

Fourth of July 2018



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12th Grade, RP Jr/Sr HS

124th Annual Celebration
Ridgefield Park, NJ

Village of Ridgefield Park



Board of Commissioners

Commissioners' Message

Our 4th of July celebration brings together present and former residents, families, friends and visitors to celebrate the events begun 242 years ago with our nation's Declaration of Independence. The ideals expressed in our historic declaration continue to represent the hope of all humanity – liberty and justice for all. Ours continues to be a "work in progress" as we strive to build a still better community, nation and world.

We commend and thank the Citizens 4th of July committee whose good, hard work makes this day happen. Joining the citizens committee are village employees, volunteers, veterans, civic, service, school, fraternal, religious, youth and sports organizations – all of which contribute to the spirit of the day.

Celebrate this great American holiday. Remember always those whose sacrifices have made this day possible. Fly our flag! Honor America! Be Safe!

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Ridgefield Park 4th of July Citizens' Committee

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 Refreshments at ChurchLeslie Olson
 Rescue Squad CoordinatorHowie Hendricks
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Celebration Date – Wednesday, July 4, 2018 Official Program Events Timetable

7:30 a.m.Reading of the Declaration of Independence
 7:45 a.m.One bomb blast and official flag raising at the Memorial Plaza,
 Euclid Ave. and Mount Vernon St. (Boy Scouts Troop 3, Pack 4
 and the Girl Scout Troops of Ridgefield Park).
 8:00 a.m.Annual inspection of Fire Department on Euclid Ave. between
 Cedar and Mount Vernon Streets.
 9:00 a.m.Baby and Youth Parade, Euclid Ave. between Preston and Mount
 Vernon Streets. Divisional Awards will be announced and
 distributed at the close of parade.
 11:25 a.m.Two bomb blasts, playing of the National Anthem at Civic Parade
 starting point, Hudson Ave. and Preston St.
 11:30 a.m.Single bomb blast and start of Civic Parade.
 1:00 p.m.(Approximately) End of Civic Parade – presentation of awards for
 Civic Parade and Home Decorating Contest (Brewster Park).

For the first time in the history of the Ridgefield Park Fourth of July Citizens Committee, we had a tie in our voting process for Grand Marshal of the 2018 celebration. This year we will have Co-Grand Marshals.

Grand Marshal – Mary Puleio

Mary has lived in the Village for 62 years where she and her husband, Peter, have raised their 6 children, establishing a legacy for their family by volunteering and giving back to the Village. Mary was employed by the Village as the Secretary to the Rent Stabilization Board, Welfare Director, and Board of Health Secretary. She held these positions until her retirement in 2010 after 36 years of service. Mary continues to be actively involved as a board member with the Village's Board of Health, the Local Assistance Board and the Rent Stabilization Board. Mary's past memberships include: St. Francis CYO Adult Advisory Committee, CCD Instructor, President of St. Francis Mother's Guild, RP Representative to South East Center of Independent Living, President of the Bergen/Hudson Unit of Municipal Welfare Association, RP representative at State of NJ Welfare Association and Treasurer for the Board of Governors. Mary continues to be active within the community as a member of the Ridgefield Park Gardeners, the Senior Citizens Club and the Woman's Club. Mary has been honored by the EG Albergue Council 2229 Knights of Columbus as Senior Citizen of the Year (2018) and the Ridgefield Park Elks Lodge 1506 as Citizen of the Year (2007).

Grand Marshal – Harry C. Welte, Jr.

Harry, who is 92 years old, has resided in the Village for 64 years with his wife Patsy where they raised their 4 children and 2 grandsons. He worked as an Army pre-sale inspector on the B-36 bombers, Project Manager for a general construction contractor, and the Village of Ridgefield Park as the superintendent of the Department of Public Works. Harry is a proud veteran of the Army Air Corps, World War II and is a 62 year member of the American Legion. He took on the responsibility of Family Readiness Group Leader, (a voluntary Army Liaison between the deployed troops and family back home). Harry served his community well by his membership in: the Boy Scouts of America Troop #1 as Assistant Scout Master, the RP Voluntary Fire Department for 19 years, the Board of Adjustment for 10 years, a past member of the 4th of July Citizens Committee, a Planning Board Clerk, the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the re-opening of Lincoln School, and the Ridgefield Park/Bogota Rotary Club for 36 years where he initiated "Gifts for Heroes" which shipped gift packages to deployed troops overseas. Harry has been a congregant of the First Baptist Church for 62 years and was the President of their Board of Trustees.

