



Ridge Civic



Caring Citizens in a Quiet Country Community

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General Membership Meeting October 19, 2022, 7:30 pm Ridge Fire House

Call to Order and Pledge

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Scott Wood

Reading of the Minutes

- Motion to waive reading minutes and to access them online at ridgescivic.org made by Ken Casanova, seconded by Debbie Bedell.

Financial Report

- Treasurer Ken Casanova reports the following current balances:
 - \$17,285.66 — Total in all accounts
 - \$6,085.44 — General checking
 - \$3,518.57 — Community park fund
 - \$854.89 — Schoolhouse fund
 - \$2,620.28 — Scholarship fund
 - \$533.75 — Beautification fund
 - \$3,672.73 — Savings

Correspondence

- President Scott Wood notes that Ridge Civic hosted a booth at Brookhaven Town Fair, September 24-25, 10 am to 5 pm each day, with four stations: Cardboard Construction, Bubble Base, Crayola Creation, Bean Bag Toss. Scott thanks Cynthia for hosting Cardboard Station all weekend and Ninette for hosting Bubble Base all weekend.

Events Committee Chair Ninette Kayton notes it was well attended both days. We handed out 300 yellow plastic construction hats with Ridge Civic Association stickers on them and we had student volunteers from Longwood High School assisting us. Cynthia adds there were 17 student volunteers total, and we posted a public thank you to them on the Longwood Community News Facebook group.

Unfinished Business

- None at this time

New Business

- Santa Comes to Longwood: Event is scheduled for December 3, 11 am to 2 pm (flier available). Ridge Civic invited to participate. Ridge School House will be open due to 150th anniversary. Girl Scouts will have hot cocoa, Ridge Civic is giving reindeer food, house will be open for Santa pictures. There will be roasted chestnuts, popcorn; might be caroling if anyone is interested. They are looking for volunteers.
- Santa Comes to Ridge Community Park: We usually have Santa at Ridge Park the day after Santa at Longwood, so that would be December 4, but needs to be confirmed by events committee.

Guest Speaker: Zach Sicardi, Brookhaven Town Recycling Educator

- Zach shares info on Brookhaven's recycling program. He was also at Brookhaven Town Fair and distributed blue paper recycling bins.
- NYS Solid Waste Management Act of 1988 graphic shows hierarchy of reduce, reuse, recycle. Reducing is the most desired; when we cannot reduce, need to reuse as much as possible, and what cannot be reduced or reused need to recycle. For things not recyclable, focus is on energy recovery through incinerator ash that then goes to the Brookhaven Town Landfill, produces energy, and limits landfill space.
- Town of Brookhaven graphic shows what is recyclable: 1) Plastic containers #1, #2, and #5 and metal cans and 2) paper and cardboard. Recycling from homes is collected on alternating Wednesdays, as shown on Town of Brookhaven recycling calendar. In 2018 town went back to dual-stream recycling. Residents must place items in recycle bin/container, not in plastic bags.
- For plastics: Please always rinse before you recycle. What not to include: other plastics, Styrofoam, plastic bags, glass, coated paper containers, garden hoses, soiled paper and cardboard, toys and other bulky plastics. To be included:
 - Plastic #1 is PET/PETE (most common type), includes water and drink bottles (rigid plastic only, not film plastics that you can rip)
 - Plastic #2 is HDPE, includes milk jugs, shampoo bottles, detergent bottles; HD (high density) means it's a little thicker
 - Plastic #5 is PP, includes yogurt, margarine, sour cream tubs, many take-out containers, prescription pill bottles
- Also can include metal soda, soup, and aerosol cans (no caps), and clean aluminum foil. No scrap metal, which can be dangerous at the manufacturing facility so call the town for pickup (631-451-TOWN) for pick up within 10 business days or drop off at landfill.
- Paper and cardboard: To be included are newspaper, office paper, magazines, envelopes, junk mail, wrapping paper (non-metallic), paperback books. Shipping boxes plus paperboard which includes cereal boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel rolls, etc. Not to be included: Biggest contaminant is packaging peanuts so remove those.
- Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) creates bales of plastics that can weigh up to 1,000 lbs. Shipped throughout country, especially to the South, or overseas. Residents can

tour the MRF. Important to note *plastic bags cannot be mixed in with recycling* because they become tangled in equipment. They stop the whole facility every day to cut bags loose—unproductive and dangerous to employees—so return plastic bags to local supermarkets, including King Kullen in Middle Island.

