

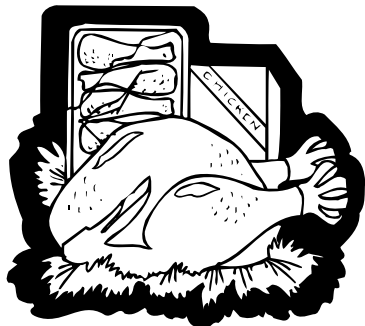
# village NEWSLETTER

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## RACING TO YEAR'S END

January to December — the days just keep racing by. That is what we hear from others; and we experience it all ourselves. So, before we end the year — again, take a moment and appreciate where we are. We live in the quintessential “Small Town America”. Many of the things that people look for in a community — are all right here in Ridgefield Park: friendly people and friendly faces (Well, OK. Most of the time.), a local public library, great grammar schools and our own high school, a multitude of churches and places to worship, a Main Street that is our “Main Street”, all types of civic and fraternal organizations, sporting programs, summer concerts, etc.

Take advantage of what we have here. Shop in our stores on Main Street and in our neighborhoods around the Village. Join one of the local organizations or volunteer to help in one of our many Village programs. **DON'T BE SHY.** Just go ahead and join and get involved in the life of our Village.

## WHAT IS AHEAD?

- Well, the Christmas Holidays for one. Don't wait until the last minute to shop; and shop locally when you can. It's good for our local businesses and when they do well, we all do well too.

- Snow. Snow. Snow. Yes. That is a four letter word that many of us hate to hear. But, be prepared: to keep your sidewalks clear; to move your cars when we get a snow storm; to help a neighbor who may not be able to shovel their way out; and to drive safely.

- Santa Claus Is Coming To Town - Always on the first Sunday of December —

This year - December 2nd - 5pm - in front of the Municipal Building.

- Attend one of the many Christmas and Holiday Concerts that are made available to us by our schools and local churches.

Finally, don't let the holiday rush run you down. Take a moment and look around at all of the good things in our lives. Enjoy the holidays with your families and friends. Smile and have fun.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!

Commissioner John Anlian  
Commissioner Terry Kohles  
Commissioner Adam MacNeill  
Commissioner Hugo Poli  
Mayor George 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:  
November 8 and 27  
December 6 and 20

### 2018 Regular Meeting Dates:

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.**

## 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 the voicemail at (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.

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 events\*

### Acting and Improvisation Grades K-12

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

Classes 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](mailto:rpboardofrec@gmail.com) or visit [www.ridgefieldpark.org](http://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.

**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. For further information, interested people can email [t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com](mailto:t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com) or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy.

**Basketball** - Coaches and schedules will be posted on the internet by the end of November. Clinic and all other divisions' games will begin the first weekend in December.

**Wrestling** - The Wrestling program has been moved from a Board of Recreation program to a private organization under the RP Junior Football Association. All questions should be directed to: RPJFA (football and wrestling).

**Tree Lighting** - The Board of Recreation annual tree lighting will take place on Sunday, December 2, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Included in the night's festivities are music by the Lincoln School chorus as well as singing by guest soloists and the local boy and girl scouts. Vorhees-Ingwersen Funeral Home will again be donating a bicycle for the raffle for grades K-6. 7-11 will provide free Slurpees after the tree lighting. Don't forget to bring your ballot and deposit it in the box. Make sure you arrive early! There will

be some special guests this year!!

**Holiday Wish Tree** - As in the past, the Holiday Wish Tree will be located at the Oritani Bank at 233 Main Street and should have the tags available beginning November 23. The wish tree gives residents the opportunity to purchase a holiday gift for a less fortunate Village child. If you would like to participate, please stop by and select an ornament and return your gift by December 14, 2018. Your gift will then be delivered to a very appreciative child. Thanks again for your assistance.

**Holiday Display Contest** - The annual Holiday Display Contest will be held on Friday, December 21, 2018, at which time registered Village homes and businesses will be judged and prizes awarded. Judging will begin at dusk. After the contest, check for winners on [www.ridgefieldpark.org](http://www.ridgefieldpark.org). To make judging easier and to ensure that your home or business is included, you must register for the contest. Registration forms are available at [www.ridgefieldpark.org](http://www.ridgefieldpark.org) or at the municipal building. You must register by December 20 to be included in the contest. There will be a contest for both residential and businesses. Forms can be mailed to the Board of Recreation at 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park. You can use the form at the end of these announcements to register or you can email your information to: [boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org).

