MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

As the summer comes to an end, we again commend the Citizens 4th of July Committee for yet another wonderful Independence Day Celebration. The Village celebrates in a fashion envisioned by our Nation’s founding fathers and as we continue this grand Ridgefield Park tradition started in 1894, we thank all of those who participated in the day’s activities.

We also hope that many of you read the very fine article in the real estate section of the July 8 Sunday “New York Times.” We are very pleased with the positive tenor of this article and we all must continue to work hard to further enhance our good reputation.

The end of summer is a time of renewal for our schools, churches and the various civic, service, fraternal and youth organizations. Ours is a community of volunteers — consider joining and doing your part. Remember, also, that our Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Ambulance Corps are also staffed 100% by volunteers. Your participation would be most welcome.

Small things mean a lot:
• Don’t litter — and pick-up after those who do
• Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks
• Support local businesses
• Visit our parks and playgrounds
• Take advantage of the many programs offered by our Library
• Maintain your property
• Be friendly — say hello!

Commissioner Anlian
Commissioner Kohles
Commissioner MacNeill
Commissioner Poli
Mayor Fosdick

VETERAN’S DAY

100th Anniversary of the Armistice which ended World War I. Eleven Village residents lost their lives in that conflict.

Joseph Colwell
Philip Ford
Oscar Gaillard
Ernest Gneiding
Carl Grosskurth
Wladek Hajdukiewicz
Lewis Herbig
Ernest Nelson
George Semsey
Lillian Ward
Robert Williams

Sunday, November 11 - 2:30 P.M. - The Monument - Euclid Ave./Mt. Vernon St.
Please join with American Legion Post 40 and VFW Post 277 for the Village’s Annual Veteran’s Day Observance — honoring all those who have served and are serving in our Nation’s Armed Forces.

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:
September 6 and 20
October 4 and 18
November 8 and 27
December 6 and 20

2018 Regular Meeting Dates:
September 11 and 25
October 9 and 23
November 13 and 27
December 11 and 27

The Caucus Meeting of November 27, 2018 will begin at 6:00 PM with the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2018 immediately following.

RAFFLES
All Clubs, Organizations, PTAs or Individuals that conduct 50/50’s, tricky trays, basket raffles, bingo, casino nights, or any other type of raffle must register with the State of New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Commission to obtain an Identification Number. Only after obtaining this ID number can you apply for a raffle license.

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

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

Raffle license applications are available in the Village Clerk’s office. Applications must be completed six (6) weeks prior to your raffle.

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

EVERY LITTER BIT HURTS
DO NOT LITTER
“Make online property tax payments.”
When making tax payments, by mail or in person, please submit your entire tax bill for receiving purposes. If making payments by mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you request a receipt.

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

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

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS
Our community garden continues to grow during year 2. This year we established public beds which have trellises along the perimeters of each garden. The trellis allows the public plots to be easily identified and not confused with the plots for the private use of our gardeners. These new public plots are maintained by our gardeners.

As our crops from the public beds become ready to pick, we have been sharing them with concert goers, moms at the park and those who are just admiring our gardens. Please remember that the plots in the center of each garden are for private use and should not be picked from.

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SHADE TREE COMMISSION AUGUST 2018

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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 preapproval 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.

GRASSCYCLING
Did you know that grass clippings have a lot of nutrients that add to the soil organic matter and supply part of the fertilizer needs of your lawn? They do.

Getting Started
Instead of bagging those grass clippings, why not recycle them on your lawn by using either a mulching lawn mower or getting a mulching blade for your lawn mower? It’s a lot less work.

If you use a lawn service, they may already mulch for you, and if they don’t you can ask them about making it a part of the service you receive.

Helpful Tips
1) Implement a mowing schedule to keep the lawn short which should filter through the grass that is growing and not create a mat on top of the lawn.
2) Lawn grasses need roughly 1 inch of water per week through the growing season. Fertilizing and watering beyond the requirements of the grass may not be beneficial to your lawn. The result can be increased production of grass clipping and potential ground or surface water pollution.
3) Cut the grass higher during hot spells. It shades the soil and taller grass has longer roots.

4) Use sprinklers in the early morning when there’s less wind to blow the water and less sunlight to evaporate it. Morning watering also discourages pests and disease by giving the lawn the rest of the day to dry.

