper and other unnecessary rubbish from your garage that can fuel a fire.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, flashlights and any other emergency equipment.
- Maintain your smoke alarms by gently vacuuming them as needed.
- Replace smoke alarms every ten years or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Keep outdoor debris away from the house.
- Any stored gasoline should be kept in small quantities, outside of the home in a shed or detached garage and in tightly sealed containers.

Backyard barbeque safety

Outside grilling can be a welcome sight and here are some tips to help assure your cookouts are memorable for the right reasons.

- Keep your grill well away from siding, deck railings, and overhangs.
- Do not place the grill in heavy foot traffic areas or play areas,
- Consider the area around the grill a “kid-free” zone until the grill has completely cooled off, much like the stove in your house,
- Use long handled grilling utensils to keep the heat away from the chef while cooking.
- Use proper starting fluid and keep it out of reach of children and away from heat sources if you have a charcoal grill. Never substitute any other combustible liquid to start coals. This is extremely dangerous and can cause a disastrous outcome.
- Apply starter fluid directly to the coals

then reseal and put the can away before lighting the coals.

- With propane grills, check the cylinder and hose for leaks.
- When you have finished cooking, keep an eye on the grill until it has completely cooled.

Final thought, gas and charcoal grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases such as carbon monoxide.

Have a safe and happy Spring from the staff of the Bureau of Fire Prevention.



JOHN B. DAVIS POOL

Although the thermometer may be dipping into freezing 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 Street 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 26 through June 23 and daily from June 25 through September 3. 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 full membership.

Anyone interested in information regarding membership fees or rules and regulations, please contact us at 201-641-4950 x100, or visit us at www.ridgefieldpark.org/poolcommish.html

Don't miss out on the summer fun! You can also visit the pool for one of our Open Houses.

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

**WHEN WALKING AROUND
THE VILLAGE — DON'T BE A
ZOMBIE! SMILE! SAY HELLO
TO PASSERSBY!**

Save a life and learn to swim this summer at the
John B. Davis Municipal pool
Located at Hobart Street and Overpeck Avenue in Ridgefield Park

OPEN HOUSE

Good for ONE FREE ADMISSION VISIT to

The John B. Davis Pool
Valid Sunday, June 3 or Saturday,
June 9 ONLY!
12 noon – 3pm

Proof Of Residency is required for admission. Swim lessons and a five week swim team are available to pool members. Swim lessons are also available to non-members, as well as (14 year old and older) student memberships with parental permission, see pool manager for details.

Also this summer — extended hours
June 25–July 27 M-F till 8:30 pm!

Persons under 14 years old MUST be accompanied by an adult for admission on The Open House dates. Passes cannot be reproduced or duplicated.

Please go to www.ridgefieldpark.org for applications and further information.

COMMUNITY GARDEN SEASON 2!

After a successful first season, we are getting ready for our second season. If you haven't seen our gardens, they are located in Fellowship and McGowan Parks. Ridgefield Park residents, groups, businesses and Green Team members are eligible to join the garden. We do not charge for the use of the plot, but ask for donation of time to help maintain the common areas and participate in garden activities.

This year, we are adding a new feature; each garden is surrounded by plots which have a trellis back. The inner plots without a trellis are for the gardeners' personal use and the trellised plots surrounding the gardens are for Village residents to enjoy. The trellised plots, which will be called public plots, will contain vegetables, herbs and flowers which will be maintained by the gardeners. Once the plants mature, there will be public picking days at each location. Those days will be announced and garden-



ers will be at each location to guide and/or assist with picking.

For information, email RPCCommunityGarden@gmail.com or call Janet at 201-362-4420. Applications are available online at www.ridgefieldpark.org/Community-Garden and also in the Municipal Building lobby.

Plots and locations are assigned on a first come basis. If you are considering gardening with us, please apply as soon as possible. No experience is necessary. Just come join the fun!

RIDGEFIELD PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 Junior Police Academy will be a five day program and will be open to boys and girls who will be completing sixth, seventh or eighth grade in June 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.

