



Wreath placed at Veterans Memorial Park

In December, Ridge Civic placed a patriotic wreath to honor our veterans at the beautifully renovated Veterans Memorial Park. We are thrilled to hear such positive feedback from the community about this park and will continue to help keep it nicely maintained for all to enjoy.

**It's just \$10 a year to you,
but it makes a world of difference to us!**

Please encourage fellow Ridge residents to join Ridge Civic today. They can go to ridgescivic.org—where they can learn more about the work we do—and click Become a Member.



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Thank you for supporting Ridge Civic Association!



Ridge Civic



The Ridge Reporter

President's message by Scott Wood

Our next meeting will be on January 17, 7:30 pm, in the upstairs meeting room of Ridge Firehouse on Francis Mooney Drive.

This month, Rich Ohlsen of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will be our guest speaker. Rich will share the good work happening with Neighbors Being Human (NBH), which provides support to those facing food insecurity and homelessness and works to help lift people out of poverty. NBH not only runs a food pantry and a clothing/household items pantry in Yaphank but also helps sponsor a number of blessings boxes throughout Suffolk County. Join us at the meeting to learn more!

We are so grateful to everyone who donated to our holiday toy drive for Ridge Elementary. Your donations were so generous, in fact, the school told us it was enough to ensure that each child in need would be able to receive not one but two toys each. We also donated a good number of new coats to Ridge Elementary through the work of Blessings in a Backpack. Finally, our fall holiday food drive resulted in multiple trunkloads of donations to help families in need. Helping to keep local families and their children safe, warm, and happy makes us happy.

Happy New Year and thanks again for your support as we head into a new year of making a difference in our community.

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Ridge Civic is growing! Increased by 60% in three months

Our fall membership drive was an amazing success, with a 60% increase in membership in just three months. WOW! A hearty welcome to our newest members! Thanks to all who participated in "What's UNIQUE About Living in Ridge?" and to Caryle Francis & Keibo Bryant of Unique Tastes Wine & Liquor for sponsoring it. Here's an excerpt from the submission by contest winner Tom Hinck of Medford Road, as selected by Caryle on December 2:

- Having moved from western Nassau County, I was unsure what to expect of Ridge. Being a commuter to NYC for the first 7 years here was hard on my family, but what made it tolerable was the assistance we received from the Ridge community in times of need. Neighbors were always willing to watch our children, lend a hand on a household project, or provide a kind word. Ridge is truly a family-oriented town, and I'm proud to be one of its residents.

Some entrants spoke about having grown up in Ridge, sharing fond memories of playing in the woods, while others moved more recently. Most said they appreciate hiking in or just seeing the woods around us, while still being within minutes of beaches and shopping. Multiple entrants spoke about their love of animals, whether it's wildlife in our area or their own pets, including horses, dogs, chickens, even goats and a donkey! It's rural life without the traffic of the North Fork, one added. Several parents expressed how much they love Ridge Community Park and the school district. Many mentioned how much they love their neighbors as well as the wonderful businesses here, where employees still can get to know you by name.

Ridge is truly unique. Thank you for joining Ridge Civic—and let's keep growing!

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