Summary
Waste reduction is just as important as recycling. You help when you reduce waste created by grass clippings, which can be as much as 1/3 of the waste generated in towns and municipalities.

If you must dispose of your grass clippings, do not throw them in the garbage. Check the 2018 recycling and garbage collection calendar for collection in your part of town on the Ridgefield Park website at: https://www.ridgefieldpark.org/departments/public-works/files/dpw-collection-schedule-july-dec-2018

Remember, grass clippings also can be used in a compost pile. The additional nitrogen grass clippings supply will help speed up the microbial process. However, large amounts of fresh clippings, all at one time, can create odor problems, so it is best to let the grass clippings dry out for a couple of days before composting.

For more detailed information about cutting and leaving grass clippings, refer to Rutgers Cooperative Extension publication #FS389 about Minimizing Waste Disposal: Grass Clippings at https://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?id=FS389

FROM THE BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
This year Fire Prevention Week is October 7th through October 13th. The Bureau, along with the Ridgefield Park Fire Department, will be going to each grammar school during the week. Kindergarten through fourth grade will meet our firefighters along with a visit to the fire trucks and in-class instruction on fire safety.

We will also be participating in Volunteer Night on Wednesday, October 17th. Come out for a fun night of activities and meet all the first responders of our Village.

Non-Owner Occupied Dwellings
The New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Act (N.J.S.A.52:27d-192 et seq) places all non-owner occupied one and two family dwellings, under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Fire Prevention to enforce the provisions of the State Fire Code to provide a reasonable degree of safety from fire. Failure to comply with this State Law will result in Administrative penalties, collectable through the State Superior Court.

If you have not already done so, please contact us at 201-440-2570 to register your property.

From the Office of Emergency Management
As we prepare for the busy time of Hurricane Season here in the North East, the Office of Emergency Management would like to remind all residents to be prepared for this and any emergencies that may occur. You should have a prepared Go Bag, filled with medications, water, non-perishable foods with a can opener and important identification papers. Don’t forget your animals, they should have their own Go Bag with food, snacks, medication and veterinary papers. Go to https://www.ready.gov/hurricane-toolkit for helpful tips and information. We always hope for a quiet season, but you can never be too prepared.

Special Needs
If you, or a relative, need assistance during emergency situations, please complete the enclosed Special Needs Application and send it to the Office of Emergency Management, 50 Main Street. Your name will be put on our list of residents to follow up with during town wide emergency situations.

Halloween
Halloween will be upon us before we know it. Please take necessary precautions with your children as they venture out to trick or treat. Please dress your children in
flame retardant costumes and be careful when using candles as decorations. Never leave candles unattended and keep them away from curtains and other flammable materials.

The Bureau of Fire Prevention and the Office of Emergency Management wish all the residents of Ridgefield Park a safe and fun Halloween.

WINTER BIRD COUNT SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 8

Ridgefield Park bird lovers be sure to circle Saturday, December 8 on your calendar for the Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission’s 2018 Annual Winter Bird Count.

All residents of the Village are invited to participate in the event. There will be two meet-up locations: 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.

Participants are encouraged to bring a pair of binoculars with them and to wear hiking boots and appropriate clothing for winter weather conditions. The bird count will be cancelled in the event of rain or snow.

For additional information or to reserve a spot at this year’s Winter Bird Count: email the Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission at envcomm@ridgefieldpark.org.

ATTRACTING WILD BIRDS TO YOUR BACKYARD IN WINTER

There is nothing more beautiful than the sights and sounds of Cardinals, Blue jays and Chickadees feeding in the snow outside your window and the wild birds in your neighborhood will especially benefit from your providing food for them in winter.

Here are a few helpful hints on how to attract and care for our feathered friends when the weather gets cold.

The types of food you offer will attract different birds. Black oil Sunflower seed is probably the best as it attracts Cardinals, Blue jays, chickadees, nuthatches, and finches. Safflower seed is irresistible for Cardinals. Thistle seed is best for attracting Goldfinches. Peanuts are best for Blue Jays. Millet and cracked corn is good for doves, Juncos and sparrows, but be advised, it can also attract pigeons, so use it sparingly. Suet or suet cakes are another food that help sustain wild birds during cold winters. It is especially good for attracting woodpeckers, chickadees, and nuthatches.