Program Cover Artwork Contest Winners

1st Place Stephanie Heihls
12th Grade, RP Jr/Sr High School
Donated by The Vorhees Family

2nd Place Samantha Valle
12th Grade, RP Jr/Sr High School
Donated by William C. Liess

Baby and Youth Parade Committee

Chairperson - Maureen McElroy

Prize Chairperson	Donna Arciuolo
Judges Chairperson	Terry McElroy
Reception Committee	Susan Fosdick, Gregory Kohles, Maira Poli, Dianne MacNeill
Refreshments	Leslie Olson
Honor Student Committee Chairperson	Eileen McElroy
Flowers	Dayle Roberts
Vocal Selection	Natasha Gonzalez
Publicity	Loretta Vorhees
Music (Official Band)	Little Ferry VFW Post #809 Band
Parade Escort Chairperson	Patti Acosta
Division Escorts	Ashlyn Acosta, Jillian Dolch, Lisa Infantino, Marie Hairs-Monahan, Emily Locarno, Dee Mayer, Jean Pierce, Kathy Richardson, Judy Spagnola



Queen's Court

Her Majesty the Queen . . .	Lauren Lee, 8th Grade, RP Jr/Sr HS
Prime Minister	Hugo A. Maria, 8th Grade, RP Jr/Sr HS
Lady in Waiting	Gauri Bhandari, 7th Grade, RP Jr/Sr HS
Usher	Eric Ocampo, 7th Grade, RP Jr/Sr HS
Honor Escorts (6th Grade) . . .	Grant School Brianna Cruz Lincoln School Marilyn Ibrahim Roosevelt School Sebastian Barerra
Pages (5th Grade)	Grant School Brian Asare-Gyan Lincoln School Camely Pena Roosevelt School Joey O'Neill
Pages (4th Grade)	Grant School Noel Yoo Lincoln School Alia Alonso Roosevelt School Akay Say
Flower Girl (3rd Grade)	Grant School Aniyah Pena
Crown Bearer	Lincoln School Sebastian Arias
Train Bearer	Roosevelt School Calvin Jang

Baby and Youth Parade Grand Prizes

Commissioner's Trophy

Most PatrioticRidgefield Park Board of Commissioners

Queen's Trophies

Most AttractiveDayle's Village Flower Shoppe

Most HumorousWilliam C. Liess

Most OriginalDiamond Rock Spring Water

Prime Minister's Trophy

"We Salute the Ridgefield Park Police Department-Protecting and Serving Our Village for 125 Years"

.The Cintron Firm

Youngest Baby from Ridgefield Park Award

.The McElroy Family

Special Awards for Students on the Honors Float

.Friends of the Library - Ridgefield Park
Public Library

Special Thanks and Appreciation

- * Alan O'Grady and all of the members of the Ridgefield Park DPW
- * Ridgefield Park Ambulance Corps.
- * Ridgefield Park Police Department
- * Ridgefield Park Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Ambulance Corps for refreshments after the main parade
- * The Village Clerk's Office staff
- * GJEM Insurance Agency for the ice refreshments after the Youth Parade
- * First Presbyterian Church for the use of their hall
- * The City of Hackensack for the use of their trolley
- * The families that helped the children with their entries
- * The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Ridgefield Park
- * The out-of-town Judges and volunteers
- * Steven Rotella and Metro Printing
- * Banners & Signs by Office Works
- * The Board of Education and the schools of Ridgefield Park
- * McCann and McCann for the use of their property for the judges reviewing area

The Civic Parade Committee would like to thank the Gooney Bird Detachment of the United States Marine Corps League for their assistance and use of their signal cannon, marking our Village's official flag raising and the start of the Civic Parade.