**Girls Softball** - Be on the lookout for registration, which will take place in January. Forms will be distributed in the schools or go to [www.ridgefieldpark.org](http://www.ridgefieldpark.org). This year the program will expand and the girls will be participating in a league playing various towns in the area. The program is open to grades 3-8.

**Women's Softball** - Registration packets will be available in January or February. If you would like to play or have a team that would like to participate, please call the Board of Recreation and leave your name, address and telephone number and a packet will be prepared for your team.

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 or email at 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.

**HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST - YOU MUST REGISTER IF YOU ARE RESIDENTIAL OR BUSINESS.**

Mail to: Board of Recreation, 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660 by DECEMBER 20 if you would like to enter the annual contest. If you prefer, you may email your registration information to: boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## HELP KEEP RIDGEFIELD PARK CLEAN

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. USE TRASH RECEPTACLES FOR TRASH. - NOT THE SIDEWALK PLANTERS. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR COMMUNITY. KEEP OUR TOWN CLEAN.

FINES CAN BE IMPOSED FOR LITTERING.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

As the 2018 growing season winds down, we look upon our second year and the positives it brought - we were introduced to new gardeners who planted an array of vegetables, herbs and beautiful flowers. Among the veggies grown this year were onions, garlic, carrots, radishes, beets, tomatoes of all kinds, cucumbers, multiple varieties of peppers, eggplants, zucchini, brussel sprouts, okra - with its beautiful flower, thyme, rosemary, mint, basil, oregano, and much more. Our social activities included a pot luck dinner, an ice cream night and celebrating the 4th of July with a float in the parade — earning “Most Original Entry in Parade”! For Halloween we celebrated with the children and parents of the village at our Fellowship Park Community Garden and supported the Rag a Muffin Parade.



If you are interested in joining community garden, you can obtain an application online at [www.ridgefieldpark.org/community-garden](http://www.ridgefieldpark.org/community-garden). If you have questions or comments, email us at [communitygarden@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:communitygarden@ridgefieldpark.org) or call Janet at 201-362-4420.

Season 3 will be here before you know it...we hope you can join us!

*Life's a garden...dig it!*

## @ YOUR LIBRARY

### Valentine's Day Fun

This Valentine's Day, we've got fun activities for all Ridgefield Park young readers! The Children's Department will be hosting a Valentine Make and Take on 2/3 at 2:00, filled with crafts and sweets. And for the teens, we have the I Love to Hate You! Villains' Valentine's Day Party on 2/9 at 1:00 p.m., with games and make-it-yourself snacks. For more information, be sure to check out [www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org), or stop by the library. Registration is required.

### Yoga, Fitness, and Creativity for Adults

The library will be hosting several amazing programs for adults looking to start hobbies and meet like-minded individuals. Local town author and editor, M.A. Cassata will be hosting a Writing Class beginning on Wed., 1/9, for those who are interested in getting into the habit of writing. Our popular free Meditation program will be back on Monday, 1/3, hosted by Ridgefield Park's very own yoga master, Varuna. And the Bergen County Department of Health Services will start hosting a Get Fit Bergen! Program for adults beginning on Thursdays, 1/10. And that's just the beginning! For more information, please visit us at [www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org), or stop by the library. Registration is required.

### Makers Day

Also, 3/22-3/23 is NJ Makers Day! Stop by at the library for a wide variety of programming pertaining to making things yourself. Everything from making your own

pencil box, 3D bingo game, Oreo tower, or even your very own cartoon. For more information, please visit us at [www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org) or stop by the library. Registration is required.

### Learning Express

Have you tried Learning Express yet? Learning Express is an online learning tool that provides you with everything from job resources, to practice tests for major exams, to reading and writing exercises, to computer program guidance, and so much more with just your library card. For more information, be sure to check out [www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org) and click on the “Learning Express” link, or stop by 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.

**Knights of the Reading Table-Wed. 1/2, 1/16, 1/30, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 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 is required.

**Meditation-Mon., 1/3, 1/14, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 7:00 p.m.** Guided meditation led by Varuna, a Ridgefield Park resident. This program is a drop-in program so there is no registration required.

