

## **August 4, 2011 – Ridgefield Events**

There's a **City Council meeting** tonight, 6:30 at the Community Center. Information will be presented about the **Clark County Community Development Plan**. Come and see how our government works! Information: 887-3557.

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**Free Children's Concert** with La-La-Lisa, tomorrow, August 5th, 10:00 am at **Ridgefield Community United Methodist Church**. This concert is great for kids aged preschool to 10 years old - La-La-Lisa sings fun, silly songs, like "The Big Green Alligator," and should have her costumed gator along for some dancing! Concert is free! Check out her website at [www.la-la-lisa.com](http://www.la-la-lisa.com). RCUMC is located at 1410 South Hillhurst, one mile south off Pioneer. 887-8312 [www.RidgefieldUMC.com](http://www.RidgefieldUMC.com)

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Tomorrow is **First Friday** in Ridgefield, and this month the American Legion is sponsoring a **Cruise In**. All makes and models of cars are invited. Awards will be given and drawings will be held throughout the evening. Cars will be displayed on Pioneer Street and Main Avenue. A \$12 entry fee is requested, and sign up starts at 3:00 at the American Legion building, 327 Pioneer Street. Proceeds from the Cruise In and drawings will benefit support programs for veterans. Information: 607-9848.

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This month we're doing something different for First Friday. You will not have to visit each store to enter the drawing – just **fill out an entry form at any of the stores that are participating** and your name will be entered in the drawing. Information: 727-3588.

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**Alcove Art Gallery** hopes to have paintings from a **guest artist** who paints pictures of old cars, and a couple of the gallery members have also created car paintings. I broadened the meaning of 'cruise in' to include some of my paintings of boats – they cruise, right? Hope to see you today or tomorrow – stop by the gallery and say 'hello.'

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I'm sad to announce that the new **Mercantile** store will not have their grand opening on First Friday after all. Barb and Joe are trying to use a lot of existing or recycled materials, and it's taking longer for things to come together than they had thought.

Barb will still be at the **Dancing Rabbit** in their current location on Pioneer until the new store is ready for occupancy. We'll keep you posted – it's going to be an exciting day when everything gets done and we can see the results of all their hard work. Information: 213-3990.

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Here's the listing of stores that will be open, with the specials they are offering tomorrow, First Friday:

**Nayama Wellness** - 10 minutes of porch-side chair massage for \$5 (that's half price)! Free 30-minute gift certificate for a friend if you buy a pre-paid hour massage!

**Ridgefield Floral** - 20% off anything that's hanging from the walls or ceiling!

**Alcove Art Gallery** - Alcove's theme in August is 'Cruise in for Art.' Alcove gives a portion of all sales to Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

**Zebrun's Starliner** - \$8 wine tasting menu featuring three local **Columbia Winery** wines: Chardonnay, Syrah, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Store & café open until 8:00 p.m.

**Dancing Rabbit** - Enter the drawing for a very cool T-Shirt and enjoy the refreshments

**Organic Boutique** - 20% off all Organic Beach clothing. Other specials and Organic refreshments!

**4Rivers Yoga** - Sign up for the Yoga Paddle happening later this month!

**Baby Signs® with Shannon** - 10% off Baby Signs® product purchases & orders placed tonight. Sign up for fall classes & workshops!

**Pioneer Street Café** - We're going Greek for this month's First Friday! Stop in for our Greek dinner special and enjoy discounts on beer & wine.

**Pioneer Marketplace** - Any size fountain soda, 99 cents!

**Ridgefield Hardware** - Visit the oldest continually operated hardware store west of the Mississippi! Check out our hardware and gifts.

**Old Liberty Theatre & Seasons Coffee Shop** - Come enjoy the sci-fi film: "The Brain that Wouldn't Die" at 7 p.m.

\$1 movie, \$1 popcorn

**Lily Wiggans** - Browse our one-of-a-kind antiques or buy old-fashioned candies from our candy counter!

**Ridgefield Wellness & Artisan Market** - Gifts and trinkets from local artisans and the tasting room will be open!

**Sportsman's Bar & Grill** - First Friday Prime Rib Special \$11.99 & \$14.99

**Vinnie's Pizza** - Come try our homemade Sicilian-style pizza and get \$4 off any House Giant Pizza during the First Friday event!