Division Awards

Division 1 (walking singly age 1-5)

- 1st PrizeMcCann & McCann, Esqs.
- 2nd PrizeJava Day Cafe
- 3rd PrizeGJEM Insurance Agency

Division 2 (walking singly age 6-12)

- 1st PrizeLincoln School PTA
- 2nd PrizeVillage IGA Supermarket & Liquors
- 3rd PrizeBanners and Signs by Office Works

Division 3 (pairs, groups walking)

- 1st PrizeRidgefield Park After School Program
- 2nd PrizeP & P Landscaping
- 3rd PrizeHamiltonAir Co., Inc.
- 4th PrizeThe King Family

Division 4 (decorated carriages or strollers)

- 1st PrizeIn Memory of Former Grand Marshal (2013) Joan Gibbs
- 2nd PrizeWilliam C. Liess
- 3rd PrizeIn Memory of Jean Lennart
- 4th PrizeIn Memory of Charlotte Collins

Division 5 (floats)

- 1st PrizeWon Buddhism
- 2nd PrizeRidgefield Park Summer Camp
- 3rd PrizeR.P. Police Goodwill Association
- 4th PrizeMTC Leasing, Inc.

Division 6A (visiting children walking)

- 1st PrizeIn Memory of Fred Hartman
- 2nd PrizeBoggia & Boggia, LLC
- 3rd PrizeRising Sun Academy
- 4th PrizeManhattan Collision Specialists Inc.

Division 6B (visiting children floats, carriages or strollers)

- 1st PrizeRainbow Cleaners
- 2nd Prize101 Pub
- 3rd PrizeRidgefield Park Animal Hospital
- 4th PrizeStar Candle Company

Division 7 (decorated bicycles)

Special Prizes to be awarded to those participants in this division

All Division Honorable Mention Prizes Donated by:

- Leslie Olson
- William C. Liess
- Won-Buddhism
- Woman's Club of Ridgefield Park
- Star Candle
- Electric Distributors Inc.

Civic Parade

Line of March - Starts at Preston St. and Hudson Ave., moving west to Roosevelt Ave., north to Union Place, west to Main St., south to Brewster Park (adjacent to Route 46). All bands will play the National Anthem at 11:25 a.m. and the parade will step off at 11:30 a.m.

Division Lineups

- 1 - Hudson Ave. facing north from Preston St., south to mid-block
- 2 - Hudson Ave. facing north from mid-block south to Poplar St.
- 3 - Hudson Ave. facing north from Poplar St. south to mid-block
- 4 - Hudson Ave. facing north from mid-block south to Park St.
- 5 - Poplar St. facing Hudson Ave., east and west (R.P. Emergency Services)
- 6 - Park St. facing east, from Hudson Ave. west
- 7 - Park St. facing west, from Hudson Ave. east
- 8 - Hudson Ave. facing north from Park St., south to mid-block
- 9 - Hudson Ave. facing north from mid-block, south to Mt. Vernon St.
- 10 - Poplar St. facing east, from mid-block west to Euclid Ave. (visiting Ambulance Corps and Rescue Squads)
- 11 - Preston St. facing Hudson Ave. east and west (visiting Fire Departments)

Civic Parade Awards

- Best Appearance, Emergency Services Group
.....In Memory of Earl J. Vorhees (RPFDF)
Runner-UpIn Memory of Edward G. Reinhardt (Ex-Chief RPFDF)
- Best Appearance (Men or Women's Group)
.....In Memory of Frank A. Callahan
- Best Appearance (Children's Group)
.....Rainbow Cleaners
Runner-UpThe King Family
- Most Spirited, Children's Group . . .William C. Liess
Runner-UpManhattan Collision Specialists Inc.
Runner-UpRidgefield Park Animal Hospital
- Most Spirited, Marching/Walking Group
.....Star Candle Company
- Best Uniformed, Marching/Walking Group
.....Friends of the Library- Ridgefield Park Library
Runner-UpMTC Leasing Inc.
- Most Attractive FloatVorhees-Ingwersen Funeral Home
- Most Original FloatWon Buddhism
- Most Patriotic FloatMemoriam John F. Dietrich,
Treasurer R.P. Elks Lodge #1506
- Most Patriotic Entry in Parade . . .Ridgefield Park Elks Lodge #1506
Runner-UpIn Memory of Fred Hartman
- Best Musical EntryElectric Distributors, Inc.
Runner-UpApache Auto Wreckers-Scrap Metal Recycling
- Most Humorous EntryRidgefield Park Jr/Sr HS PTSA
- Most Original EntryHigh Spirits Discount Liquors