**STEM Club Jr.-Fri., 1/4, 2/8, 3/1, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Explore STEM through hands on activities and creative projects for children grades kindergarten-second grade. Registration is required.

**Movies for the Over 18 Crowd-Thurs., 1/7, 2/7, 3/7, 2:00 p.m.** All movies are on the first Thursday of the month starting at 2:00 P.M. So why not come by, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, a donut and a free movie on us.

**Chess Club Jr.-Mon., 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 3/18, 4:00-4:30 p.m.** Village children K-2nd grade, join us for an afternoon playing the game of kings. Registration is required. Space is limited.

**Get a Good Writing Habit-Wed., 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 7:00 p.m.** Have you ever wanted to become a writer, but your busy life just keeps getting in the way? Author and Ridgefield Park resident, M. A. Cassata will show you how to establish a good writing habit and keep it. You'll find out what separates the pros from the amateurs. You know



you have something to say, but you are not sure how to say it. Don't let fear hold you back from getting that freelance writing assignment. Learn how to establish a good writing habit first.

**Rosie the Reading Dog-Sat., 1/12, 2/23, 3/16, 3:15-4:00 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. This is a drop-in program, check out a book in the children's department for the event, Rosie loves books about dogs, especially beagles!

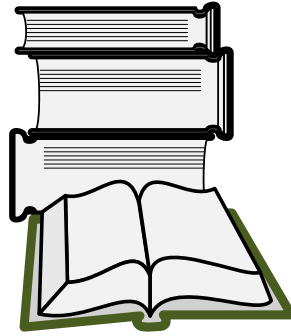
**Chess Club-Thurs., 1/17, 1/31, 2/14, 2/28, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Village children 3rd-6th grade, join us for an afternoon playing the game of kings. Registration is required. Space is limited.

**Sensory Storytime-Mon., 1/7, 1/14, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 7:00-7:30 p.m.** Singing, dancing and listening to a story especially designed for special needs children and their families. Registration is required.

**YA Game Day-Tues., 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 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 7th grade and up.

**Basic Computer Classes-Wed., 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Register through the online calendar. **1/9, 1/16, 1/23 & 1/30** Google and You: Learning About Sheets and Docs-Learn how to use the different services available when you set up a Google account. **2/6, 2/13, & 2/27** 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. **3/6, 3/13, & 3/20** Computer Q&A-Can't figure out how to attach that family picture to an e-mail? Not sure why your resume keeps printing out oddly? Bring your questions to this session and let your local librarian help.

**Teen Storytime!-Wed., 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Each month we will listen to a different book, thrillers, mysteries, adventures and more! Snacks will be provided. Copies of the book will be available at circulation for those who wish to finish reading the story. For 7th grade and up. Registration required. January: *A Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Mackenzi Lee, February: *Renegades* by



Marissa Meyer, March: *Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson

**Crochet Class-Wed., 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Village residents in 4th grade-Adults can learn how to crochet or teach others some things. Make something for yourself or give it to someone special. Beginners, immediate or advanced crocheters are welcome. This is a drop-in program, no registration is required.

**Best Books of All Times Book Club-Thurs., 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 6:00-6:45 p.m.** For village kids grades 5th-6th. Together we will read a novel each week and share a slice of pizza! Our First Novel: *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe*.

**Anime Daze-Thurs., 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 3:30-5:00 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.

**Get Fit Bergen-Thurs., 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 7:00 p.m.** Let's start the New Year with a promise to begin taking care of ourselves. This program is for adults. Join Jaime for a six week program of Yoga. This is a free program sponsored by the Bergen County Department of Health Services. This program is a drop-in program, no registration is required.

**Teen Game Tournament-Fri., 1/11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Sign up today for our winter 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 7th grade and up. Registration Required.

**Teen Art @the Library-Fri. 1/18, 2/22, 3/22, 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.

**Adult Video/Board Game Night-Fri., 1/18, 2/15, 3/22, 6:00-8:00 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. Registration is required through our web site at [www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org) or call the library at 201-641-0689.

**Epic Battle of Rock Paper, Scissor-Sat., 1/19, 1:00 p.m.** Put your battle pants on and come to play the legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors. Winners will be presented with a "rockin" prize. This is a drop-in program for children 1st grade and up.

