



RIDGEFIELD COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS

The City of Ridgefield is fortunate to have a strong base of citizens that take pride in their community and exhibit this pride through participating in the many public groups and events held in Ridgefield throughout the year. Participation is a great way to meet your neighbors and better your community. We encourage you to join one or more committees of interest to you, or participate in the community events.

Community Groups

- **Friends of the Ridgefield Library.** The Friends of the Ridgefield Library consists of community members dedicated to raising funds, awareness and goodwill for the Ridgefield Community Library. For more information, please contact Ann Margaret O'Reilly at (360) 887-8281 or aoreilly@fvrl.org.
- **Friends of the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge.** The mission of the Friends is to promote educational programs associated with the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and natural history of the area, and to aid the community and stakeholders of the Refuge. For more information, please contact Marguerite Hills at (360) 887-9495 or rfriends@pacifier.com.
- **Garden Club.** The Ridgefield Garden Club is made up of community members dedicated to the beautification of the City's streets and parks through planting and maintenance of flowers and plants, and dedication of public art to the City.
- **Gee Creek Enhancement Committee.** The purpose of the Gee Creek Enhancement Committee is to heighten community awareness of Gee Creek and to sponsor habitat rehabilitation events along the stream corridor. For more information, please contact Gary Bock at (360) 887-7171.
- **Heritage Committee.** The Heritage Committee purpose is to celebrate the rich history of Ridgefield and to educate the public of the community and its past. For more information, please contact Charlotte Clevidence at potts8c@aol.com.
- **Lions Club.** The Ridgefield Lions Club is a member of Lions Club International whose primary mission is to provide people with a way to give back to their community through various projects. For more information, please contact Tevis Laspa at (360) 887-3879 or tlaspa@pacifier.com.
- **Ridgefield Art Association.** The Ridgefield Art Association promotes local artists through its annual art exposition each May. For more information, please contact Kathy Winters at (360) 887-2160.
- **Ridgefield Business Association.** The Ridgefield Business Association is made up of owners and managers of Ridgefield businesses whose primary focus is to build a healthy business community and make Ridgefield a place to return to. For more information, please contact Tracy Shawa at (360) 695-3441, ext 3162.
- **Ridgefield Community Center Association.** The Ridgefield Community Center Association provides a convenient facility for North County community events, meetings, celebrations, workshops, classes. For more information, please contact Carla Bonebrake at (360) 887-0504.
- **Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association.** The Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association promotes community involvement within the association boundaries. For more information, please contact David Kelly at (360) 887-0749.
- **Overlook Park Committee.** The Overlook Park Committee is the result of a grass-roots organization of community members interested in development of the property located at the southwest corner of Main Avenue and Pioneer Street as a community asset that strengthens the City's ties with the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. For more information, please contact Kathy Winters at (360) 887-2160 or refugeoverlook@juno.com.

Community Events

- **Garden Club Plant Sale.** The Garden Club hosts an annual plant sale on the last Thursday and Friday of April at the Ridgefield School District Maintenance Building in downtown Ridgefield.
- **Art Association Sale.** The Ridgefield Art Association hosts an annual art sale at the Ridgefield Community Center in May.
- **Cruise-In.** Ridgefield's annual Cruise-In is held the Saturday closest to the Fourth of July, and includes a vintage car show, street dance and children's activities. For more information, please contact Dave Standal at (360) 887-4143 or smirkboy2@hotmail.com.
- **Fourth of July Parade.** Ridgefield celebrates each Fourth of July with a an old fashioned parade, games and a salmon bake. For more information, please contact Jamie Kmet at (360) 887-3802, ridgefield4th@hotmail.com; or Woody Enns for parade information at (360) 887-4070.
- **National Night Out.** On the first Tuesday of each August, the City sponsors National Night Out in Davis Park. National Night Out is a community-based event aimed at strengthening neighborhood spirit and heightening anti-crime and drug prevention awareness. For more information, please contact Kay Kammer at (360) 887-3557 or kay.kammer@ci.ridgefield.wa.us.
- **Heritage Days.** Ridgefield Heritage Days celebrates the City's history through various events and activities through downtown Ridgefield, and is held annually on the fourth Saturday of August. For more information, please contact Charlotte Clevidence at potts8c@aol.com.
- **Port of Ridgefield Annual Picnic.** The Port of Ridgefield hosts an annual picnic at the Ridgefield boat launch on the fourth Wednesday of each August. For more information, please contact Brent Grening at (360) 887-3873 or bgrening@portridgefield.org.
- **BirdFest.** Hosted by the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, BirdFest welcomes the birds back to their winter home at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge with hikes, crafts, bluegrass music, speakers, birding, kayaking tours. For more information, please contact Marguerite Hills at (360) 887-9495, rfriends@pacifier.com; or Sydney Reisbick at (360) 887-7880, reisbick@earthlink.net.
- **Hometown Celebration.** Hometown Celebration kicks-off the holiday season on the first Saturday of December each year through an historic Old Town holiday celebration; artisans' fair and market, and the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. For more information, please contact Ann Margaret O'Reilly at (360) 887-8281 or aoreilly@fvrl.org.
- **Ridgefield Centennial Celebration.** The City of Ridgefield turns 100 years old in 2009! Plans are underway for a series of events throughout the year to celebrate our centennial. For more information, please contact Kay Kammer at (360) 887-3557 or kay.kammer@ci.ridgefield.wa.us.