Division Makeup

Division 1

"Uncle Sam" – Mr. Erich Roberts
R.P. NJ Police Department Honor Guard
Police Pipes and Drums of Bergen County, NJ
R.P. 4th of July Citizens Committee
Ridgefield Park Board of Commissioners
and their spouses
Grand Marshals – Mary Puleio and Harry C. Welte, Jr.
American Legion Post #40 (Ridgefield Park, NJ)

Division 2

Vietnam War Veterans Chapter #800
(Little Ferry, NJ)
Little Ferry VFW Post #809 Band
Ridgefield Park Board of Education
Queen and Her Escorts (Honor Students)
Program Cover Artwork Contest Winners
Baby and Youth Parade Entries
Ridgefield Park-Bogota Rotary Club

Division 3

Colonial Ancients Fife & Drum Corps
(Medford, NY)
Visiting Political Dignitaries
Ford-Nelson-O'Sullivan VFW Post #277
Members & Ladies Auxiliary
Wounded Warrior Project
Gooney Bird Detachment, USMCL
(New Milford, NJ)
Korean War Veterans Association, Taejon
Chapter #170 (Saddle Brook, NJ)
Arcola Korean United Methodist
Church (Paramus, NJ)
Korean American Senior Citizens
Association of NJ (Ridgefield, NJ)

Division 4

Passaic High School Marching Band
(Passaic, NJ)
R.P. BPOE #1506 (Elks Lodge)
All Schools Special Needs Foundation
(R.P., NJ)
Reformed Presbyterian Church (R.P., NJ)
The Bridge FM Christian Radio (Old
Bridge, NJ)
Hackensack Riverkeeper
(Hackensack, NJ)
Circus Fun, PTC Productions (Wayne, NJ)
Bergen County Trail Raiders (Cliffside
Park, NJ)

Division 5

Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band
R.P. Volunteer Fire Department
R.P. OEM - CERT

R.P. Volunteer Heavy Rescue Squad
R.P. Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Division 6

The Tappan Zee Bridgemen (Sleepy
Hollow, NY)
E.G. Alberque Knights of Columbus Council
#2229 Color Guard and Members
St. Francis of Assisi Church
Mosaic Lodge #194, 3rd District Order
of Free & Accepted Masons
Girl Scouts Service Unit 176
Ridgefield Park Cub Scouts Pack 4
Ridgefield Park Boy Scouts Troop 3
Garden State Region Mustang Club
(Wood Ridge, NJ)

Division 7

John Duke Band (Pine Hill, NJ)
The Buccanettes Twirling Team
(Wallington, NJ)
Friends of the Library
R.P. Baseball Organization
R.P. Junior Football Cheerleaders
R.P. Soccer Organization
Rising Sun Academy
Pee Wee Herman and Friends, Dzieci
Theatre (Brooklyn, NY)
North Jersey Tinker T's (Carlstadt, NJ)

Division 8

Hawthorne Caballeros Drum & Bugle
Corps (Hawthorne, NJ)
Polaris Slingshot Owners of NJ
(Bogota, NJ)
R.P. After School Program
R.P. Community Garden
R.P. Green Team
Tiger Schulmann's Mixed Martial Arts
(Englewood, NJ)
NY Waterway Ferry Service
(Weehawken, NJ)
Classic Cars, Vintage Vehicles and
Miscellaneous Automotive Entries

