

October 20, 2011 – Ridgefield Events

Reminder – the award-winning **Gonzalo Bergara Quartet** will be in concert at the **Old Liberty Theater** tonight at 7:30 pm. The show is for ages 21 and over and costs \$15 per person to attend. Information: 887-7260.

The **Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation** is having a **fundraiser** night at Vinnie's Pizza in downtown Ridgefield on Monday, October 24th. Vinnie's will donate **10% of their proceeds** to the foundation between 5 and 9 pm. Bring the family out to support our schools and a great local business! Vinnie's Pizza is located at 205 N Main. Let's pack the place! Information: 887-7200.

Join us at **Confluence Vineyards and Winery** for their second annual "**Harvest Festival**" featuring local vendors, music, and tasty newly released red wines! Saturday and Sunday, October 29-30th, 12-5 pm. 19111 NW 67th Ave. Ridgefield, 360-887-2343

Do you have a **new driver** in your home? Have him/her learn **what it takes to stop and turn** a car if the engine is off. This can be done safely in a wide open space like a large, empty parking lot by simply turning off the engine while the car is moving and have them drive and stop the car with no steering or braking assist. Don't remove the key or the steering will lock — just turn the key far enough that the engine dies. Most kids will be amazed at how much force is needed to stop and turn a car with the engine off. (You might try this yourself first – you'll be surprised!) Thanks to my son, Dave Winters, of Swedish Automotive in Seattle, for this tip.

Citizens for Ridgefield Schools Campaign Fund news

In the next week or two we are planning our **first volunteer activity**, phone-banking to identify supporters. If you've never done this, here's what we do. We will be calling voters at home, giving them information on the bond measure and asking if they support it. If they do, we will note that they support the measure in our files. Later, when ballots are mailed out, we will do reminder calls to get all those "yes" ballots in. This isn't any "high-pressure" persuasion here, just offering information and noting who our supporters are.

The date, times, and location of the phone bank will be announced soon, stay tuned! If you can help, please contact Randy Mueller, 887-3873.

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We've started this campaign by hitting the ground running, and many of you have already **contributed funds** at the last community campaign meeting. If so, THANKS! If you haven't, there is still time to do so. We will be placing our order for signs, both yard signs and the large 8-footers, on Tuesday, November 1st. Any contributions received before then will help us put in a larger sign order for a more visible presence in the community. Contributions can be made out to:

Citizens for Ridgefield Schools Campaign Fund
PO Box 412
Ridgefield, WA 98642
Information: Tevis Laspa, 887-3879

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Want to **help the campaign committee**? Have some feedback or questions for us? We meet every Tuesday morning from 7 to 8 at the Port of Ridgefield, 111 W. Division Street. You're welcome to join us. Information: Randy Mueller, 887-3873.

Dawna Patten won Marilyn Hocking's pastel painting of the Refuge after a drawing at Alcove Art Gallery on First Friday. More of Marilyn's work is on exhibit at Alcove Art Gallery every month.

Our very own **Lindsay Warren** will sing selections from Nat King Cole at Tony **Starlight's Supper Club** next Tuesday, October 25 starting at 7:30 pm. Come and support Lindsay! I'd organize a carpool, but I'll be out of town that week - so hopefully a contingent from Ridgefield will go. Tony's Starlight Supper Club is at 3728 NE Sandy Boulevard in Portland.

Congratulations to **Gail Haskett**, who was appointed by Governor Gregoire to represent Southwest Washington on the State Council on Aging through September, 2014. She will represent Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties. Priorities for the council this year include minimizing cuts to senior services and ending special tax exemptions or finding similar means to increase state revenue.

Congratulations to the Ridgefield **Spudder football team** for an 11-3 win over Castle Rock last week. The team is now 3-2 in Trico play and 5-2 overall. The Spudders meet Toledo at home tomorrow night at 7pm, and close their season at Ilwaco on October 28.

I went to the **reception** honoring our new librarian, **Sean McGill**, and the publication of '**Ridgefield Reflections**,' the long-awaited book covering

the life stories of 42 old-timers who grew up in Ridgefield. It's a beautiful book, with many pictures and stories. It may be purchased for \$25 from Allene Wodaege, 887-3596. Only 300 books were printed, and they were going fast last night, so get your copy soon.

Have you seen the sign out by the round-about, announcing the **Science and Research Park**? It's a 30 acre piece, part of the Port of Ridgefield's Comprehensive Plan, and is focused on attracting businesses into Ridgefield geared towards environmental sciences and innovation. The Port is talking to several potential users at this time. The park would have open spaces and trails throughout the site, with park-like areas, trails and benches adjacent to the wetland areas. Sounds like a great place to work, doesn't it? All we need is some businesses to fill the spaces. Information: Randy Mueller, 887-3873.

Congratulations to **Carolyn Green**, who won the Girlfriends Half Marathon in Vancouver last week end. Carolyn is a sophomore at Notre Dame, and came in almost a minute ahead of her nearest competitor.

LOOKING AHEAD

Shrub planting at the Refuge – Saturday, November 12, 9am – 12:30pm. Volunteers needed. Contact Sarah Hill at sarah_hill@fws.gov or call 887-3883.

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Also Wednesday, November 16, **Tree Caging** at the River 'S' unit.

Join Peggy Kopkie at the Pickled Heron and paint a snow **scene in watercolor** on Saturday, November 12th. Cost is \$60, register at 687-1182.

Ridgefield American Legion Post 44 will host its second annual **Community Appreciation Program** on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11. They will present awards to the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Teachers of the Year (K-6 & 7-12), Firefighter/EMT of the Year, Legionnaire of the Year, Eagle Scout of the Year, several Blue Star Banner awardees, and they will introduce and award their first "Allene Wodeage Citizen of the Year" award. The Citizen of the Year has been named in honor of Post 44 Auxiliary member and Ridgefield's first lady of volunteerism, Allene Wodeage. There will be snacks and punch served starting at 6:00 pm and the program will start at 6:45pm. **Citizens are invited to attend** and help honor these very deserving members of the Ridgefield community.

Mark your calendars! On Friday, November 18th at the Ridgefield Community Center, the **Citizens for Ridgefield Schools** will have a **fundraising dinner and auction**. This will feature great food, an auction with terrific prizes, and a couple other "special" surprises. More info to follow, but now's the time to save that date!
Information: Randy, 887-3873.

Two **fun runs** coming up:

Saturday, November 5, 7 am, starting at the high school.

Information: Marissa Bruno, 773-7278 or mlbruno93@yahoo.com

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Thursday (Thanksgiving), November 24, 6:00 am, starting at the Nazarene Church. Work up an appetite for your turkey dinner! Information: Robin Chilton, 772-5918, robinmchilton@gmail.com.