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From the Mayor

There are many exciting things going on in the City of Ridgeland that have required many months and years of planning and hard work by our staff. Transportation wise, it is thrilling that Colony Park Boulevard is now open. This four lane boulevard with a pedestrian trail and sidewalk is providing a tremendous east west corridor for the northern city limits as well as providing quality access to Ridgeland High School. One can travel from Highway 51 to Highland Colony Parkway at the Township without ever making a turn and making it extremely convenient for those seeking to shop at the Township but also for the daily commuters that travel east and west. It is also providing an alternative for traffic on Jackson Street which is very important to that area as we attempt to make that more of a downtown experience. It is very exciting that Lake Harbour Extension is also under construction. The contractors are ahead of schedule and we expect it to be open late summer of 2020.

Once Lake Harbour Extension is open you will be able to travel from Highland Colony Parkway all the way past the Reservoir without making a turn. This should enhance the business climate not only for the businesses on Highland Colony Parkway but for The New Northpark and other businesses on the east side of Highway 51.

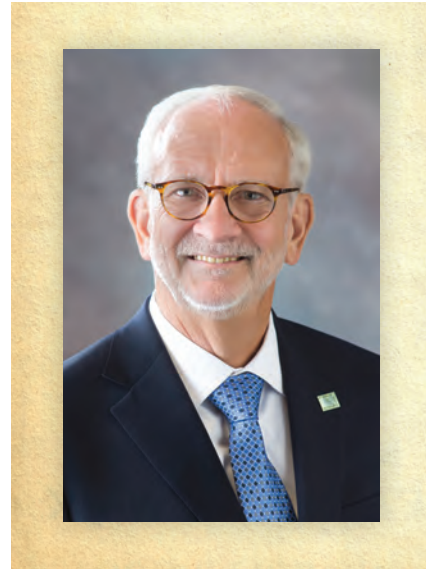
After much planning, I am also excited to announce that the new Ridgeland City Hall at City Center is under construction. This new facility will provide state of the art services for our citizens, will be much more energy efficient than our present location, and will be a facility that we can be proud of for many years to come. Along with the City Hall, the construction will also consist of the Veterans Memory Park. If you are not aware, there is an opportunity for you to purchase bricks in memory or in honor of veteran friends and family that you know or knew in the past. I would encourage you to consider the opportunity to purchase a brick in this wonderful Veterans Memory Park.

The City is celebrating all of these improvements listed because it will significantly improve the quality of life for our citizens. More importantly, because of proper planning and frugal budgeting, these projects are being accomplished with NO tax increase.

Later this fall we will have a big announcement concerning the renaming of the downtown area. More information is to come on that but we are excited about the prospects of what the Ridgeland Historical Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, the business community, and the City are doing to enhance the old town area of Ridgeland.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Fall. We hope you will get out support your favorite Ridgeland Schools Fall sports!

Gene F. McGee



Gene McGee
Mayor of Ridgeland

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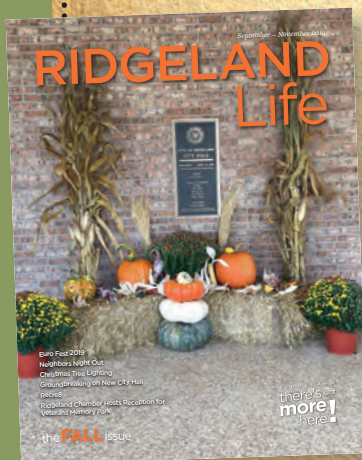
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Euro Fest 2019

For the 11th year in a row, the great automobiles and motorcycles of Europe will be coming to Renaissance at Colony Park in Ridgeland, MS for the 11th annual Renaissance Euro Fest Classic European Auto and Motorcycle Show. Entries in the show must be twenty-five years or older (built prior to 1995)

except for a selection of newer special interest autos of rare and limited production accepted at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

For European auto enthusiasts, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beauty of British, Italian, German, and many other European vehicles. If brands such as Rolls-Royce, Volkswagen, Ferrari, Porsche, Land Rover, BMW, Alfa Romeo, Daimler, Jaguar, Norton, Ducati, Royal Enfield, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, (to name just a few) excite your senses, then you need to get all in!

It's a perfect time of year to be outside, strolling through the Renaissance, and viewing gorgeous autos and motorcycles. This year the event will be held on Saturday, October 12th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show is

open to all European Marques with no registration fees and is free to the public as well. Over 15,000 spectators are expected to view 150 entries manufactured in five different countries, coming from ten different states.

If you are interested in entering an auto or motorcycle in the show, contact Mike Marsh, Mike_Marsh@bellsouth.net. **THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR PARTICIPANTS.** Awards will be presented to Best In Class of 15 Different Classes, 15 Sponsor's Choice, Ridgeland Tourism "Inside + Out" award and Best of the Renaissance, both Vintage (1994 and older) and Nouveau (1995 and later). Additionally, the Mayor's Travel Award and the Governor's Travel Award will be presented to out of State entries.