The program is tentatively scheduled to run sometime in late June or early July. Applicants must be permanent residents of the Village of Ridgefield Park. Twenty five juveniles from Ridgefield Park and twenty five juveniles from Little Ferry will be chosen to participate in the program. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The applications

will be distributed through the school system and will also be available at Ridgefield Park Police Headquarters in March 2018. Parents can contact Det. Nicholas Triano at ntriano@rppd.org or stop in at police headquarters with any questions or concerns you may have.

Fundraising Update

The Ridgefield Park Police Department and PBA Local 86 would like to extend our gratitude to all Village residents and businesses who generously donated to our annual fund drive mailing. Please be reminded that PBA Local 86 and the Ridgefield Park Police Department Goodwill are the only organizations connected to our department. We absolutely do not solicit donations by telephone under any circumstances. Any requests for donations from any other police organizations should be carefully scrutinized. Please contact police headquarters at (201) 641-6400 if you have any questions or uncertainties.

Motorized Scooters (GO-PEDS)

No person, except for an operator with a mobility-related disability, shall operate a motorized scooter upon any public street, highway or sidewalk. Additionally, no person shall operate a motorized scooter on the property of another without the consent of the owner of that property or the person who has a contractual right to the use of that property. (39:414.12)

Fraud Alerts

Tax season is upon us and many Village residents have received fraudulent phone calls from the Internal Revenue Service. We would like to remind residents to be cautious when dealing with individuals soliciting private information via the telephone or internet. If you are unsure if the call is legitimate, ask for a contact name and information and inform the caller that you will be in touch with them at a later date and time. As with anything that may concern you, the police department cannot assist you in your time of need if we are unaware that a problem exists. Please do not hesitate to contact the police department at any time, regarding any matter where you feel we could be of assistance.

Gypsy and Contractor Scams

Gypsy scams are incidents that occur mostly during daylight hours in which the actors will literally walk right into someone's residence for the purpose of stealing money or jewelry. Often the resident is either in or near the residence or is talked



RP SUMMER RECREATION

STAY TUNED!

Ridgefield Park Summer Recreation is gearing up for the 2018 season.

Programs are held at RPHS & Veterans Park

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:30pm

Full and 1/2 day programs available

2018 season information coming soon to the website. <https://sites.google.com/site/rpsummerrec>



JULY 4th IN THE VILLAGE IS TRULY AN AMERICAN TRADITION!

The Ridgefield Park Fourth of July Citizens Committee's Chairman John Tymon and committee members have begun the preparations for the 124th Fourth of July Celebration. We begin the day's celebration at 7:30 am with the reading of the Declaration of Independence at the monument (Euclid/Mt Vernon St), then the raising of the American Flag, and end with the awards ceremony at Brewster Park after the Main Parade.

GRAND MARSHAL - Chairmen Mercedes and John Haines have posted on the Village website a form to be used to nominate a resident for Grand Marshal of the 124th Celebration. The June issue of the Village Newsletter will have information about the Grand Marshal or Marshals that was selected. **Please look around your neighborhood, at your club or organization meeting, in your church, at your school, when you are shopping in town, and see who can be honored for their contributions to the Village today, yesterday, or many years ago.**

HOME AND BUSINESS DECORATING CONTEST - Chairman, Alice Brown, requires a registration form for you to enter the contest. They will be available the beginning of June.

PROGRAM COVER ART CONTEST - This year students in grades 7th-12th attending Ridgefield Park Schools will be eligible

to participate in this contest. The entry is to be original and drawn free hand not to be computer generated. The 1st Place winner's entry will be on the front cover and the 2nd Place on the inside of back cover.

MAIN PARADE - Chairman Russell Papay has an entry form on the website which is needed for your organization to participate in the parade. The Grand Marshal, who is selected by the Fourth of July Citizens's Committee at their May meeting, will lead the parade. Russell and his parade marshals do a great job in keeping the parade organized and moving along the parade route,

BABY AND YOUTH PARADE - Chairman Maureen Mc Elroy will have the required registration forms available online in March also in June, they will also be in the Municipal Building and in the Library, **THE FORM IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PARADE.** The parade consists of six divisions, one division is for participants from other towns, and one for children on their personally decorated bicycles. There are divisions for decorated everything, wagons, carriages, small and large floats. The youngest child from RIDGEFIELD PARK, who is in the parade, will receive an award.