And there are many types of bird feeders to choose from. Hopper feeders are good as they can be filled with a longer lasting supply of seed. Tube feeders are great for serving thistle seed to Goldfinches. Window feeders equipped with suction cups are great for kids as it allows them to get close-up views of the birds. And suet feeders, made of wire, are made for serving up beef fat or suet cakes for woodpeckers.

And, of course, all the above bird seed attracts squirrels! Unless you enjoy watching the antics of squirrels helping themselves to your feeders, there are a few feeders and feeding stations that are especially designed to discourage them. There are even feeders especially designed for squirrels — if you enjoy feeding them! The best sources for these and all supplies related to bird feeding is at Wild Birds Unlimited on Route 17 in Paramus or the National Wildlife Federation’s online store. Most hardware stores and supermarkets are also good supply sources.

In future editions of the Village Newsletter we will share how you can attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your backyard in the summer!

WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THOSE AUTUMN LEAVES!

The longer you garden, the greater your appreciation for the value of organic matter. And one of the very best sources of organic matter is autumn leaves.

Leaves are packed with trace minerals that trees draw up from deep in the soil. When added to your garden, leaves feed earthworms and beneficial microbes. They lighten heavy soils and help sandy soils retain moisture. They make an attractive mulch in the flower garden. You can Use them to insulate tender perennial plants from the winter cold.

Here’s how to put leaves to work in your garden. Let the leaves pile up on your lawn and then drive over them a few times with the lawn mower. Rake them up and then use them as mulch in your perennial or vegetable gardens. In time, they will break down and do wonders for your soil. Your soil will be teeming with earthworms and other beneficial organisms by spring. Soil with good organic content like shredded leaves is high in calcium and magnesium and retains three to five times its weight in water — rivaling peat moss. If you compost, add them to your compost bin with grass clippings and once they are composted, use them as mulch in your garden beds all summer long!

THE MAKING OF A SCULPTURE

Next time you find yourself near McGowan Park on Bergen Turnpike, you owe it to yourself to stop by to witness the birth of a sculpture.

On August 9th a limestone block weighing 3,350 pounds and standing 56” tall completed its journey from a limestone quarry in Indiana. After being cut to size and delivered by Generation Stone Works of McKeesport Pennsylvania, which is just outside of Pittsburgh, it was set in place on a temporary platform in McGowan Park by the Department of Public Works.

Over the next several months, Ridgefield Park resident and artist George Cooke, who already has a few smaller art pieces on display at McGowan Park, will be carving the stone with elegant precision at the park. Upon its completion, the sculpture will be called Aeon. Designed by Sung Ho Choi, a former Ridgefield Park resident. Aeon contains 10 Korean symbols of long life.

Come see and experience this splendid
participating in a sport in the future, please be sure to complete this free on-line course at your convenience. You must forward your certificate of completion to the Board of Recreation before you will be permitted to participate in any sports program.

The link for this website with the new Sports Concussion policy protocol is www.NJMEADOWS. New Jersey law is requiring that all organizations who use the Board of Education facilities comply with this program. The online training section has a link to a 40-minute free concussion training program and mini exam and at the conclusion the coach or parent will be able to print a certificate of completion. Upcoming Board of Recreation events are as follows:

**Acting and Improvisation Grades K-12**

**Acting and Improvisation for Adults Ages 18 and Up**

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

Classes forming for the Fall Session:

October 4th - December 20th for all grades.

Taught by Rachel Maddock, MA

Educational Theatre - NYU

On-going Registration. Registration forms available at the Clerk’s office or online.

For info about scheduling and to discuss your child’s placement:

Call voicemail at (201) 641-4950 ext. 610. Email: boardofrec@ridgefieldpark.org 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 and advanced students will also study advanced acting techniques such as sensory work, script analysis, 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.

**Tennis** - Barry Ruback (201-568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. Lessons will be offered at Fellowship Park on Saturdays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning September 15 and ending November 11. All rain dates will be made up. For further info, contact Barry Ruback directly.

