



Ridge Civic



Caring Citizens in a Quiet Country Community

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General Membership Meeting April 17, 2024, 7:30 pm Ridge Firehouse

Call to Order and Pledge

- Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm by **President Scott Wood**

Reading of the Minutes

- Minutes are accessible on our website: ridgecivic.org.

Guest Speakers

Suffolk County Police Department COPE Officer [7th Precinct](#)

- Vehicle larcenies continue to be an issue; always lock your car doors especially at night. Catalytic converter thefts are down significantly. Crime in the district is down 11% since last month, although larcenies at the Yaphank WalMart are persistent.
- Concerns about possible drug sales or potential home invasions should be brought to the [7th Precinct's monthly meetings which are on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm](#). It is very important for individuals directly involved to call SCPD and log all concerns, then follow up.

Ridge Elementary School Principal Chris Foster

- Stopping by to introduce self and offer to collaborate with Ridge Civic on events and activities that will benefit children of our community.

Financial Report

- **Treasurer John Capurso** reports the amounts in the Ridge Civic accounts—general checking, community park, schoolhouse, scholarship, beautification, and savings.

Correspondence

- None at this time

Unfinished Business

- Downpours during last month's Easter Egg Hunt caused us to move event inside, and we are thankful to Hollywood Sweets for opening up their shop so we could host it there. Children came for colorful eggs and still had fun, and we had 8 high school volunteers with us that day.
- For this Saturday's Earth Day Community Cleanup Challenge, we have a grand prize \$100 gift certificate to Drifters as well as \$25 gift certificates each to Alfredo's, All Island Car Wash, Go Burger, Harvest Moon Deli, Hollywood Sweets, and Unique Tastes. In addition, we will have free giveaways for guests, including free recycling bins & materials from Town of Brookhaven, seed packets from Ridge Civic, flowers from Hidden Ridge Plants, and confections from two of our latest business members: Harvest Moon Deli and Mexican Pan Pan Bakery in Lake Panamoka.

New Business

- The annual Memorial Day Parade with Ridge Fire Department will be on Saturday, May 18, 10 am, starting by Gray's Hardware and going to Veterans Memorial Park.
- Our summer 2024 concert will be on Saturday, July 27, 6 to 8 pm, with Sunday, July 28 as the rain date. The band will be Abby Normal. We are still working on the family film night, but that will likely be in August.
- As a reminder, this year's election for Ridge Civic is in June for board and executive positions. You have to be a member for at least three months to be considered; for president you have to be a member for at least one year.

Member Concerns

- Concerns include a suspected attempt at a home invasion south of Middle Country Road. Neighbors believe they saw a group of teens/young adults near back window of a home and scared them off. No one was hurt. Incident was reported to Suffolk County Police.

Residents should always report incidents and concerns to SCPD and then do a follow up. Officers from 7th Precinct do patrol the area but staffing levels are lower than in the past. Rather than post on social media, it is best to notify SCPD and file a report and [attend the monthly community meetings](#).

- [Neighbors Being Human](#) representatives note that need continues to be great in our area, so pantry donations are always appreciated.

Committee Reports

- Community Park — Will make sure park looks nice for Saturday's Earth Day event
- Membership — No report at this time
- Downtown Beautification — Getting ready to fill planters
- School House — No report at this time
- Clean Up — Encouraging residents to clean up litter for Earth Day program

- Scholarship Committee — Applications are due May 15, flyer is on our website, form is now online to make it easier for students to apply
- Events – Ninette Kayton reports that our next events are Earth Day and Memorial Day Parade
- Brookhaven National Lab – No report at this time

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.