This year's show will begin Friday, October 11 with optional drives departing Memphis and New Orleans, coming together at the show site for the Renaissance Rally Drive, starting at 3:00 on Friday, October 11th, from the Hyatt Hotel at the Renaissance. The police-escorted drive will travel on an enjoyable route to an equally enjoyable location and then back to the Renaissance for the "Pick up Your Packet" Reception that evening.



GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY & NEIGHBORS *at Neighbors Night Out 2019*



Have you been wanting to get to know your neighbors as well as Police Officers, Fire Fighters, your Alderman and maybe even the Mayor? Then join us for Neighbors Night Out on October 17, 2019.

This is a great way for your neighborhood to get to know each other as well as community officials. It is up to each neighborhood to decide how they will organize this event. Your neighborhood can choose to just be outside, or have a cookout. Whichever way you decide to participate, you will be letting criminals know that your neighborhood does not tolerate crime.

If your neighborhood would like to participate or you would like more information, please contact Mike Raffield with the City of Ridgeland Police Department at 601-856-2121 or mike.raffield@ridgelandms.org.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Last year we held our inaugural Christmas Tree Lighting. We had church and school groups sing Christmas carols to help us get ready to light our tree. We had a student from Olde Towne Middle School light the tree.

This year we are gearing up for even more fun and entertainment. We hope you will join us at the now Annual Christmas tree lighting in the newly named Railroad District on the newly named Plaza at Old Town Crossing. Maybe it will even snow again...



GROUNDBREAKING NEWS...

Construction is Officially Starting on the New City Hall!

On Friday, August 16, the Mayor joined with elected officials, city employees, and members of the community for the groundbreaking of the New City Hall, which will be located on Highway 51 in the center of Ridgeland.

This groundbreaking was at least ten years in the making. It all started when

the Master Plan was created in 2008. The City Center, which is where the New City Hall is located will eventually house future buildings which may include other government offices, a new Library, a Civic Building, a performing arts center, and a Choctaw Agency Museum.

The New City Hall will be two stories and approximately 30,000 square feet. It will have public green space as well as a Veterans Memory Park. The new building will house the offices of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Finance and Administration, Community Development, Public Works, and Recreation and Parks. The new boardroom will have more capabilities than our current one

and will be able to seat at least 65 citizens. We are looking forward to being in the completed building in late 2020.



Ridgeland Recreation & Parks Sponsorship Updates

Our sponsorship program has some new and exciting changes coming for 2020 and we hope you will consider joining us as we move forward. Our programs and events continue to grow in participation each year. Freedom Ridge Park is currently undergoing turfing, which will allow us to host more baseball tournaments that will draw hundreds of people to Ridgeland. With the changes coming we have decided to offer a new option to our sponsorship in the form of a "Sign Sponsor." As a Sign Sponsor you will have the ability to choose which field you would like to have your company's name & logo displayed and at the park of your choice, whether that be Freedom Ridge Park or Wolcott Park.

We truly believe that sponsorship is one of the best ways to market your business and we are committed to showing you how sponsorship can work for you. If you've been a sponsor before, please join us again. If you've never been a sponsor, it's a great opportunity to market your business and give back to your community.

Please feel free to contact us for a more in-depth overview of the programs we offer or if you have any questions. We hope you'll consider being a Recreation & Parks Sponsor for 2020. You have our word that we will work hard to insure that our sponsors receive the recognition you deserve. Please Contact Lauren Chamblee, Recreation and Parks Sponsorship and Marketing Coordinator, lauren.chamblee@ridgelandms.org 601.853.2011

All Aboard...

Ridgeland Designates New District

There are so many exciting things happening in Ridgeland right now. One is that we have newly developed district, the Railroad District. The Railroad District is located in historical Old Town and is made up of businesses and churches along Jackson Street. Part of the Railroad District is the newly named Plaza at Old Town Crossing, which will be the home to our annual Christmas Tree Lighting and many future events. We are excited to have this district named and are looking forward to many events here. Stay tuned for an official ceremony designating this district.

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Rental Information
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Youth Organizations

Mississippi Rush

Mississippi Rush is a nonprofit organization providing an opportunity for area youth to participate in soccer. Visit www.mfcsoccer.com or call 601-898-1996 for more information.

Madison-Ridgeland Youth Club

MRYC is a community organization providing an opportunity for area youth to participate in baseball, softball, tackle football, cheerleading and basketball. Visit www.mryouthclub.com for more information.

Recycling at Ridgeland's Parks

Solar-powered recycling compactors are provided at each park in Ridgeland. Please recycle by using these receptacles for the following: empty aluminum cans, clean plastic containers and clean paper. Food contaminated trash and non-recyclable items should be placed in the garbage cans. Thank you for recycling!

Recreational Facilities

Freedom Ridge Park

235 West School Street - Freedom Ridge Park, a 50-acre athletic and recreation facility, is located on School Street just west of the Ridgeland Police Department. The park features four lighted adult regulation softball fields, four lighted regulation soccer fields, four picnic pavilions, three playgrounds including a universal playground for use by individuals with physical disabilities or limitations, two concession/restroom buildings, a lighted walking trail and a maintenance facility. Each of the four pavilions at Freedom Ridge Park is available at an hourly rate of \$15 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. The security deposit, our "clean-up insurance," is \$100.