**T2S Basketball** - The Board sponsors a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students in grades 2-12 run by T2S Basketball Academy. T2Sprovides co-ed sessions, private lessons by appointment only, as well as, team training. There is ongoing registration, For further information, interested people can email t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy and the website www.t2sba.com for more info. You can also follow T2S on Instagram at T2SBasketballacademy.

**Rag-A-Muffin Parade** - The Board of Recreation will be sponsoring its annual Rag-A-Muffin Parade on Saturday, October 27, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. All participants should meet at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Hobart Street, no later than 10:30 a.m., with their registration form. As in the past, prizes will be awarded in all divisions and each child will receive a “goody bag”. The rain date will be Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., with registration at 1:30 p.m. Special surprises will be available for all participants!

**Basketball** - Registration forms are available at the Clerk’s Office, the Public Library or on the internet at www.ridgefieldpark.org. This program is open to both boys and girls who are residents of Ridgefield Park or attend school in Ridgefield Park grades 2-8. The season will run approximately from November 2018 through March 2019. Registration will take place in the DARE Room on the third floor of the Municipal Building on Friday, September 28, 2018, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 29, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration fees are $55.00 for the first child and $45.00 for each additional child. A $20.00 late fee will be added to any registration received AFTER September 29, 2018. Checks should be made payable to: RP BOARD OF RECREATION. Late registrations should be mailed to:

RP Board of Recreation, 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park. All registration forms must be submitted by 10/25 to guarantee a spot on a team. SPECIAL NOTE: NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT EVALUATIONS!!

The evaluations will be at Lincoln School as follows: Monday, November 5 3/4 & 5/6 Boys at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. - All girls

Printed on Recycled Paper
Coffee With a Cop
On Saturday, September 8th, the Ridgefield Park Police Community Policing Unit invites you to attend their first ever Coffee with a Cop event from 10am-12pm at Java Day Café located at 224 Main St. Residents are welcome to engage in conversations to build community relationships with officers while enjoying a complimentary cup of coffee on us.

Movie Under the Stars
The Ridgefield Park Police Community Policing Unit presents a Movie Under the Stars night at Veterans Park. Officers will be hosting an outdoor showing of Disney & Pixar’s COCO (PG) on Friday, September 14th at 7:30pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets and enjoy the evening film in the open-air setting.

5th Annual Car Show
The Ridgefield Park PBA Local 86 will hold their 5th Annual Car Show on Sunday, September 30th from 8:30am-2:00pm. Located at 100 Challenger Rd, the event is free for spectators and $20 to register a car. All registrants will receive a complimentary 8X10 photo. A portion of the proceeds benefits the NJSPBA Survivor & Welfare Fund and a 50/50 raffle ticket winner will be drawn. Rain date October 7th. Contact Ken Van Saders for more information at 201-641-6400 and see any Officer to purchase a raffle ticket for $20.

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Senior Citizens can attend for free and despite the event being free, all spectators are encouraged to purchase a 50/50 raffle ticket for $20. The proceeds will be donated to the Ridgefield Food Pantry.

The Ridgefield Park Police Department will be on site collecting toy donations for underprivileged children. Also, there will be a 50/50 raffle and a DJ playing music.

Resident Reminders
Taxicabs and Limousines
No vehicle with taxi or limousine license plates from any state and no vehicle for hire used for the purpose of the transportation of passengers shall be parked on any day of the week on any street within the Village of Ridgefield Park between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. (Village Ordinance 351-5.1)

School is Open, DRIVE CAREFULLY
Every fall, over 55 million children across the United States head back to school. With 13 percent of those children typically walking or biking to their classes, AAA warns drivers to be especially vigilant for pedestrians before and after school hours. The afternoon hours are particularly dangerous — over the last decade, nearly one in four child pedestrian fatalities occurred between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

For additional information or safety tips you can reference AAA at http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/child-safety/schools-open-drive-carefully/

Slow down: Speed limits in school zones are reduced for a reason. A pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling just 10 mph faster.

Come to a complete stop: Research shows that more than one-third of drivers roll through stop signs in school zones or neighborhoods. Always come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.

Eliminate distractions: Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing. Children can be quick, crossing the road unexpectedly or emerging suddenly between two parked cars. Reduce risk by not using your cell phone or eating while driving, for example.

Reverse responsibly: Every vehicle has blind spots. Check for children on the sidewalk, in the driveway and around your vehicle before slowly backing up. Teach your children to never play in, under or around vehicles.