**Coder Dojo-Thurs., 1/23, 2/21, 3/21, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Youngsters age 9 to 17 meet with mentors to explore the world of computer coding. Registration required.

**Author Visit-Sat., 1/26, 2:30-3:15 p.m.** Meet Amy Losak, daughter of Sydel Rosenberg, the children's author of the book, *H is for Haiku*. Ms. Losak will do a reading of this beautiful book, Registration is required. Refreshments will be served.

**Adult Book Club- Mon. 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 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. January: *Civil War Wives* by Carol Berkin, February: *I Remember Nothing and Other Reflections* by Nora Ephron, March: *Letters from Skye* by Jessica Brockmole

**Valentine Make and Take-Sat., 2/3, 12:00-1:00 p.m.** Join us for an hour of fun making a special valentine's treat to give to a friend or family member. Registration is required.

**I Love to Hate You! A Villains' Valentine Party- Sat., 2/9, 1:00-4:00 p.m.** Sometimes you just can't help but love a villain. This Valentine's we are embracing those dark hearts and celebrating a little chaos. Sign-up for our Villain's Valentine Party for devilish snacks, roguish crafts and a special movie screening. For 7th grade and up. Registration required.

**Dr. Seuss' Birthday Brunch-Sat. 3/2, 12:00-1:00 p.m.** Celebrate "Read Across America" by listening to a reading of a Dr. Seuss classic followed by a brunch of green eggs and ham. This program is for village residents. Registration is required.

**Amazing Race Rt. 66 Edition-Thurs., 3/7, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Winter weather have you trapped indoors? Can't wait for a chance to get out and have some fun? Join us for our second Amazing Race! Create teams and "race along Rt. 66" completing challenges and answering trivia as you compete to be the winning team. For 7th grade

and up. Registration required.

**Telepathy-Thurs., 3/7, 7:00 p.m.**  
What is telepathic communication, why and how should we use telepathy: what are the benefits of telepathy, mapping your "clairaudient" hearing; soul to soul communication; receiving and sending telepathic communication. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required through our web site at [www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org) or call the library at 201-641-0689. Space is limited.

**Friends of the Library-Tues., 3/12, 7:30 p.m.** Join the Friends to discuss upcoming programs and projects and socialize over refreshments. New Friends are always welcome.

**Sarada Chiruvolu Author Visit-Tues., 3/19, 7:00 p.m.** Sarada will talk about what inspired her to write her book *Home At Last*. She gives detailed information on the important roles of diet, exercise, and training the mind in preparation for the journey of realization and how to balance spiritual disciplines with everyday life. Registration is required through our web site at [www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org)

**NJ Maker's Day-Fri., 3/22-Sat., 3/23**  
Join us for two days of programs for children, teens and adults. Schedule of events can be found on the library's website.

**Why Do Boats Float?-Fri., 3/22, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Learn why big ships float while small objects often sink in the water. Children will experiment with modeling clay and assorted items to create boats and float them in water. Sponsored by Suez Water. For children 3rd-8th grade. Registration is required.

## FROM THE BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION/ OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Now is the time to prepare your house and property for a fire safe winter. Make sure your wood stove and fireplace chimney have been cleaned by a professional. The same for your boiler chimney. Have your boiler cleaned and serviced by a professional, before use. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors have a 10 year life, check the dates on your detectors, if they are more than 10 years old replace them. If they are still good, test them and make sure the batteries are replaced. Most hard wired smoke detectors today have battery backup, check them also.



Have a fire drill in your home, making sure everyone in your family knows at least two ways out of every room. Designate a meeting place for everyone in your family to report to. Make sure all your important papers, ie. insurance, bank info, etc. are in a fire resistant cabinet.

The staff at the Village Bureau of Fire Prevention and the Office of Emergency Management wish all Village residents a fire safe and healthy holiday season. Fire Official Peter Danzo, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Lauer, Administrative Assistant Francine Orovitz, and Inspectors Carl Dettloff and Rich Cravello.

## GREEN BUSINESS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Village of Ridgefield Park has implemented a Green Business Recognition Program. The program recognizes businesses that implement and encourage environmentally sustainable business practices. The Environmental Commission has been successful in registering three business with the program over the past year. Each business receives a seal for their storefront and a feature on the Sustainable Ridgefield Park Facebook Page.