THE THEME FOR THIS PARADE WILL BE ONLINE AND IN JUNE NEWSLETTER

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

THE RIDGEFIELD PARK FOURTH OF JULY CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE INVITES INTERESTED RESIDENTS TO JOIN OUR COMMITTEE TO BRING NEW IDEAS TO KEEP THIS TRADITION ALIVE.

THE COMMITTEE IS:

John Tymon, Dayle Roberts, Barbara McCoy, Karen Fosdick, Commissioner John Anlian, Russell Papay, Maureen McElroy, Eileen McElroy, Dianne Barbieri, Donna Arciuolo, Jean Lennart, Lucille Waggoner, Sonny Yotka, Mercedes and John Haines, Marge Sellen, Kevin Coyle, Donald Jump, Lisa Infantino, Capt. Charlie Gneiding, Alice Brown, Howard Hendricks, Leslie Olsen, and Loretta Vorhees. We meet in the Municipal Building (234 Main Street) at 7:30PM

MEETING DATES FOR 2018: March 26, April 23, May 21 (voting), June 4, and June 26.



**SAVE THE DATE!! SATURDAY,
MAY 5, 2018**

**EARTH DAY & GREEN
FAIR 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

RIVERSIDE PARK IN RIDGEFIELD PARK - DOG-FREE PARK (LOCATED BEHIND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING ON 24 INDUSTRIAL AVENUE)

Parking is limited. Please walk, bike or carpool!!

All day fishing with the Hudson River Fisherman's Association

Boat rides also available (weather permitting)

9:00 am Arbor Day Ceremony precedes Earth Day/Green Fair activities

10:30 am Mad Science - Interactive Show

11:30 am Tenafly Nature Center - Endangered NJ

12:30 pm Northeast New Jersey Beekeepers' Association

12:30 & 1:30 pm Dirt on Garbage Booth - Hands-on Fun Booths

1:30 pm Tenafly Nature Center Rappin with Raptors Bats, Bats, Bats Presentation. Music by Mark Rust. Rain or Shine event.

There will be plenty of food, environmental exhibitions and demonstrations for everyone, Face painting, fauna, flowers, compostable cups, plates and utensils and boat rides will be available throughout the day!

The class with the best attendance from each of the RP elementary schools wins an ice cream party for their class so join us and sign in! One party each school.

If it rains, the event is held inside the DPW garages so come on down!

Sponsored by the Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission, Ridgefield Park Green Team and the Bogota Green Team. Info: ridgefieldparkrec@gmail.com or ridgefieldparkgt@gmail.com

**SHADE TREE
COMMISSION**

Celebrate the Village trees! Attend the 39th annual Village Arbor Day Program on May 5, 2018, 9 a.m., at Riverside Park, adjacent to the Department of Public Works. The elementary school students whose posters have won the Arbor Day contest will be introduced and receive their cash awards. This year the annual Arbor Day celebration immediately precedes the Earth Day activities. Arrive early and spend the entire day enjoying the fun, the programs, and the exhibits.

And just how many Village street trees are there? 3420 and that information was determined by an inventory which not only provides the number of trees but their location, species, size, and condition. The data is entered into a software program which assists the STC is assessing all tree care needed and/or completed.

It takes a whole village to care for the wonderful trees lining the streets of Ridgefield Park. The DPW removes trees/stumps, plants trees, prunes trees; residents request trees and report tree safety concerns; and the Shade Tree Commission members select planting sites and choose appropriate species for each site, inspect trees, hire arborists to check trees, hire tree companies to do developmental and elevation pruning, inspect and resolve sidewalk/tree problems, attend informational conferences, prepare state reports qualifying Ridgefield Park annually as a Tree City, and submit details needed for the state's green cover program. In 2018, we celebrate our 28th year as an American Tree City. There's always rewarding work to be done and the STC encourages residents to volunteer to join ... assuredly, there's a job on the commission you would find interesting and informative. The STC meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room.

Sidewalks

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

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

All reimbursable work MUST BE

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

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 7:30pm 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 best friend on earth of man is the tree." Frank Lloyd Wright

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

FREE!

**RIDGEFIELD PARK
DOG & CAT OWNERS
RABIES CLINIC**

Sponsored by the
RIDGEFIELD PARK HEALTH DEPT.