Pedestrian Safety (39:4-36)
NJSA 39:4-36 states that a driver must stop and yield to pedestrians that are in a marked or unmarked crosswalk where two streets intersect or when turning at an intersection that is controlled by a traffic light. Failure to observe the law may subject you to:

• 2 points on your license
• $200.00 fine plus court costs
• 15 days of community service

Just as big a problem as motorists who fail to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk are pedestrians who walk out into the street and expect a motor vehicle, in transit, to suddenly come to a complete stop. This is
unrealistic and very dangerous. Pedestrians are expected to utilize crosswalks while crossing the street so that they may be seen by drivers more easily and to look both ways for approaching vehicles before crossing the street. NO PEDESTRIANS should be texting or talking on their cell phones while crossing the street. Juveniles and adults alike should also wear reflective clothing while walking or riding bicycles at night when poor visibility becomes a bigger factor.

FROM THE RIDGEFIELD PARK HEALTH DEPARTMENT

REGARDING THE ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF DOGS PER HOUSEHOLD

AS PER THE CODE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK 123-11, NO HOUSEHOLD SHALL OWN, KEEP OR HARBOR MORE THAN THREE DOGS.

ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED!

REGARDING THE ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF CATS PER HOUSEHOLD

AS PER THE CODE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK 123-15, NO HOUSEHOLD SHALL OWN, KEEP OR HARBOR MORE THAN THREE CATS.

ALL CATS MUST BE LICENSED!

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

Holiday Cheer

The library will be offering a variety of activities that celebrate the holiday season. From “how to” programs, to a fabulous exhibit of unique wreaths, there will be something for everyone. Also, both the Holiday Dessert Social (12/5) and the Festival of the Wreaths Celebration (12/7) will offer the sharing of holiday joy with other Villagers. Be sure to add the library to your list of “must visits” for the holidays.

Book and Bake Sale

The Friends of the Library’s semi-annual Book and Bake Sale will be held 10/18 to 10/20! 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 10/1. 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.

Volunteer At Your Library!

The Friends of the Library is a group of like-minded individuals, such as yourself, who meet once a month to discuss what they would like to see happen at your public library. Thanks to this group of library lovers, Villagers are able to enjoy a vast assortment of privileges, such as our Free Museum Passes, maker spaces, and free programs all at your library. In addition, the Friends volunteer during popular events, such as the Book and Bake Sales, Afternoon Tea, and the Festival of Wreaths. If you would like to join a dynamic group of like-minded individuals, please call the library at 201-641-0689. It’s good to have friends.

Program Highlights

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

This is also where program registrations are accepted.

Chess Club Jr.-Mon., 10/1, 10/22, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17, 4:00-4:30 p.m. Village children grades K-2nd grade, join us for an afternoon playing the game of kings. Registration is required. Space is limited.

Mediation-Mon., 10/1, 10/11, 10/15, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 7:00 p.m.

Guided meditation led by Ariane, a Ridgefield Park resident. Please dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat if you wish. This program is a drop-in program so there is no registration required.

Peer Tutoring-Mon., 10/1, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17; Wed., 10/3, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Teens can sign up to help kids with their homework. Register online, great for community service hours!

Homework Help for Kids!-Mon., 10/1, 10/22, 10/29, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, Wed., 10/3, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Teens help elementary school kids with homework and/or reading. Village teens and children only. Space is limited. Registration is required.

YA Game Day-Tues., 10/2, 10/9, 10/30, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 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.


Knaves of the Reading Table-Wed., 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 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.

Crochet Class-Wed., 10/13, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Village residents in 4th grade-Adults can learn how to crochet or teach others somethings. 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.

Movies for the Over 18 Crowd-Thurs., 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, 2:00 p.m. Please contact the library to see what we will be showing. Coffee, tea, and donuts will be served.

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These movies are for persons over 18 years of age.

**Best Books of All Time Book Club-Thurs.,** 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 6:00-6:45 p.m. For village kids grades 5th-6th grade. Together we will read a novel each week and share a slice of pizza! First Novel: *A Wrinkle in Time. Second Novel: The Lion the Witch & the Wardrobe.*

**Parent Cafe-Thurs.,** 10/4, 6:00-7:30 p.m. This is a free program given by Care Plus. They will have different stations about the free programs that the state offers. Dinner will be served and babysitting is provided by the Children’s Department for parents that attend this program. Babysitting is from 6:00-7:30 pm.