Consolidated Packaging Group located on Industrial Ave manufactures Inno-lok prezippered film. The zip seal you find on your favorite snack items. They were the first to register and recently won the 2017 NJSBC Sustainable Business Award for their efforts. CPG has improved their energy efficiency by switching to LED lighting and adding lighting controls to have lights in use only when necessary.

Art Mora a fine art gallery and flower shop located on Main St was the second to be registered as a Green Business. The owner Sunny Shin has been an essential member of the village's Art Association. Meetings and monthly fundraising dinners

are held in the gallery. She has reduced her energy impact by over 7,600 kWh by installing LED's. Recycling frames from other artists for new shows has allowed her to save hundreds of dollars.

Gina The Baker is our most recent Green Business. The bakery opened on Main St August 2017 offering delicious baked goods, coffee, and specialty cakes. Owner Gina and daughter Chelsea have been practicing sustainability for many years through clothing swaps and promoting sustainable fashion. Gina recently hosted a clothing swap this past fall resulting in several pounds of clothes swapped or donated. Ceramic mugs are encouraged for use by customers and employees. Egg whites are donated to other local bakers and daycares in the area. The bakery also introduced baking classes to the public.

For more information on how to become a certified RP Green Business please visit <https://www.ridgefieldpark.org/green-team>



Ridgefield Park's CERT, Community Emergency Response Team, is a group of citizen volunteers who are under the direction of the Office of Emergency Management and are available to assist police, fire, EMS and rescue departments when called upon.

Our members have all participated in training courses that have prepared them to assist during disasters which impact our area. They are educated and trained in basic disaster response which can include assisting at a major fire scene, helping during a hurricane or major flooding, to assisting during the 4th of July parade or Street fair.

Anyone interested in more information or in joining CERT, may contact the Office of Emergency Management at 201-440-2570.

**Pedestrians in the  
crosswalk have the right  
of way - STOP! Stop for  
pedestrians waiting  
to cross at corners/  
intersections**





## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Snow Emergencies

#### Village Ordinance 197-25

With the winter approaching, we have once again reached that time of year when snow emergencies unexpectedly arise. The Ridgefield Park Police Department would like to remind Village residents to vigilantly observe snow ordinance signs when parking vehicles before, during and after a snow emergency. It is the responsibility of each individual resident to be aware of possible upcoming storms or severe changes in the weather by monitoring weather reports. Mother Nature is unpredictable and it is suggested that you remove your vehicle from the snow emergency side of the street if weather reports indicate that there is even the slightest inclination that it may snow. Parking is permitted at the town pool if no other options are available to you.

Residents who will be on vacation or who will use public transportation should take special care to make arrangements with relatives or friends to ensure the prompt removal of vehicles during a snow emergency. Absolutely NO PERMISSIONS will be granted for any reason. Vehicles in violation must be removed for snowplowing and to permit emergency vehicles to move uninhibited throughout the village.

The Ridgefield Park Police Department will send out a reverse 9-1-1 message alerting residents that the snow ordinance is in effect. Also as a courtesy, a Nixle message will be sent out informing residents as well. If you have not registered for Nixle, please text 07660 to 888777 to stay informed. In addition, patrol officers may make announcements using their patrol vehicle's PA system to inform residents that the snow ordinance is in effect. After the above methods have been exhausted, officers will commence issuing summonses to

vehicles that remain in violation of VO 197-25. After a State of Emergency Declaration, vehicles will be impounded as authorized by VO 197-27. The Ridgefield Park Police Department reserves the right to keep parking restrictions in effect for as long as necessary to ensure the safety and security of all residents. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

### Removal of Ice and Snow

#### Village Ordinance 333-2 (Residents)

#### State Law 39:4-207.9 (Business Owners)

Residents are reminded that snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours of daylight after same has formed or fallen.

Business owners are reminded that snow, ice or any other obstructions must be cleared from a handicapped parking space, curb cut or other improvement designed to provide accessibility for the handicapped. This must be done within 24 hours after the weather condition which causes the snow or ice ceases.

