

March 24, 2011 – Ridgefield Events

You might want to attend the meeting today (Thursday, March 23) from 11-2 at the Port of Ridgefield. They will be discussing the **Development Plan** between the Port and the City of Ridgefield. The Port offices are at 111 West Division. Information: 887-3873.

Vinnie's Pizza is showing their support for the **Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation** on Monday, March 28th from 5 – 9pm. Come enjoy dinner at Vinnie's during this time and 10% of your purchase will be donated to the Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation.

RPSF is a privately funded, nonprofit organization. It serves as a liaison between the Ridgefield community and the School District to support our students' academic and social needs. The mission of the RPSF is to support programs and activities that will enhance the academic, social, and career development for all students in the Ridgefield Public School District for which public resources are insufficient or unavailable.

For questions regarding the event or RPSF, please contact Kerri Clary at 601-0794 or jk.clary@comcast.net.

Ridgefield Library will have a "Day for Dragons" this Saturday, March 26 at 2pm. Meet the Fabulous Horatio, Dragon Extraordinaire, and enjoy crafts and activities. Information: 887-8281.

Message from Mayor Ron Onslow:

Hi Everyone.....

Two things coming up!

FIRST THING:

This Saturday there will be a **work party for our first Community garden**. 9am...5th & Sargent (downtown-south side of Pioneer on 5th)

If you have a battery powered drill for screws....bring it! Shovels and rakes too. Scouts, Garden Club, volunteers, are all coming. Might need a 'bucket' (Sean? or Gary?) Dress for the weather and bring drinking water. Ridgefield Garden Club will supply warm drinks and cookies. Thank you ladies!

This will be fun! and it'll be our first community garden sponsored by the city.

SECOND THING:

Clean-up day will be on April 2....at the High School...8am.

We really need a lot of help on this one. The more volunteers we have the easier it is. We have light work and heavy work. Bring your gloves and drinking water.

Its also a 'kick' and you may even find a treasure to keep!

It been a while that I've asked, and many of you have called about the 'next ' project....so here it is. Hope to see you at one or both of these events.

Ron

Note from Kathy - I added a few items to this...just couldn't resist! I am **totally against** using bottled water - how did I grow up to be this old drinking tap water??

Congratulations to **Tyler Bieber** and **Nathan Jenkins**, of the Ridgefield High School speech and debate team, who qualified for the National Championship competition in Dallas, Texas. They are two of only four students in Clark County who qualified for this event. Good work!

The 2011 season at **Cathlapotle Plankhouse** starts with a bang with a presentation by Stephen Ricketts, who will portray **Judge James G. Swan** talking about his **adventures as an early traveler** in the mid 1800s. The talk will be at the plankhouse this Sunday, March 27, at 2pm. Information: Katie Harrison 887-4106, or katie_harrison@fws.gov.

Carol Pinnell is looking for **dry storage for 1200 square feet of household goods** for a period of six months. If you have something that would work, call her at 887-4371.

Millennium Farms opened for the season March 19 and will be open through May 29. Hours are Monday through Friday, 12-5 and Saturday and Sunday from 10-3. For those who are not familiar with Millennium Farms, they specialize in growing **heirloom vegetables**. They have over 60 varieties of tomatoes and peppers, over 300 varieties of herbs, lots of vegetable starts, and some perennials. They are open at the farm and they also sell at the Vancouver Farmer's Market. Find more information at <http://MillenniumFarms.bizland.com>, or 901-0740. Millennium Farms is at 1504 NW 299th, near Tri-Mountain Golf Course.

Ridgefield's **First Friday celebration** is next week - thought you'd want to know that **Old Liberty Theater** will show "**The Brain that Wouldn't Be**" at 7:00. It's a 1962 cult classic - invite your friends. Show costs \$1, popcorn is \$1 as are ice cream cones. Come and enjoy an old-time movie. Information: 887-7260.

Many of the downtown stores will be open on this special evening. More about this in the next newsletter.

There are still a eleven raised beds left in the **Ridgefield Community Garden**, so it would behoove you to call now if you hope to take one. Call the city office at 887-3557 to reserve a spot.

It's time to **fertilize your blueberries** with a balanced fertilizer such as 5-10-10 between now and April 15. You can also prune your blueberries and grapes for higher production. Save your coffee grounds and put them around your blueberries - they love acidic soil.

LOOKING AHEAD

Annual **Easter egg hunt** at Heron Gate - Saturday, April 23. More information in an upcoming newsletter - put it on your calendar if you have small kids or grandkids.

I will be the **Featured Artist** at **Alcove Art Gallery** during the month of April, with five brand new, never-before-exhibited watercolors, as well as my popular note cards, prints and Post-It notes. There will be an **Artist's Reception** on Friday the 1st from 5-8 pm, with good food and drinks. I'd love to meet all of you who subscribe to this newsletter - please introduce yourself.

I've painted two pictures of a vase with viburnum flowers, and I'm asking everyone to **vote** for the one they prefer. Come and add your two cents worth!

The show will be up all month, and a PowerPoint presentation of my work will be exhibited in the window of the gallery, day and night. Such fun! Information: 727-3088.