**STEM Club-Fri.,** 10/5, 12/21, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Explore STEM through hands on activities and creative projects for village children grades 3rd-6th grade. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**Kids Chef-Sat.,** 10/6, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Become an ultimate Italian Chef and learn how to make homemade tomato sauce from the tomatoes we have grown over the summer in our library garden. For village children K-6th grade. Registration is required.

**Teen Storytime!-Wed.,** 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 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 is required. October: Dread

**The Lion the Witch & the Wardrobe.**

**ArtSmart-Sat.,** 10/27, 11/17, 12/29, 2:00-3:00 p.m. This art appreciation program is designed for village children in 2nd to 6th grade. Each program focuses on one artist or specific piece of art. The session includes a short lecture, discussion, and a simple hands-on activity that reinforces the work of the artist or piece of art. Registration is required.

**Harry Potter Clue!-Fri.,** 10/27, 5:30-7:30 pm Celebrate Halloween early at the Library, with a giant Harry Potter themed game of clue. Can you find the missing students, and uncover the secret of their disappearance? Come play to find out! For 7th grade and up. Registration is required.

**Adult Video/Board Game Night-Fri.,** 10/26, 11/30, 12/14, 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 or call the library at 201-641-0689.

**YA Movie-Sat.,** 11/3, 11/24, 1:00 p.m. This November join us for two “Incredible” superpowered movies! Popcorn will be served. For 5th grade and up, family members welcome to attend.

**The Blue Planet-Mon.,** 11/5, 3:30-4:30 p.m. How much of the earth is covered by freshwater and saltwater? Children will learn about the water on earth, be introduced to the art of collage making and create an ocean collage. This program is sponsored by Suez Water. Registration is required.
Is Your Child on Target?-Thurs., 11/8, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Do you have questions about your child’s development? Lenore K. Stamm, MA, CCC-SLP, a Certified Speech Language Pathologist will be visiting the Ridgefield Park Public Library. She will meet with parents to discuss various topics related to child development and child rearing, such as Sleep, Nutrition, Toilet Training and Child Milestones. Bring your questions and get answers! Registration is required.

Rosie the Reading Dog-Sat., 11/10, 3:00-4:00 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. Sign up for a 15-minute session. Village children only, space is limited. Registration is required.

Festival of the Wreaths-Tues., 11/13-Fri., 12/7 (exhibition). One of a kind, hand-crafted wreaths will be on display at the library from Tuesday, 11/13 until Friday, 12/7. Make a donation and you may be able to take one of these beautiful wreaths to your holiday home. The Festival of the Wreaths Celebration will be held from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on Fri., 12/7. Participants are asked to bring a favorite holiday finger food for sharing on the dessert buffet. Entertainment and a visit from Santa will be included.

Ellis Island-Thurs., 11/15, 7:00 P.M. Often referred to as: the “Island of Hope” and “Island of Tears.” Find out why by taking a slideshow and lecture covering the island’s earliest days up to the present day. Relive some of our immigrants’ experiences and stories, along with their fears and disappointments. Lecture will include actual immigrant pictures both past and present. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required through our web site at www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org or call library at 201-641-0689, seating is limited.

Thanksgiving Holiday Reading Challenge-Thurs., 11/19-11/30, Challenge your kids to read this Thanksgiving with this new reading program. Kids register online and log their books they read. Kids that participate in the program will be invited to a party at the library. Invitations will be sent out at the conclusion of the reading program. Go to www.ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary.org for more information. This program is open to all children ages infant to 6th grade.

Holiday Dessert Social-Tues., 12/4, 7:00 p.m. Village residents are invited to join us for our 13th annual celebration of the holiday season. Each family is asked to bring a favorite holiday treat for sharing. Don’t miss this chance to hear a special reading of “Twas the Night before Christmas”, visit with our special friend from the north pole and learn to play the dreidel game.