Ridgeland Tennis Center

201 McClellan Drive - The Ridgeland Tennis Center, a full-service public facility operated by tennis pros, is located at 201 McClellan Drive, off Highway 51. The center is home to 17 lighted, hard tennis courts, men's and women's locker rooms, a 2,000-square-foot covered porch for viewing and a fully stocked tennis pro shop.

City Hall

304 Highway 51 - Ridgeland City Hall is home to practice areas for soccer and t-ball.

Ridgeland Recreational Center

137 Old Trace Park - The Ridgeland Recreational Center is housed in a two-story rustic lodge overlooking the Ross Barnett Reservoir. Daily activities for Superstar Seniors as well as nightly classes for all ages take place during the week in this facility.

Friendship Park

475 Lake Harbour Drive - Friendship Park is a multi-purpose neighborhood park facility. With a large lighted pavilion, a one-mile lighted walking/jogging trail, a fitness court, playground equipment and restroom facilities, the park accommodates many and varying needs.

The pavilion is available for rental at an hourly rate of \$15 for residents or \$25 for non-residents with a security deposit of \$100. Park hours are 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Wolcott Park

349 McClellan Drive - Wolcott Park, a 40-acre athletic facility, is located on McClellan Drive, off Highway 51. It features seven lighted baseball/softball fields, a playground, 14 batting cages, two bull pens, two concession/restroom buildings and a maintenance facility.

Ridgeland Multiuse Trail

More than 20 miles of trails are available for public use in Ridgeland. Several miles of the trail travel through National Park Service property along the Natchez Trace Parkway. Parking for the trail is available at the intersection of Rice Road and Harbor Drive, at the Parkway Information Cabin and on N.E. Madison Drive off W. Jackson Street. Water fountains, benches and trash cans can be found along the trail. Please enjoy the trailhead facility that includes a covered pavilion with picnic tables, restrooms, bike repair station, recycling container and a fitness station located at the intersection of Rice Road and Harbor Drive.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Trunk or Treat

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks will hold Trunk or Treat at Freedom Ridge Park on October 31, 2019. Trunk or Treat is for Ages 10 & under. Volunteers will fill their trunks with candy and prizes. The kids will go trick or treating from car to car. Other activities will include games and face painting. Trunk or Treat is for ages 10 & under only.



Program Price:	\$5.00 per child 10 and under
Event Date:	October 31, 2019
Start Time:	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Day of Week:	Thursday
Location:	Freedom Ridge Park

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department needs volunteers to provide vehicles, candy, and manpower to make our Trunk of Treat a success. If you are interested, please contact our office at 601-853-2011.

Ridgeland Christmas Parade

The Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee would like to invite all residences, businesses, and civic organizations to participate in the Ridgeland Christmas Parade. There is no cost to enter the parade and it is a great way to show your holiday spirit as we kick off the Christmas season. The theme for this year's parade is *Songs of Christmas*. The parade begins and ends at the Holmes Community College Campus on Ridgeland Avenue. The parade travels through the historic Olde Towne Subdivision and then to Jackson Avenue before turning on to Sunnybrook Road and finishing back at Holmes Community College.



Registration forms will be available October 1. Registration is open until November 27, 2019.

Start Time:	2:00 p.m.
Event Date:	Saturday, December 1, 2019
Location:	Olde Town Ridgeland

Ridgeland Christmas Tree Lighting

Come join us for our 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Plaza at Old Town Crossing. Light up your holidays with a stroll through the Railroad District, drink a cup of hot chocolate, enjoy local cuisine and enjoy *Songs of Christmas*, children's crafts, photos with Santa, shopping and of course the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

Start Time:	6:00 pm
Event Date:	Thursday, December 5, 2019
Location:	Plaza at Old Town Crossing

Christmas Decorating Contest

The Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee will be awarding prizes to the top Ridgeland residents and businesses that decorate their homes or businesses for the Christmas season. We will judge business and award the top two winners. We will judge residences in the following categories: Overall, Door and Porch, Business, Judges' Choice and Children's Choice.

To insure the Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee looks at your home or business, call 601-853-2011. The judge date will be Monday December 9, 2019.

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AARP Safety Driving Course

Bring your AARP card and driver's license to the Ridgeland Recreational Center. This course will help you qualify for discount on your automobile insurance. Reservations are required. Class is limited to 20 participants. Call or email me to register.*



- Program Price:** \$15 (AARP members)
\$20(non-members)
- Event Date:** September 19, 2019
- Time:** 1:00-4:30 p.m.
- Day of the Week:** Thursday

The Mayor's Fun Walk

Step out with us for the Mayor's Fun Walk! This event is held at the Ridgeland Recreational Center located at Old Trace Park. Join Mayor Gene McGee as he leads us on an easy (light) walk using the beautiful multi-purpose trail. You do not have to participate in the walk. However, if you decide to walk- you may walk as little or as much as you want.