APRIL 26, 2018 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING (DPW)
24 INDUSTRIAL AVE.
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

All dogs and cats that were inoculated in 2015 must be inoculated this year.

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 renewed at the site.

\$10.00 - Neutered
\$15.00 - Not Neutered

LATE FEE of \$10.00 will be charged for animals licensed after April 30, 2018

JOHN H. ANLIAN
Commissioner



COLLECTION REGULATION REMINDER

- **Newspapers and Comingled recyclables can no longer be placed in PLASTIC BAGS!**
- All containers and recyclables must be placed at the curb NO EARLIER than 5 PM. the night before collection and empty containers removed from the curb by 8 PM on collection day.
- We do not collect building/renovation materials at the curb. If you have a building/renovation project that will generate a large amount of refuse, it is your responsibility to obtain a dumpster for disposal.
- A permit is necessary and can be obtained from the Building Department.
- Small amounts of building/renovation materials may be dropped off at the Recycling Center Mon. Sat., 9 A.M. – 12 Noon. Proof of residence is required.

NO CONTRACTOR OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PERMITTED.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

NO CURBSIDE PICK-UP OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

§ 214-19 Prohibited materials; unacceptable procedures.

[Amended 5-10-1988; 1-22-1991 by Ord. No. 2-91]

- **The following refuse shall not be considered acceptable for collection by the Village of Ridgefield Park:**

B. All building materials, whether new or old, resulting from construction, renovation, alteration or demolition of a house, garage, storage shed or other type of building, including but not limited to all lumber, roofing materials, plasterboard, siding, lath, plaster, windows, doors, trim, flooring, cabinets, stairs, heating system materials, plumbing and electrical supplies, brick, block, gravel, clean fill, etc., generated by the owner or tenant of any dwelling personally doing his own work, with no contractor involved, will not be accepted for pickup by the Public Works Department. Arrangements must be made to dispose of these items privately at the cost of the owner or tenant.

GARBAGE RECEPTACLES:

- Garbage and recycling receptacles are susceptible to rodents and insects. Please keep garbage in a covered receptacle. Rinsing them with water and bleach will help to keep them clean and detract pests. Oversized receptacles will be tagged. Repeated use of oversized cans will result in confiscation of receptacle.



All trash containers must be 32 gallons or less!

- The contents must be lifted by one person.
- **DO NOT purchase extra-large trash containers that are made for machinery to lift.** These include wheeled containers with a bar instead of handles and flip back tops. They cannot be emptied by one person safely.
- **Bags cannot weigh more than 30 lbs.**
- Do NOT fill your garbage can with rocks or dirt. Do not allow it to fill with water.
- **Yard waste limit is 35 pounds per container.**

**Broken receptacles and those that do not meet regulations
may be classified as trash and collected for disposal**

If you have questions, please call the DPW @ 201-440-4860



PAPER SHREDDING

- The DPW will once again hold a paper shredding day on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 24 Industrial Avenue from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This FREE event will provide residents and businesses the opportunity to have their sensitive documents safely shredded and recycled. If you have any questions, please call the DPW at 201-440-4860.

PARK PERMITS:

- Park permits can be obtained from the DPW for Veterans, Brewster and Hunter parks. Groups of 10 or more are required to request a permit and pay the appropriate fees. Residents may contact the DPW 201-440-4860. All park usage is on a first come, first serve basis. This includes sports field use.

POT HOLES:

- Please report potholes to the DPW @ 201-440-4860



RAIN WATER:



- Catch basins are designed to slow the release of the rain water into the storm sewer system. Debris collects on top of the catch basin, preventing it from entering the system while also slowing the draining process. DPW crews clear this debris after heavy rainfalls. Report excessive accumulation of debris to the DPW. It is unlawful to put anything into the catch basin. This includes motor oil, cooking oil, pet waste or other debris.

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

TRASH COLLECTION

- Trash is collected **ONLY** on the 1st Thursday or 1st Friday of each month. Please call the DPW at 201-440-4860 if you have any questions.

