

## **March 17, 2011 – Ridgefield Events**

The **Ridgefield Community Garden** group held its first meeting last night - Wednesday. Sorry I did not get it in my FYI mailing last week. Only four people showed up at the meeting - so there's still time to sign up for a plot in the garden. Applications are at City Hall, or you can e-mail Julie at the city ([julie.basarab@ci.ridgefield.wa.us](mailto:julie.basarab@ci.ridgefield.wa.us)) and she'll send you a copy.

As of this morning there were raised beds available in three sizes: 10x10, 12x4, and 10x4. The garden is located at the intersection of Sargent and 5th in downtown Ridgefield. It is fenced on three sides, and a garage to house the Garden Club tractor is being built at this moment.

There will be a **work party** to start building raised beds, paths and a garden shed on **Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27** starting at 10 am. Kendra Pearce is spearheading the work party, and is looking for volunteers to help. Please contact her at 852-3728 to find out specific times, tasks, tools, and materials that will be needed. This is a community effort, so please come help even if you aren't interested in renting a plot.

The **Ridgefield Garden Club** will supply hot beverages and cookies all day, and a group of **Eagle Scouts** will help with all the heavy work.

Two years ago this project was a gleam in the eyes of a few people in Ridgefield, and now thanks to Steve Wall, Ron Onslow, Justin Clary, Kendra Pearce, and others, it's come to fruition. A formerly ugly lot was cleared of old cars, blackberry vines and other junk, and will now become a blooming garden space. Good work, everyone who was involved!

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**Carol Pinnell** is opening a Bed and Breakfast, the **Sanctuary Inn**, right here in downtown Ridgefield. If you have friends or relatives planning to visit, have them check out her website, [thesanctuaryinn.com](http://thesanctuaryinn.com). Or maybe you'd just like to take a mid-winter break, be spoiled a little, take some time off to visit the refuge and the many stores in downtown Ridgefield.

Carol's home was a church built in 1907, and the space is full of collectibles and artifacts from all over the world. It's almost like visiting a museum. She has three rooms available right now, and will soon add more in an annex area. Information: [cjpinnell@aol.com](mailto:cjpinnell@aol.com), 887-4371, [www.thesanctuaryinn.com](http://www.thesanctuaryinn.com).

Brochures with pictures of the Inn are available in the display in the entrance room to the library.

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**The Tour of Hope - a conference on global poverty, human trafficking, clean water and AIDS** - empowering women to change the world - will be held Saturday, March 26, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at Ridgefield Nazarene Church. This event is free and sponsored by WorldHelp.

**Children of the World**, an International Children's Choir will perform on Sunday March 27 at 5 pm at Ridgefield Nazarene. This program is free. Information: Ridgefield Nazarene Church, 747 Pioneer Street. Contact Diane at 887-3576. Website is [www.ridgenaz.org](http://www.ridgenaz.org)

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**Celtic music** will be on the program at **East Fork Cellars** next Thursday, March 24, and **Cellar Rats** will be on hand Friday the 25th. Information: 727-3055.

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**Ridgefield Kayak** reminds us that paddling season is once again upon us. Ridgefield Kayak is your one-stop recreational shop. If you are looking for a fantastic experience as a novice or experienced paddler, Ridgefield Kayak is the spot for you.

The **boathouse will open for regular hours on April 30<sup>th</sup>**. They are available for trip and rentals before May. Call (360) 727-4520 or (503) 319-1146 (cell). Personalized trips are now more available than ever. Check out the Ridgefield Kayak website at [www.ridgefieldkayak.com](http://www.ridgefieldkayak.com) and look at the great trips scheduled for May. The river and our feathered friends offer it all.

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**Mountain View Christian School** will be holding their **12th Annual Spring Auction** at the school Saturday, March 19th. Doors open at 5p m. Ticket prices are \$15 each or 2 tickets for \$25. Purchase an entire table for 6-8 people and receive a 10% discount.

Every purchased entrance ticket receives a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a two night stay at the Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel and Marina in Victoria, Canada. The event is being catered by DaKine's Cafe and will feature Kalua Pig (slow cooked pulled pork), Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, and Green Salad. Desserts are being provided by Simply Sweets by Jen.