We will return to the Ridgeland Recreational Center for refreshments, visiting of sponsor booths, door prizes, and special musical entertainment. Our theme this year is *Super Hero's, Super Health, Super Foods, and Super Faith!* Wear your favorite Super Hero's costume! You must pre-register to reserve your event t-shirt. Visit www.ridgelandms.org to print a form or pick one up at Ridgeland City Hall or the Ridgeland Recreational Center.

- Program Price:** No Charge
- Event Date:** Wednesday, October 23, 2019
- Time:** Late registration: 9:00 a.m.
9:30-11:00 a.m. (Walk and entertainment)
- Location:** Ridgeland Recreational Center

TITLE VI POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Ridgeland, under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes, ensures that no persons in the City of Ridgeland shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any programs or activity it administers. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against should contact:

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Medicare Workshop

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is offering a Medicare Workshop. Do you have questions about Medicare? The State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) is a counseling program designed to answer questions about health insurance of those who are 65 years old or older or those who receive Medicare because of a disability. We answer questions about Medicare, Medicaid, supplemental insurance or other coverage. We assist with denials or appeals, aid in selecting a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Plan, and explain how Medicare works. We can't sell or endorse any Medicare Plan. Kathy McKeithen (Ship Counselor) will explain the difference parts of Medicare, the two main ways to get Medicare Coverage, importance of evaluating the drug plan during Open enrollment, and answering any questions/ concerns about Medicare. To register, please contact Lynda at 601.856.6876 or email: lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org

- Program Price:** Free
- Event Date:** September 25, 2019
- Time:** 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Day of the Week:** Wednesday

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

All monthly programs will be held at the Ridgeland Recreational Center, 137 Old Trace Park, unless otherwise indicated below.

Ridgeland City Garden Club

The objective of our club is to provide education and to promote the love of gardening, landscape and floral design and to encourage civic beautification and environmental responsibility. If you are interested in anything relating to gardening, horticulture, flower arranging, the environment and more, then we are the club for you! If you are interested in attending any of our meetings or becoming a member, please send an email to: Joy Ellis flowerlady243@gmail.com

- Program Price:** \$20 (Yearly dues)
- Event Dates:** September 3
October 1
November 5
- Time:** 11:30 a.m.
- Day of Week:** Tuesdays



Bridge

Bridge games are held the fourth Thursday of each month at the Ridgeland Recreational Center overlooking the Reservoir. It provides a beautiful setting for an afternoon game. The player with the highest score wins first prize. Reservations are required four days in advance. Please call Lynda at 601-856-6876 to reserve your chair. Please arrive at 12:45 p.m. to receive your nametag. Game starts promptly at 1 p.m.



- Program Price:** \$1 each (for prize)
- Event Dates:** September 26
October 24
November 21
- Time:** 1-4 p.m.
- Day of Week:** Thursday

Thread, Yarn, Crochet & Coffee Group

Bring your own needles, yarn, thread, (handmade) project the second and fourth Mondays, at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of fellowship, coffee, and working on your handmade project. It will be a great time of “show and tell,” as you make your own masterpiece. Call or email Lynda for more information.

- Program Price:** Free
- Event Dates:** September 9 and 23
October 14 and 28
November 25
- Time:** 1:30-3 p.m.
- Day of Week:** Monday

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

All weekly programs will be held at the Ridgeland Recreational Center, 137 Old Trace Park, unless otherwise indicated below.

Agape Men’s Coffee Group

Begin your day by joining a group of men that meet every Wednesday morning at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Enjoy coffee, lively conversation, and the opportunity to meet new friends. Call Lynda at 601-856-6876 for more information.

- Time:** 9:30 a.m.
- Day of Week:** Wednesday



Beginning Basic & Intermediate Oil Painting Class

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is offering a four week class on Beginning Basic & Intermediate Oil Painting Class. Instruction will be given on painting the still life from a live set-up. Your instructor is Lyn Isonhood. As a classically trained artist, Lyn has been painting professionally for 15 years. To see examples of Lyn’s work, visit www.lynisonhood.com Call or email Lynda 601-856-6876 or lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org to register and receive a list of supplies needed to take the class.

- Registration:** Now until September 5
- Event Dates:** September 5-26
October 3-24
October 31-November 21
- Program Price:** \$75
- Time:** 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Day of Week:** Thursday

Fitness for Everyone

This is an exercise program designed to develop body strength, body awareness, and endurance for daily senior living. Learn to exercise with correct positioning, that will improve posture and spinal alignment, increase bone density, and strengthen your joints (Tuesday’s Class). Thursday’s class is designed for aerobic endurance. Each session is a flowing and challenging safe workout. Certified instructor, Sally Holly, encourages each participant to work on his/her own unique physical needs and goals. Class will meet at the Ridgeland Recreational Center at 9:00-10:00 a.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost of the class is \$10/month. Sign-up by calling Lynda at 601-856-6876 or email lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org

- Program Price:** \$10/month
- Start Date:** On-going
- Time:** 9:00-10 a.m.
- Day of Week:** Tuesday and Thursdays

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Line Dancing

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Program Price: \$40/month or \$10/week
Times: Beginners Class, 6-7 p.m.
 Advanced Class, 7-8 p.m.
Day of Week: Monday

Martial Arts for Senior Adults (It's Never Too Late!)