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**Clark County Fair** opens tomorrow and runs through next week-end. Lots to see and do at this old-time fair. Get schedules, times, dates, locations maps and much more at their website, [www.ClarkCoFair.com](http://www.ClarkCoFair.com).

A **free country music fest** starts off the festivities tomorrow from noon to 7:30 pm at The Wolf grandstands, and there are free events each day at the grandstand, including a medieval jousting tournament, bull riding, barrel racing, monster truck pull, freestyle moto X, demolition derby and tuff trucks.

You can **park at the Ridgefield park-and-ride** at the junction and take the bus to the fair for \$2. The bus leaves every hour on the hour It's an easy way to get there and not have the hassle of parking (and then finding your car again in that huge lot.)

Here's the **schedule for the amphitheater** during the fair: tomorrow, Beach Boys; Saturday, REO Speedwagon; Monday, Dierks Bentley with Josh Kelley; Tuesday Three Days Grace with My Darkest Days, and Thursday, August 11, Motley Crüe with Poison. All concert tickets include fair admission that day. Information: [800-745-3000](tel:800-745-3000).

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Does anyone **want to work at the Fair?**

VOLUNTEER at the Lion's Club Food Booth (4-6 hr shifts)....

Contact Ken Bisbee at [CAPTINHAGGIS@juno.com](mailto:CAPTINHAGGIS@juno.com) for available shifts!

Free parking & day fair passes are given to all volunteers.

Community Service Hours for all Students who volunteer.

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**Ridgefield Farmers' Market** runs every Saturday through October at the field next to Davis Park, across from the Community Center. Lots of fresh food and other goodies are available. Information: 989-6440.

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News from **Babe Ruth ball** -

What a great season we had with our local teams this year. Centerfield sponsored 4 Babe Ruth teams in the 12U, 13U, 15U, and 18U age groups. Each team represented themselves well in their regular season and many of those players represented themselves well with their postseason All-Star teams.

KWRL 13U, 14U, and 15U played well in districts and the 14U and 15U teams went on to state. The 15U team was one out away from making it to the Regional Tournament. Not too shabby for a second year league from a few small towns. Some our senior boys were picked up to participate with the Senior Babe Ruth State Championships. They did well but came up a little short on making it to region.

During the fall we will have games for all age groups that want to continue playing and also do development camps and practices according to interest and availability. Any player who was signed up as a Babe Ruth player this year is covered under the Babe Ruth Insurance until February 1, 2012. New registration forms for spring and summer will be due then. Any new players that are signing up for fall will need to fill out a form to play for fall and winter. KWRL/Centerfield 601-4394

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Last week I suggested you **cut off shoots** growing off the sides of your corn. I did so, and found they still grew, so this week I broke them off at the main stalk. I'll keep you posted on the results.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

Port of Ridgefield leaders will share information about port projects, host children's activities, and share free hotdogs and root beer floats at the 8th annual **Port of Ridgefield Commissioners' Picnic**, 4-7 pm, August 17. The event will take place at the Ridgefield Boat Launch, at the west end of Mill Street. The first 400 people to attend will also receive a free commemorative picnic mug.

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**Bloodmobile** will be at the Community Center on August 26 from 1:30 to 6:30. Seems like more people are giving blood each time I go – kudos to all who donate. Appointments are recommended – call 695-8522 or go online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) with sponsor code Ridgefield.

Come to the **Open House** honoring our retiring librarian, **Ann O'Reilly**, Wednesday August 24 from 4-7 pm in the small room of the Community Center. Ann has been involved in Ridgefield activities since she starting working in our small town, and it will take an unusual person to fill her shoes. Information: 887-8281.