Village of Ridgefield Park Code 117-13 – TRASH COLLECTION

Trash is picked up as follows:

North of Mount Vernon Street	1 st Thursday of each month
Mount Vernon & South	1 st Friday of each month

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

SCAVENGERS:



- Scavenging is against the law. Village ordinance prohibits the removal of any curbside trash/recyclables by anyone other than a DPW employee or agent. The village receives revenue from some collections, which helps to offset disposal and equipment costs. Call the Police Department @ 201-641-6400, if you notice scavengers in your area.

SIDEWALKS:



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

STORM WATER

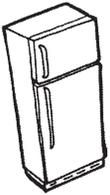
- Ridgefield Park has a combined sewer collection system which means that all storm water runoff and sewer waste feeds into the same system.
- It is unlawful to deposit anything into the curb catch basins. This includes oil, animal waste, bottle & cans or other trash.

STREET SWEEPING



- The mechanical street sweeper is scheduled to sweep in front of your home once each week, weather permitting. If you check the half-day parking ban signs in front of your home, you will know when the sweeper is scheduled. Every Wednesday, Teaneck Road is swept.
- Be sure to move your vehicle to avoid receiving a ticket for **Alternate Side Parking** violations.

WHITE GOODS –EVERY Wednesday



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

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

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

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

YARD WASTE



- Curbside collection of YARD WASTE will begin on March 19th. Yard waste includes grass clippings, twigs, and small branches. It is a violation of Village of Ridgefield Park ordinance to sweep, cast or throw anything into the gutter. Yard waste can be put into a trash can, brown paper bags or tied into 4 foot bundles.

Ridgefield Park is



Earth friendly!

SORT IT OUT



Unsure How to Dispose
of a Particular Item?
Call 201-440-4860

What you need to know about recycling and garbage collection



Aerosol Cans

- Empty & rinse

Plastic Containers

- #1, #2 or #5 includes beverage, cleaning, and laundry containers

Aluminum Cans & Foil

- Empty & rinse/Discard food waste

Tin & Steel Cans

- Empty & rinse

Glass Bottle & Jars

- Empty & rinse



garbage

General household garbage

- Household garbage is picked up at the curb twice a week.
- Place garbage cans at the curb after 5pm the night before scheduled collection.
- Garbage cans must be removed the evening of collection.
- Trash cans should be 32 gallons or less and no more than 50 lbs.



Cardboard

- Flatten boxes –place at curb

Newspapers- NO PLASTIC BAGS!

- Place in a brown paper bag, loosely in a container or tied with string.

Magazines -NO PLASTIC BAGS!

- Place in a brown paper bag, loosely in a container or tied with string.

Books

- Remove covers, tie in bundles.



drop off
recycle center

OPEN →Monday-Saturday 9 am-1pm

Drop off appliances, batteries, bottles & cans, cardboard, cooking oil, electronics, furniture, lightbulbs, magazines, motor oil, newspapers, paint cans, EMPTYP propane tanks, styrofoam, and yard waste.

- **Proof of residency required**
- NO Commercial or Rental vehicles permitted



trash
pick-up

Trash is picked up once a month

- North of Mt Vernon-1st Thursday
- Mt. Vernon & South-1st Friday
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Trash includes bags of clothing, furniture, mattresses and toys

- NO HAZARDOUS waste materials will be picked up at the curb.
- Appliances, computers & tires will not be picked up on trash day.



schedule
white goods

“White Goods” are picked up at the curb on Wednesday mornings.

- “White Goods” consist of air conditioners, BBQs, computers, dishwashers, dryers, fans, FAX machines, freezers, hot water heaters metal items, monitors, printers, refrigerators, stoves, tires, TVs and washing machines.
- Call 201-440-4860 by Tuesday to schedule a pick-up



leaves
yard waste

Yard waste is picked up once a week

- Mt. Vernon & South-Mondays
- North of Mt Vernon-Tuesdays
- Place in cans or paper bags
- NO PLASTIC BAGS!

Leaves may be raked into the street during October, November & December.

- Place on the sweeper side of the street on the appropriate day



reuse
recycle center

Items in good condition & working order may be brought to the recycling center, where other residents can make use of them.

Keep in mind that storage is limited- we cannot accept upholstered furniture/mattresses/clothing.

ALL items accepted at the discretion of the *Recycling Attendant.*