Learn age and physically appropriate traditional martial arts and practical self-defense techniques. This program is easy to perform and enjoyable for mature adults with slow, low-impact movements that are keyed to each individual's physical capabilities. Health benefits include: sharpening mental focus, better balance and body control, cardio-respiratory fitness, increased strength, enhanced flexibility, improved stamina/endurance, and prevention of osteoporosis. Other benefits include increased confidence in potentially dangerous situations and enhanced awareness to avoid dangerous situations before they occur. Andy Dillon is the instructor. Andy has a 4th Degree Black Belt with North America Tae Kwon Do and has practiced and instructed for 20 years. Sign-up by calling Lynda at 601-856-6876 or email: lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org.

Price: \$10/4 weeks
Start Date: On-going
Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Day of Week: Tuesday & Thursday

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets every Tuesday at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. This is a nondenominational Bible study for men only. Enjoy an in-depth study of God's Word and interesting discussion. Bob Shirley is your teacher. Call Lynda at 601-856-6876 or email: lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org for more information.



Time: 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Start Date: On-going
Day of Week: Tuesday

Painting Pals

Is it hard for you to paint and/or draw at home? Bring your own supplies and enjoy painting at our Ridgeland Recreational Center overlooking the Reservoir. It's an ideal setting to paint or draw! Call or email Lynda for more information.

Program Price: No cost
Start Date: On-going
Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Day of Week: Tuesday

Senior Fit Club

We are adding an additional Senior Fit Club Class. This class offers low-impact exercises geared towards senior adults. Strengthen muscles and improve your movement for a healthier lifestyle. This is a great class for those recovering from recent illness or surgery. This class is also good for those with Parkinson, multiple sclerosis, and other neurological diseases. The goal of this class is to improve balance, flexibility, and strength through stretching, light weights and light aerobic activity. Certified fitness instructor, Sally Holly, will be teaching this class. For more information, please call or email Lynda at 601-856-6876, lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org

Program Price: \$10/month
Start Date: On-going
Times: 12:30-1:15 p.m.
Day of Week: Tuesdays and Thursdays



Tap Dancing

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks' is offering a tap dancing class for senior adults. Tap dancing is a fun way to make music, energize your body, and stimulate your brain! We will learn basic steps and easy routines. Anyone who enjoys camaraderie and upbeat music is welcome to come. This class meets on Mondays. Beginning Tap Dancing 3:30-4:30 p.m. Intermediate Tap Dancing meets at 2:30-3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Lynda at 601-856-6876 or lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org

- Program Price:** \$5/class
- Start Date:** On-going
- Times:** Beginning Tap: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Intermediate Tap: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Day of Week:** Mondays & Thursday evenings

Restoration & Relaxation Yoga

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is offering a Yoga class for beginners. This is great class for those who are beginning an exercise class or rehabbing from an injury. Offered at a slower pace this class will focus on the basics of yoga, breathe work & movement. These gentle movements will not add stress to the joints. A sense of well-being will come from breathing and gentle yoga stretches. This class will help you let go of the everyday stresses of life. Always consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. For more information and to register, call or email Lynda.



- Event Dates:** On-going
- Program Price:** \$8/class or \$35 for 6 (30 minute classes)
- Time:** 11:00-11:30 a.m.
- Day of Week:** Mondays and Fridays

Yoga for Flexibility, Fitness, and Fun

Join us for this class! Lisa Newman is the instructor, and she will guide you through gentle stretching and strengthening exercises for your whole body. This class is for those who have had some experience with yoga. Standing poses will be introduced as well as strength poses. Participants may want to join both classes for only \$10: Restorative and Relaxation Yoga and Yoga for Flexibility, Fitness and Fun! Always consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. For more information, call or email Lynda.

- Event Dates:** Ongoing
- Program Price:** \$8/class or \$35 for 6 (30 min. classes)
- Time:** 11:30 a.m.-12 noon
- Days of Weeks:** Mondays and Fridays

Yogilates

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks' is offering a Yogilates class for senior adults. Class will meet every Thursday. In this class, we combine pilates and yoga for a total body workout, focusing on toning the glutes, thighs, and stomach. This low-impact workout will increase your fitness level. Develop your core strength and stabilization through pilates poses, and improve your flexibility, muscular strength, posture and alignment through yoga poses, breathing and relaxation. This class is taught by Jean Powers, certified through Yoga Alliance Registration.

Always consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program.