- MRF prepared plastics are turned into clothing, park benches; paper turned into new cardboard, tissues, paper towels; metal into new cans, car parts, bicycle parts. Much can be recycled within a matter of weeks of you tossing it. Look for products that say made from “post-consumer recycled content.”
- For glass: Town of Brookhaven has 12 satellite recycling drop off locations, and Firefighters’ Park is closest for Ridge. Glass is crushed and used for manufacturing (see brookhavenNY.gov/glass). Glass gets crushed and used to replace sand and other sediments in construction projects. Needs to stay separate because otherwise it contaminates other plastics, etc., at MRF.
- Other items:
 - New NYS Paint Stewardship Program: New paint drop off at town landfill. Learn more at paintcare.org which is nonprofit partner.
 - Special recycling events: 3-in-1 recycling for e-waste, paper shredding, and medication disposal (e-waste includes TVs, computers, printers, old cell phones, routers, game consoles, DVD players, and hard drives). Look for fliers from Mike Loguercio or call 631-451-6968. Next one is November 5.
 - For other reduce and reuse opportunities, town is partnered with Habitat for Humanity donation program at ReStore which takes donations of appliances, building materials, doors, windows, furniture, etc., and you get a tax deduction. Or you can use freecycle.org, BBBS of LI, Salvation Army, or others to keep things out of the landfill.
 - Contact info: wastemanagement@brookhavenny.gov and 631-451-8696

Questions?

1. Can shredded paper be recycled? No, but if you bring it to special recycling event it will be shredded and recycled.
2. How to recycle paint cans? Water based or latex paints can go into garbage but new paint recycling program is preferred. Oil based paints must go to landfill.
3. Zack mentioned clean, dry cardboard but what if it rains? MRF staff sets it aside to dry out but please keep your bins covered to better ensure it all can be recycled.
4. Does the town pay to ship out recycling bales? No. Recycling not only mitigates environmental impact but also helps the town earn money, e.g., \$1.7 million in 2021 off sale of recyclables. And town must pay to throw away, so it is to everyone’s benefit to participate in recycling.

Many thanks to Zach Sicardi for the very informative presentation.

Town Councilman Mike Loguercio

- Is redistricting of town councils happening? Yes. Every ten years based on Census, town council is allowed to redistrict. Slight changes this time. Hamlet of Ridge actually had three council reps (Dan Panico, Jane Bonner, Mike Loguercio) but now Mike has about 90% of Ridge (Jane is keeping Leisure Village). Contact Mike with questions or concerns.

Member Concerns

- None at this time

Committees

- A. Community Park (Chris Sosik/John Gulino): Chris reports that the bronze plaque for Phil Reany is missing. Not sure what happened and looking into getting a new one.
 - B. Membership (Holly Wood) — Holly reports that several new members have signed up at the hardware store, several of whom are in attendance tonight.
 - C. Downtown Beautification (Debbie Bedell) — Debbie reports on applications for two grants to renovate Veterans Memorial; both still in process. Debbie placed small “welcome Halloween” signs in some planters along Route 25. Hoping to get flags on poles with lights on them, and notes to Mike Loguercio that a few of lights are still not working. Also doing donations of nonperishable foods for Thanksgiving for Branches in Middle Island. Please donate (not turkeys but sides and other foods). Last year they gave out 1,000 meals in the Longwood district.
 - D. School House (Chris Sosik) — Chris notes that Ridge School House is being honored this year for its 150th anniversary
 - E. Clean Up (Rich Paduspska) — No report at this time
 - F. Scholarship Committee (*vacant*) — Scott reports that we continue to look for new chair but applications not due until May.
 - G. Events (Ninette Kayton) — Ninette previously reported on success of Ridge Civic booth at Brookhaven Town Fair. Now waiting for info about Santa visiting Ridge Community Park to confirm that event date.
 - H. Brookhaven National Lab (Ken Casanova) — Ken reports a question had been raised about BNL tunneling at last meeting. BNL manager of environmental and community engagement explained that National Grid is installing gas service to their Discovery Park; they normally use open trench and directional drilling technology which can be confused with tunneling. All work is entirely on BNL property, no access tunnels are involved.
- Joe Mercado of State Farm shares that his State Farm office in Ridge is now an official Toys for Tots location. Collecting new, unwrapped toys from November 1 to December 15 to be donated to Marine Corps program. Last year was very successful.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.