Division 9

Bushwackers Drum & Bugle Corps
(Princeton, NJ)
Grant School PTA Float
Lincoln School PTA Float
Roosevelt School PTA Float

Division 10

Visiting Ambulance Corps
Visiting Rescue Squads

Division 11

Visiting Fire Departments

Fire Department Inspection Awards

1st Place	Donated in Memory of William A. Liess (Ex Chief RPFD)
2nd Place	Donated in Memory of Gilbert Alberque Gibbs (RPFD)
3rd Place	Donated in Memory of Daniel J. Collins, Sr. (RPFD)
4th Place	Donated in Memory of Marty Lennart (Ex-Chief RPFD)

Home and Business Decorating Contest 2018

Break out the red, white and blue for a chance to win! Theme: **We Salute The Ridgefield Park Police Department - Protecting and Serving Our Village for 125 Years.** Contest is open to any home or business in the village – registration is required.

Registration forms are located at the Library, Municipal Building, or online at amrbrwn@aol.com. Entries must be received by 3pm on Friday, June 29th, 2018 in the drop box in the Municipal Building or emailed to Alice Brown (amrbrwn@aol.com).

A panel of out-of-town judges will tour Ridgefield Park on Tuesday, July 3rd after 3pm.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Home or Business	Donated by:
Most Creative	The King Family
Most Patriotic	Ridgefield Park Woman's Club–Evening Membership Division (EMD)
Judges' Choice	Vorhees-Ingwersen Funeral Home
Most Attractive	McCann & McCann, Esqs.

Awards will be handed out after the Main Parade on Wednesday, July 4th at Brewster Park. Winners will also be posted on the town's website and the 4th of July Committee Facebook page.

Thank you to the following restaurants who donated gift cards for the Home & Business Decorating Contest.

Luka's Italian Cuisine, Bogota
MK Valencia, Ridgefield Park
The 101 Pub, Bogota



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Message from the 4th of July Committee

The Ridgefield Park July 4th Citizens Committee welcomes you to our beautiful Village to celebrate the birthday of our Nation. Since 1894, a committee composed of citizen volunteers of the Village has had the privilege of planning the event that has become the center stone and the hallmark of the spirit of our Village and our Country.

Without a doubt, the most difficult challenge our committee faces is the choosing of the person who will serve as our parade Grand Marshal. Nominations for Grand Marshal are received from citizens, Civic and Fraternal and service organizations, and Veterans groups. The nominees must be a Village resident and have a history of volunteerism and service to the Village over their residency in our town. The person who will be the Grand Marshal is chosen at our May meeting by members of the committee and representatives of groups that attended the necessary number of our meetings.

This year we have a historic situation - the result of the vote for Grand Marshal resulted in a tie. A tie vote has never occurred in the history of our committee. The committee decided that we will have Co-Grand Marshals for our 2018 July 4th parade. The two people chosen to be Grand Marshal each have a history of outstanding service to the Village. We are pleased to name Mary Puleio and Harry C. Welte Jr. Co-Grand Marshals for our parade this year.

John J. Tymon, Chairman
July 4th Citizens Committee

The generosity of the following contributors has helped to defray the costs of the awards and printing of this program:

Manhattan Collision Specialists, Inc.

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The King Family

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Lincoln School PTA
The Cintron Firm
Ridgefield Park AfterCare Program
The McElroy Family
Boggia & Boggia, LLC

Vorhees Family
Dayle's Village Flower Shoppe
Rising Sun Academy
Star Candle
Maureen Gibbs
Ridgefield Park Animal Hospital
101 Pub
Tomiko Sakazume
High Spirits Discount Liquors
Callahan Lawyer Services
Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr HS PTA
Jean Lennart
Java Day Café
Ridgefield Park Summer Camp
Nancy Dietrich
Banners and Signs by Office Works
Diamond Rock Spring Water

Vorhees-Ingwersen Funeral Home

Village IGA Supermarket and Liquors

Apache Auto Wreckers-Scrap Metal Recycling

Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club of Ridgefield Park
Roosevelt School PTA