There will be over 25 items in the general raffle including items from Ridgefield Floral, Bird's English Garden, Winco, Fred Meyer, and Pampered Chef. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. A Silent Auction will have over 20 items including a signed Portland Trailblazer's basketball, cruise from Portland Spirit, and bowling at Hazel Dell Lanes. An exciting Live Auction will have 15 items to bid on, including fabulous stays at the coast and in the mountains, Blazer tickets (Lexus Club seats), and REB Angus Beef.

The theme this year is "**30 Years and Thriving: A Celebration of Caring for God's Kids**". It's going to be a fun filled event and everyone is invited. Since this is the 30th Anniversary of the school they would love to see all their alumni there! They also have childcare for \$2 per child or \$5 for a family with 3 or more. The kids will enjoy pizza, fruit, juice, and cookies. Call 887-4019 or visit [www.welovemvcs.com](http://www.welovemvcs.com) for more details!

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**Restorative Yoga Class** starts March 28 at **4Rivers Yoga**, Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Cost is \$9. Information: Deanna, 907-8707.

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The Pioneer Grange, located at 3803 NE 199<sup>th</sup> Street in Ridgefield, is partnering with the Clark County Fire Cadets to host **two pancake feeds**. All proceeds will benefit the **Fire Cadet Program**. The pancake feeds will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>. They will run from 8 to 11 am. The menu consists of an "All You Can Eat" pancake breakfast for \$3.00 or a "Full Breakfast", which includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and orange juice for \$6.00. A discounted breakfast will be offered for \$4.00 to students with school ID or to students accompanied by a parent. Come and see what the Grange has to offer, learn what the Fire Cadet Program is all about and enjoy a great breakfast! Any questions – contact Maureen Groat @ 887-4609.

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**Ridgefield Nazarene Church** would like to ask our community's help in making our front entrance safer for all the children & teens that are in and out (especially right after school) You can help by observing the one way only lane (east to west) in front of the church when visiting or dropping off kids and **NOT** use it as a through lane (or shortcut) when you pick up kids at the school! Thank you for your help with this safety issue.

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If you're worried about **contamination from the disaster in Japan**, you can check out the CRESA (Clark Regional Systems Reports List) website: <http://cresa911.blogspot.com/2011/03/is-there-plan-for-radiological-events.html>. It gives lots of good information on what to do in emergencies.

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Do you have **expired prescription drugs** sitting in the cupboard that you don't know what to do with? The Ridgefield Police Department can help you out! They participate in the county-wide **Prescription Drug Take-Back Program**, which gathers prescription drugs and safely disposes of them. You can bring prescription drugs to the police department Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. If you have questions about the procedure you can contact the department at 887-3556.

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**LOOKING AHEAD -**

**Annual Spring Cleanup Day** - Saturday, April 2, 9 am to 1 pm at the high school.

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Next meeting to plan the **2011 Grad Night Party** will be April 25, 7 pm at the Ridgefield High School Library, and is for parents only. Information: Audrey Vogel, [thevogels@yahoo.com](mailto:thevogels@yahoo.com).

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**New business in town** - Deanna Blevins is opening **Nayama Wellness** (massage and bodyworks) April 1 in time for our First Friday celebration. She will award a durable, reusable shopping bag to the first person who books an appointment after 4:00 that day. Information: 609-8707.

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A class called **Exploring the Angels and their Connection with Us** will take place at 4Rivers Yoga on Friday, March 25th, from 6:30-8pm. Cost is \$9. Bring water and something to take notes with. Information: Deanna, 907-8707, [www.nwspiritualist@gmail.com](mailto:www.nwspiritualist@gmail.com)

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**Cedar Tree School** is hosting their **Third Annual Fundraising Auction** on May 6 at the Heathman Lodge. Information: 521-4010, [www.cedartreeschool.org](http://www.cedartreeschool.org). More information on this in future mailings.

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Saturday, April 30 - **Inspiration Plantation Farm and House Tour**, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. More information in a later newsletter. Information: [www.inspirationplantation.com](http://www.inspirationplantation.com), 503-810-6020.

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**COMING SOON -**

I hope to add **A Spotlight on Business** to some of my e-mails in the future. These short synopses will highlight a local Ridgefield business, with the idea that people will **shop local, spend local, and support our local community**. If you'd like your business profiled, please send me a one or two paragraph write-up about what you do and how to contact you.