Wreath Making for Kids-Sat., 12/8, 1:00 p.m. Come and create with us! Bring your own decorations and we will supply the wreath. This is a drop-in program, so no registration necessary for village children. Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Gingerbread Decorating Class-Sat., 12/15, 1:00-3:00 pm Looking to spread some holiday cheer, or just learn how to make some decorative treats? Then sign up for this class where we will make decorations for and prepare a gingerbread house for the holiday season. For 7th grade and up. Registration is required.

Kid’s Movie Matinee-12/27, 12/28, 11:00 a.m. Child friendly movies will be shown and popcorn provided but you are welcome to bring your own favorite snacks.

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Slow down and look for workers before you go around any truck.

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NJ Legislation has passed a bill (A-4452), effective May 1, 2017, which adds SANITATION VEHICLES to the existing “Slow Down/Move Over” law. The bill, referred to as “Michael Massey’s Law”, follows the death of Freehold resident Michael Massey, an Ocean County public works employee who was killed in a 2013 motor vehicle crash while working.

The law REQUIRES motorists to reduce their speed and change lanes when approaching authorized vehicles—which now includes sanitation vehicles. The law also requires sanitation vehicles to display flashing amber lights while stopped on a street and while engaged in the collection of garbage or while moving between stops at a speed of 10 miles per hour or less.
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.
For more information, visit us on the web @ www.ridgefieldpark.gov.

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 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.
- 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

LEAF SEASON
LEAF SEASON begins on October 14th and ends on December 30th. Leaves must be placed in the street-along the curb line in front of your home on the alternate side parking day, when the sweeper is due to pass. 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.

PAPER SHREDDING
- The DPW will once again hold a paper shredding day on Saturday, October 27, 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.
POT HOLES:
Please report potholes to the DPW @ 201-440-4860 or email: dpw@ridgefieldpark.org

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.

RECYCLING CENTER
The recycling center is located at 24 Industrial Avenue.
Residents can drop off recyclable items from 9 AM to 12PM (NOON), Monday through Saturday.
A “REUSE” area is now available. Residents can leave serviceable items they no longer need, which may be of use to other residents. This is at the discretion of the recycling coordinator and limited to space constraints.
Only small amounts of trash will be accepted and proof of residency is required.
You may be required to show a valid building permit for construction materials.
NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES*NO CONTRACTOR WASTE PERMITTED*NO HOUSE CLEAN-OUTS

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.

STREET SWEEPING
The street sweeper is scheduled to clean 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 street will be cleaned. Alternate Side Parking is in effect whether the sweeper is out or not, so please move your vehicle as noted.

WHITE GOODS
WHITE GOODS and tires must be called into the DPW before they are placed at the curb.
WHITE GOODS include: Tires, Computers, Electronics, TVs, and Air Conditioners & Appliances.
Note: Refrigerators and freezers must have doors removed & unit should be laid flat to prevent injury. Call 201-440-4860, give address, place item at the curb Tuesday night for Wednesday pick-up. Failure to call will result in the item remaining at the curb and you may be subject to a fine.

YARD WASTE:
Yard waste consists of grass clippings, garden vines, leaves tree branches, shrubbery. Stones, gravel, rocks, dirt and sod will NOT be picked up. Yard waste must be put into a container or PAPER bag weighing no more than 35 lbs. Do NOT rake yard waste into the street. Tree branches and brush should be cut into 4 ft. lengths and tied into manageable bundles. Place yard waste on the curb the night before your collection day.
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK
201-440-2570

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE FORM

The Village of Ridgefield Park has a Residential Special Needs Registry for residents who may require special assistance during an emergency. The provided information is strictly CONFIDENTIAL and will only be used by public safety personnel during emergencies.

NAME ____________________________ AGE ___ BIRTH DATE __________

ADDRESS __________________________________________________________

HOME PHONE __________________________ CELL PHONE ________________________

Describe your special need or assistance that may be required during an emergency (oxygen, medical device, etc.)

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Is this need ______ permanent _______ temporary, until ________________________

Do you require electricity to operate a medical devise? _______yes _______ no

In case of emergency, please call: ________________________________________

Home Phone: ______________ Work Phone ______________ Cell Phone ____________

In case of emergency does anyone have a key to your residence? ______ yes ______ no

Name __________________________ Address _________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Cell _____________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________________

RETURN TO: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, 50 MAIN ST., RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ 07660