At no time during the removal of snow from sidewalks, driveways or the digging out of a vehicle will the snow be cast, thrown, blown or dumped onto the street. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

### Ice and Snow Removal from Motor Vehicle Law

#### 39:4-77.1

The Ridgefield Park Police Department is reminding motorists to always remove accumulated ice and snow from their vehicles before traveling on New Jersey's roadways. Motorists who fail to clear their vehicles of ice and snow before driving can be cited and fined under an amended law, which became effective October 20, 2010. Prior to this change, a motorist could only receive a citation if failure to remove ice and snow from a vehicle resulted in injury to others or in the event of property damage. If failure to remove ice and snow results in injury or property damage, motorists face fines ranging from \$200 to \$1000 while commercial motor vehicle drivers face fines ranging from \$500 to \$1500 for each offense. Exposed surfaces include but are not limited to: the hood, the trunk, the windshield and windows, the roof, the cab of a truck and the top of a trailer, semi-trailer or intermodal freight container. A driver who violates the provisions of this sub-section may be stopped on a street or highway by a law enforcement officer who believes the accumulated snow and/or ice may pose a threat to persons or property.

### Reverse 9-1-1

The Reverse 9-1-1 system sends a specific message to all published telephone numbers of residents of the Village in the event of an emergency. The system is designed as a notification tool only and DOES NOT require a response. You will not receive a call if you have an unlisted number. If you would like to be notified through this system, please contact the Building Department and leave a message for the Office of Emergency Management Coordinator (O.E.M.) Mike Lauer at (201) 440-2570. You may also contact the O.E.M. if you prefer not to be contacted via this system.

Again, we would like to remind residents NOT to call police headquarters in response to the reverse 9-1-1 call. During any emergency, the police desk is already busy handling multiple emergency calls. Non-emergency and informational type calls are discouraged during this period. In the years since its inception, the Reverse 911 system has proven to be a useful tool in keeping residents abreast of emergency situations within the Village.

### Cop Card Program

The RPPD Community Policing Unit would like to thank all the children that participated in the Cop Card Program. We hope that you enjoyed meeting and interacting with the men and women of the RPPD while collecting their cards. We look forward to bringing many more exciting programs your way in the future.

## SHADE TREES

Trees around homes and in the community add beauty, but they provide many more benefits: lower energy costs, retention of storm water, reduction of air pollution, increased property values and, in commercial areas, greater appeal to customers. But in the fall the big benefit is beautiful fall foliage!

To keep the Village streets tree lined, sites are being chosen for 2019 spring planting. The Shade tree Commission encourages residents to request trees for their properties and/or suggest sites on Village property: street planting strips, schools, and parks.

Also the STC appreciates the care and assessment many residents provide to assure that Village trees remain beautiful as well as healthy. Sometimes property owners inquire as to the status of trees which have been placed on the removal or pruning list. Many factors affect the amount of time a tree is on



either list and, therefore, the STC does not know when the work will be done. Factors affecting the scheduling are:

Tree removals or pruning near or in power lines has to be done by PSE&G or tree service companies scheduled by them.

Tree removals not affected by PSE&G lines are done by the Ridgefield Park DPW. The DPW removes trees according to priority while also doing all of its other work. They must also work around accessibility of the area near a tree, depending when parking is prohibited.

The DPW prunes trees in emergency or storm situations, but most pruning is done by private contractors

Residents' requests for pruning are given to one of the private contractors.

Remember that under ordinance 3-79 property owners are not allowed to prune Village trees, to remove or damage Village trees, or cut roots of Village trees for sidewalk or other construction.

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. 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.

## **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

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

## **EPS/STYROFOAM COLLECTION**

On October 20th the Ridgefield Park and Bogota Green Teams held a collection event to recycle EPS/Expanded Polystyrene; commonly and incorrectly called Styrofoam. The collection event was held at the Ridgefield Park DPW.

This collection event was the 3rd in a series of trial events done in the county. The other two were held in Leonia and Glen Rock in September. All three were organized by the Sustainable New Jersey Bergen County Hub which is made up of 18 municipalities from Bergen County.

The Bergen County Hub has received a grant from Sustainable New Jersey to hold 12 more collection drives over an 18 month period. The Bergen Hub is doing this project to show how recyclable EPS is; 100%. The Hub is creating a program which they hope the Bergen County Utility Authority will continue at the end of the 18 month project. Another good result of the project would be that municipalities add EPS to what they are currently recycling. Some Bergen County Hub municipalities are already thinking about doing this.