- Program Price:** \$10/class and/or \$30/month
- Time:** 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Day of the Week:** Thursdays

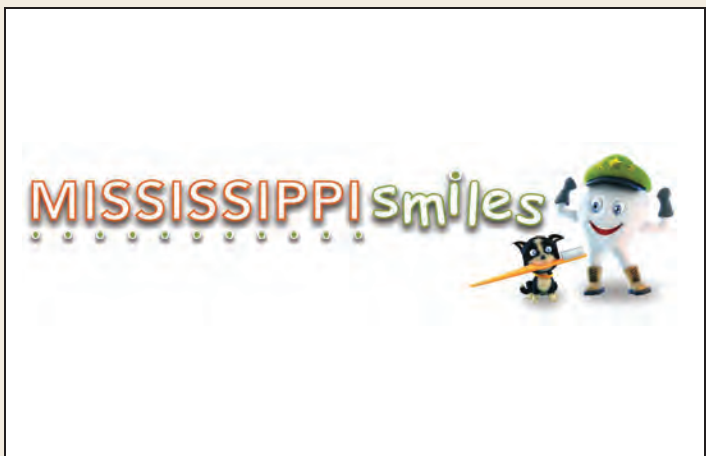
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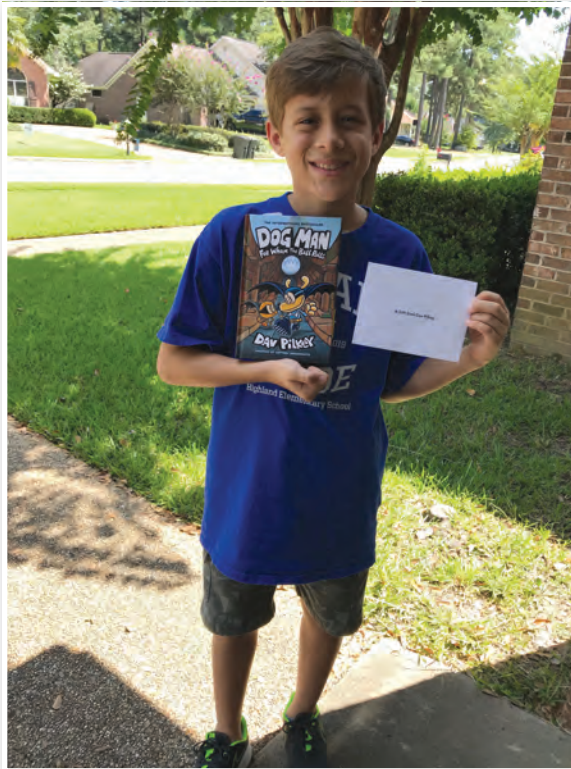




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5TH GRADERS LEARN THE 3 'P's OF LIFE *from bestselling author*



Meeting Dav Pilkey made fifth grader Ryan Robbins' day. He came home from school excited to show his mom his autographed book and Lemuria gift card.

At right: New York Times bestselling author Dav Pilkey poses with students (from the left) Jayden Harris, Max Payne, Kamden Thompson, and Cameron Fant at the Mississippi Book Festival in August.

Back at school after the Mississippi Book Festival, Highland kids are ready to read, because as they learned from Dav Pilkey, "reading gives you superpowers!"

Like most parents, Bridgett Perez asks her son, Ryan Robbins, how his day was when she picks him up from school, but she's never received a response as enthusiastic as the day he went on a field trip to the Mississippi Book Festival. That's where he met one of his heroes and his favorite author and illustrator, Dav Pilkey.

Pilkey, the bestselling author of the "Captain Underpants," "Dog Man," and "Ricky Ricotta" series treated Highland fourth and fifth graders to some storytelling and life advice.

"He said reading gives you super powers," Robbins recalls. Perez also remembers the three important P's: "The three 'P's' are persistence, positivity and productivity. Positivity means being nice. Productivity means working hard and persistence means never giving up," Robbins explains.

Pilkey also talked about being diagnosed with ADHD in second grade and getting sent out in the hall in elementary school. "His mom taught him to be positive and make something good out of something bad, so he started drawing cartoons when he'd get into trouble and get sent out to the hall," says fifth grade math teacher Rachel Killebrew.

All of the students who attended the Dav Pilkey talk held at Thalia Mara Hall, left with an autographed copy of his "Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls," book and a \$20 Lemuria Bookstore gift card.

"The event was amazing for students and teachers alike," says fourth grade reading teacher Kristi Wiley.





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FROM INTERNS TO BAND DIRECTORS

Steven Culpepper and Jeremy Donald take the reins of the OTMS band program

At the end of the 2018-2019 school year, Olde Towne Middle School and the Ridgeland band program had two big holes to fill after band director, Stuart Neal, moved to Wisconsin and longtime assistant band director, Marvin Milner, retired. While replacing two talented, well-respected band directors is never an easy task, the Ridgeland band program was fortunate that it didn't have to look very hard to fill these positions. As it turns out, the two new hires, Steven Culpepper and Jeremy Donald, have a history with the Ridgeland Titan Marching Band, each having interned with the program while they were obtaining their music degrees in college. Their experiences as interns have provided them valuable insight and experience to help ensure a seamless transition.

