



Ridge Civic



Caring Citizens in a Quiet Country Community

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General Membership Meeting November 15, 2023, 7:30 pm Ridge Firehouse

Call to Order and Pledge

- Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm by **President Scott Wood**

Reading of the Minutes

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

Financial Report

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

Correspondence

- Town of Brookhaven hosting the Holtsville Ecology Site tree lighting and holiday light extravaganza. In addition, the town is hosting another compost tumbler giveaway contest.

Unfinished Business

- We are continuing our fall membership drive with Unique Tastes Wine & Liquor using the theme “What’s UNIQUE about living in Ridge?” Members submit their responses to us, and Caryle Francis and Keibo Bryant, owners of Unique Tastes, will select the best entry. Winner receives \$150 gift certificate to Unique Tastes. Contest runs until December 2 at 5 pm, and drawing will be the following day. (*Flyers for the “What’s UNIQUE” membership drive are distributed; see Appendix A.*)
- Gray’s Hardware is continuing their food drive for local pantries in need of assistance at this time. (*Flyers for the food drive are distributed; see Appendix B.*)
- Meet Santa at Ridge Community Park will be held on Saturday, December 3, at 5 pm this year. Ridge Fire Department will bring Santa to the park on a fire truck to greet

the children, and we will celebrate by lighting the tree. Join us at the gazebo!

- Kathy Megias notes that the November 4 Indoor Vendor and Craft Fair event sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1887 at Leisure Knoll Recreation Center was very successful. They had a great turnout and appreciate the community support.

New Business

- As reported at previous meeting, **Holly Wood** has been in communication with Ridge Elementary School PTA to collaborate on a fundraiser to help local children. Ridge Fire Department and the Lake Panamoka Civic Association will help with this toy drive as well.

Please donate new, unwrapped toys for children ages 4 to 12 years old by Wed., December 13. Drop off donations at Gray's Hardware, 1878 Route 25 in Ridge, 631-924-3205. (*Flyers for the Ridge Elementary toy drive are distributed; see Appendix C.*)

Guest Speakers

- Fire Department Commissioner Rosario "Roy" Lobacchiaro addresses the group; up for re-election and would appreciate support. Election is held on December 12 from 12 to 9 pm at Ridge Fire Department.
- Brookhaven Town Historian Barbara Russell shares some Brookhaven Town historical sites and events. Of note: July 4, 2026, will be a Revolutionary War Commemoration to mark the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Learn more at www.LongIsland250.com. Historical locations of note in our area include
 - Firefighter's Museum and Longwood Estate (Ridge)
 - Barlett Park, Middle Island Schoolhouse, Veterans Memorial (Middle Island)
 - Davis House in (Coram)
 - Swezey Avey House, Robert Hawkins House, Suffolk County Police Museum, Mary Louise Booth House (Yaphank)
 - Noah Hallock House (Rocky Point)

Member Concerns

- None at this time

Committee Reports

- Community Park — Scott Wood reports that a new brickway is planned.
- Membership — Holly Wood reports that we are hopeful for a positive result in our membership drive.
- Downtown Beautification — Scott Wood reports that the two Veterans Memorial planters have been removed for the winter.
- School House — Scott Wood reports that they are painting the walls and ceiling of the schoolhouse using funds provided by Ridge Civic, and the informative plaque has

been installed.

- Clean Up — No report at this time
- Scholarship Committee — None at this time
- Events – Ninette Kayton reports that, as noted earlier, our Santa at the Park will be December 3 at 5 pm. In addition, our Events Committee will be at the Town of Brookhaven’s annual holiday event at Longwood Estate on December 2 from 11 am to 2 pm. Will host a table in the Ridge Schoolhouse, with candy for the children and Ridge Civic information for guests.
- Brookhaven National Lab – Scott Wood reports that at the latest [Community Advisory Council](#), BNL reported on their progress working with medical isotopes which are in high demand for treating cancer; BNL are doing cutting edge research on this nationally.


Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

What's NIQUE About Living in Ridge?

Caryle and Keibo of Unique Tastes Wine & Liquor challenge you!



Join Ridge Civic Association and tell us what you love best or what you find  NIQUE about living in Ridge.

Is it being surrounded by state and county forests? Is it the proximity to lovely beaches, the city, or the East End? Is it having family nearby, your wonderful neighbors, our schools, or the good people at your favorite local businesses?

By 12/1/23, become a dues-paying member of Ridge Civic and if you're over age 21, you can enter our drawing to **win a \$150 gift certificate to Unique Tastes!** Winner announced on 12/2/23.

STEP 1 – JOIN RIDGE CIVIC

Go to ridgecivic.org, click Become a Member, and follow those instructions. You can sign up and pay your dues – just \$10 a year! – online, by snail mail, or in person.

STEP 2 – TELL US WHAT'S NIQUE ABOUT LIVING IN RIDGE

To submit what you love best about Ridge, aim your phone's camera at the QR code at right & tap, or go to this website: bit.ly/ridgeunique. Fill out that form, and you're entered to win!



Appendix B



Neighborhood Food Drive @ Gray's Hardware 1878 Middle Country Rd

Collecting nonperishable food items for smaller food pantries in the Longwood community.

Pet food will go to Wooded Acres for donation to local pet shelters.

We are working on filling our second barrel with supplies! All donations deeply appreciated.



Ridge Elementary School Holiday Toy Collection

Please donate new, unwrapped toys for children ages 4 to 12 years old by Wed., December 13

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Help bring smiles to the faces of our youngest neighbors

Appendix C