The next collection events will be in early January to allow for recycling EPS accumulated from Christmas. The events will be open to all of Bergen county.

The schedule of collections will be posted at: <https://www.ridgefieldpark.org/greenteam/pages/eps-recycling>

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

## **DOWNTOWN CULTURAL/ ARTS DISTRICT**

On October 19th the Ridgefield Park Arts Association held a second public reception to gather community input for creating a cultural/arts district downtown. If you missed it there will be at least two more receptions held this winter and the spring of 2019.

While it is a good idea to draw inspiration from what other municipalities have done we need to make our downtown unique to us. In creating our cultural/arts district we need to reflect the heritage, interests and diversity of the people of the village.

Input from business owners will also be gathered at events held for them.

If you would like to be notified when the next reception is held or have suggestions to submit email [ridgefieldparkarts@gmail.com](mailto:ridgefieldparkarts@gmail.com)



## **LET IT SNOW**

Remember when snow is predicted we are never fully certain of:

1. When the storm will stall
2. How deep the snow will be
3. When the storm will end

For these reasons, and in order to assure the safety and well-being of all residents, the Village requires that all vehicles be removed from "snow" designated streets. Plan now for alternate parking if you normally park your car on a "snow" street.

The Village Ordinance has been amended to provide for additional "snow streets." Please check your own area.

Often you can utilize your own driveway, or make arrangements with a neighbor. The parking area around the Village Pool at the east end of Hobart Street can also be used.

The Village starts plowing and salting early in a storm, so if your car is on a "snow" street it will be ticketed and towed. If a night snow storm is predicted, move your car before turning in for the night. If a daytime storm is in the offing, make sure your car is moved before you leave for work.

## RIDGEFIELD PARK CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 8

**RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ**—The Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission will be holding its 7th Annual Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 8th from 7:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Residents of the Village and surrounding areas are invited to participate in the event.

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

There will be two locations in Ridgefield Park to observe and count the local bird population. The starting point will be at 7:00 a.m. at McGowan Park followed by the Amphitheater at Overpeck Park at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Those interested in participating in the Ridgefield Park Christmas Bird Count, should wear hiking boots and appropriate clothing for winter weather conditions. In the event of rain, the Christmas Bird Count will be canceled. (email: [envcomm@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:envcomm@ridgefieldpark.org) if you want to confirm the count is on if the weather is bad), Participants should bring a pair of binoculars with them. There is no cost involved to participate. For additional information or to reserve a spot at the Christmas Bird Count, email the Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission at [envcomm@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:envcomm@ridgefieldpark.org).



## JULY 4TH 2019

“Ridgefield Park, the only place to be on July 4th since 1894”

July 4th 2019 will be the 125th anniversary of the Village of Ridgefield Park’s celebration of our Independence.

This celebration started in 1894 and the tradition has continued to this day. This sets us apart from so many other towns. We have one of the longest continuous running parades in the United States and the Longest in New Jersey.

In the earlier days besides having parades, there were Track and Field Events, Tennis Tournaments, Fishing and Fly Casting Contests, Hole-in-One Golf Tournaments, Horseshoe Pitching contest, Trap Shooting Contests, Bowling Tournament, Community Singing, and Little League Championship game. Wow, how times have changed! Some things have changed, but never the enthusiastic spirit, dedication, and patriotism that is on display not just on July 4th, but throughout the year in this Village.

In more recent times we have added to our celebration an Art Contest for the program cover, which is open to Elementary and High School. students in our school district, a Home and Business Decorating Contest, the Queen’s Court has expanded, the Baby and Youth Parade added a division so the out of town guests can participate in it, a bigger Civic Parade, and refreshments at the end of the parade.

The Fourth of July Committee would like to have you share your best memories of July 4th in Ridgefield Park. They will be placed in a TIME CAPSULE for the future generations to see what we did. There will be note cards available for this in the near future. Details will be posted on the Village website [ridgefieldpark.org/fourthofjulycommittee](http://ridgefieldpark.org/fourthofjulycommittee) and the Facebook page.

The committee welcomes residents to join this citizen’s committee.

## OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

The Village recently received great news from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund that it was awarded a \$200,000.00 matching grant designed to preserve open spaces throughout Bergen County. Ridgefield Park plans to build a nature trail, boardwalk, and other amenities in the Nature Preserve located north of the High School.

Bergen County Executive James Tedesco made the presentation of a check to Mayor Fosdick on Monday, October 1st at the lawn area north of the High School - which is the southern boundary of the nature preserve. These improvements will make the nature preserve more accessible to students in our school system as well as Village residents and visitors.

Executive Tedesco and Mayor Fosdick talked about the cooperative effort by the Village and County that will assist in completing this project. Also present to acknowledge the grant were Village Commissioners John Anlian and Hugo Poli, Environmental Chairman Stephen Quinn along with members of the Environmental Commission and Green Team, High School Principal Eric Koenig, Freeholder Tracy Zur along with other citizens and officials from Ridgefield Park,

Please visit our website at [www.ridgefieldpark.org](http://www.ridgefieldpark.org) often to get updates and news on the progress of the Nature Preserve. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month (except December & August) at 7:00 p.m. in the court room of the municipal building. We’d be happy to have you stop by!







There is now an app which allows residents to keep track of garbage/trash/recycling collections.

The information can be used from a computer or the app can be loaded onto cellphones at:

[www.recyclecoach.com](http://www.recyclecoach.com)

This useful tool allows residents to set collection reminders.

Please check the DPW/Recycling Information page of the Village website.

<https://www.ridgefieldpark.org/departments-public-works/pages/recycling-information>

This app is funded by the NJDEP.



### **TRASH COLLECTION**

- Trash is collected on the first Thursday or Friday of each month. Please call the DPW at 201-440-4860 if you have any questions. Trash is defined as everything NOT classified as household garbage.

**Village of Ridgefield Park Code 117-13 –**

#### **TRASH COLLECTION**

**Trash is picked up as follows:**

North of Mt. Vernon -1st Thursday of each month  
Mt. Vernon & South-1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month

**NO PERSON, OTHER THAN AN  
 AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES OF THE  
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
 SHALL REMOVE ANY WHITE GOODS  
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### **LEAF SEASON**



LEAF SEASON ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Leaves must be placed in the street, along the curb line, in front of your home. It is a violation of Village of Ridgefield Park ordinance to sweep, cast or throw anything into the gutter except leaves during designated leaf season. Leaves can also be placed in a trash can or PAPER bags.

### **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.



### **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 or 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.**

## **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 DEP. 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

### **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**



## **SNOW SEASON**

- Winter and snow will be here soon. The DPW has an aggressive snow plowing program.
- Please remove your cars from the NO PARKING WHEN SNOW COVERED side of the street. While this may be an inconvenience, it is for the safety of our residents. Safe passage for emergency vehicles is a top priority.

**Cars parked in violation**  
**WILL be ticketed and may be towed.**

- **Please note:** It is a violation to place snow into the roadway. Use care when cleaning walkways, driveways and cars.



**Village of Ridgefield Park Code 333-2.C –  
Removal of Ice and Snow from Sidewalks**

***At no time  
during the removal of snow from sidewalks  
or driveways or the digging out of a vehicle  
will the snow be cast, thrown,  
blown or dumped  
onto a traffic lane of any Village street.***

*(Added 9-8-1987 by Ord. No. 12-87)*



The possibilities are endless.

# PLEASE NOTE:



Ridgefield Park is



Earth friendly!

## All trash containers must be 32 gallons or less!

- The contents must be lifted by one person.
- **DO NOT purchase the 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 each.**
- **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



The Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission will be holding its annual

# **WINTER BIRD COUNT**

**ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7:00AM TO 12 NOON.**

All residents of the Village are invited to participate in the event.

**THERE WILL BE TWO RIDGEFIELD PARK LOCATIONS:**

The starting point will be at 7:00AM at McGowan Park,  
followed by the Amphitheater at Overpeck Park at 9:30AM.



**PARTICIPANTS SHOULD:** bring binoculars and wear hiking boots and appropriate clothing for winter weather conditions. The bird count will be cancelled in the event of rain.

For additional information or to reserve a spot at the Winter Bird Count:  
email the Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission at [envcomm@ridgefieldpark.org](mailto:envcomm@ridgefieldpark.org).