"We're extremely elated to have Mr. Culpepper and Mr. Donald join our band program," said Jill Wallace, Ridgeland High School director of bands. "There are many individuals who are employable, but what sets these two apart is their desire to just do. No matter what the job is, they are willing to do what is necessary to advance the success of the students. I know they will do great work at Olde Towne and Ridgeland because they love what they do, and that love has already begun to spill over to the students."

Steven Culpepper, OTMS Band Director

Steven Culpepper is the new band director at OTMS and also



Steven Culpepper

and was named middle school band director for two years until he was promoted to director of bands at Kosciusko High School in 2017, a position he held for two years. Since graduating from high school, he also served as director of the color guard for Kosciusko High School for nine years, where he was responsible for the development, instruction, and organization of the auxiliary unit. During his tenure at Kosciusko, the band program excelled,

serves as an assistant director for the Ridgeland Titan Marching Band. He graduated from Kosciusko High School, where he was a member of the band, and earned a Bachelor of Music Education from Mississippi State University. As a college senior, Culpepper served as a student intern with the Ridgeland band program during the spring semester of 2015.

After receiving his college degree, he returned to Kosciusko

winning two gold medals and a silver medal in the Mississippi High School Activities Association State Marching Band Championship, as well as numerous other awards.

While interning with the Ridgeland band in college, Culpepper thoroughly enjoyed his time interacting and learning from the staff as well as the students. Now that he's returned to Ridgeland as a middle school band director, he plans to continue the Titan mantra, "Excellence is a habit."

"I want to be a team player and provide any help that I can to make sure that the Ridgeland band program continues its tradition of excellence," said Culpepper. "I want to bring my skills to help continue the great foundation that is already in place for this program to continue to be successful. The Ridgeland band program has a wonderful history, and I want to be a part of it and share my love for music with these students."

Culpepper is excited to return to teaching middle school students because it was in middle school where he first found his love for music, crediting band for teaching him many life lessons.

"Students involved in a music program learn so many things they can take with them moving forward," said Culpepper. "They learn skills such as having to collaborate with others, how to manage their time, how to be a team player, and how to analyze things much deeper than notes, rhythms, and words on a page."

Jeremy Donald, OTMS assistant band director

Jeremy Donald has taken on the role of assistant band director



Jeremy Donald

at OTMS after the retirement of assistant band director, Marvin Milner, who served in this position at OTMS for 18 years. He also serves as an assistant director with the Ridgeland Titan Marching Band. Donald has seven years of experience as an educator, four of which were with the Vicksburg band program and three years with the Loyd Star band program in Brookhaven.

A lifelong resident of Central Mississippi, Donald spent the past several years traveling an hour each day to work. When the assistant band director position became available at OTMS, he jumped at the chance to shorten his commute and also get back to a larger program rooted in success.

“The band program at Ridgeland reminds me so much of the one I grew up in,” said Donald. “I’m extremely excited to get to be a part of a large band family again.”

While the Ridgeland band has a rich tradition of excellence, Donald hopes to put his mark on the program by offering some new ideas and insights for today’s classrooms. He also understands how important being a part of a successful band program is for middle school students, considering the skills they learn in band can help them not only in their middle school and high school careers but also throughout college and their adult life.

“Music education is important at all levels of education,” said Donald. “Setting aside the positive effects it can have on test scores and other core subjects, music education can help to teach

several critical life skills to students. At the middle school level, this is extremely important, because it is at this age that students begin to find their own voice as they become teenagers and young adults. Band can help at this important stage of a student’s life by teaching them about the hard work and dedication it takes to learn to play an instrument, as well as both the independence and teamwork that are all required at the same time in order to produce great music with their peers.”

A graduate of Pearl High School, Donald received a Bachelor of Music Education from Mississippi College and is working on a master’s degree in music education from William Carey University. He lives in Pearl with his wife, Morgan, and chocolate lab mix, Hershey, and cat, Nestle.

OTMS Team Places at TSA Nationals

A recent study by *U.S. News & World Report* found that the United States is not producing enough workers to keep up with the growing demand for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) careers, with women and minorities being grossly underrepresented. But two budding female students from OTMS are doing their part to change this trend.

Over the summer, eighth-graders Eliza Williams and Zyriana McDonald traveled to Washington, D.C., along with 14 of their fellow Technology Student Association teammates, to attend the 2019 National TSA Conference. During the week, nearly 8,000 middle and high school students from all over the country competed in events showcasing their leadership and STEM skills. The girls competed in Technical Design, placing ninth in the nation.

In the Technical Design category, teams or pairs of students were tasked with demonstrating their ability to use the technical design process to solve an engineering design problem onsite at the conference. For the national competition, teams were required to design a cell phone or iPad holder that could be attached to the headboard of a bed to hold one or both items while charging at night. Their goal was to have the screen viewable and available for quick use, as well as to keep them from falling or getting lost during the night. With a budget of only \$8 for materials, teams were challenged to design a finished product and create a portfolio within a 24-hour timeframe, while following very specific guidelines.

“I am very proud of the Olde Towne Middle School TSA organization and what these two girls accomplished,” said OTMS TSA sponsor Tammy King. “They worked hard from the time they were given the design brief until the time



Over the summer, OTMS students Eliza Williams (left) and Zyriana McDonald placed in the top 10 at the 2019 Technology Student Association Nationals in Washington, D.C.

their project was turned in. They did whatever it took to get it completed, and I am so excited they placed in the finals at Nationals.”

OTMS SAVE PROMISE CLUB

Runner-Up for National Award

Middle school can be a challenge for students and parents as families transition into the teenage years and adjust to new social stresses and educational demands. That's why nearly 40 student leaders, a compassionate sponsor, and a dedicated faculty and staff have made a concerted effort, through Olde Towne's SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Promise Club, to create a school climate that welcomes students, embraces diversity, and mitigates potential dangers.

Thanks to the club's active engagement and participation in promoting safety, inclusion, and a positive school culture, Sandy Hook Promise recently selected the OTMS SAVE Promise Club as a national runner-up for the Say Something Community Reach and Sustainability Award, a prestigious recognition considering the number of high-quality entries Sandy Hook Promise received from across the country.

"We are proud of all the students who participated in Say Something Week – especially those who fully embraced being 'up-standers' in their community and committed to looking out for one another before a crisis can escalate to violence," said Nicole Hockley, co-founder and managing director of Sandy Hook Promise and mother of Dylan who was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting.

As a runner-up, the OTMS SAVE Promise Club will receive a Say Something Award plaque; free registration for up to five club members to attend the 2020 Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Club Summit; a stipend of \$250 to use toward travel expenses to the 2020 summit; an invitation to submit a proposal to present OTMS's Say Something Week Awards submission activities at the 2020 SAVE Promise Club Summit; and recognition on Sandy Hook Promise's website, social media platforms, and related materials.

Last year, during Say Something Week, OTMS students participated in daily activities to reinforce the SAVE Promise Club mission, while homeroom teachers provided a "Say Something" mini-lesson. At the beginning of the week, SAVE ambassadors



OTMS SAVE Promise Club members hold encouraging signs during Say Something Week.

greeted students as they arrived at school by holding welcome signs written in several different languages. Teachers distributed name tags, and students were encouraged to introduce themselves and strike up a conversation with five people they didn't already know. One morning, to get to know each other better, students participated in a scavenger hunt, where they were tasked with finding classmates who, for example, were new to the school, spoke two or more languages, were left-handed, or played in the band or choir. Additionally, students pledged to look for warning signs, act immediately, and say something to a trusted adult to create a safer, healthier school. At the end of the week, students wrote thank-you notes and gave them to trusted adults within the school and community, including OTMS faculty and staff, City of Ridgeland leaders, and first responders.

"Programs and emphasis activities such as Say Something Week are powerful because they are youth-led and youth-fueled," said Michelle Borho, OTMS SAVE Promise Club sponsor. "Most threats of violence or suicide are known by at least one other person prior to it taking place; the heart of Say Something Week is students empowering students to look out for each other and prevent tragedies within their school community."

SAVE Promise Clubs work to educate youth and adults on mental health and wellness, identify at-risk behaviors, and take action to get help before a situation escalates. These clubs are a place for young people across the country to show their leadership, creativity, and passion for protecting their friends, schools, and communities from violence *before* it happens. Led by students, SAVE Promise Clubs are a powerful approach to preventing various forms of violence and victimization, and they recognize the unique role that young people play in making their schools and communities safer.

"Our kids matter, and our schools matter," said Borho. "It's amazing how much our students shine and what they bring to the table when you let them take the lead and be the voice."



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RIDGELAND HIGH AIR FORCE JROTC *Cadets return home with Experience and Accolades*

Douglas M. Welter, Major, USAF (Ret.), Senior Aerospace Studies Instructor at Ridgeland High School works year-round seeking opportunities for Ridgeland High students enrolled in Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC). RHS AFJROTC cadets participated in programs around the country this summer.

"Seven new cadets completed summer orientation training," Welter said. "And many other cadets spent their summer in various locations around the country, including Keesler Airforce Base, in Utah and Florida for the Air Force JROTC Flight Academy Program, and in Pensacola at the National Flight Academy."

JROTC Flight Academy Program

Two seniors, Cadets Nathan Morgan and Fernando Guerrero, earned or are close to earning their FAA private pilot ratings through the JROTC Flight Academy Program. Cadet selections for the Flight Academy Program is rigorous. The United States Air Force supports flight training for up to 150 Air Force Junior cadets each year. The program encourages participants to seek careers in aviation as well as helps to address the national pilot shortage that the U.S. faces. Both commercial airlines and the military sectors have a demand for pilots that exceeds the supply. It provides college credits as well.

"Over 1400 students applied and 150 were accepted to the program, so having Ridgeland Titans claiming two spots is an accolade for Ridgeland High School," said Welter.

Morgan and Guerrero's Flight Academy Program scholarship provided them with a seven-week training program. Nathan trained at the Utah Valley University's associated flight school and Guerrero trained at Southeastern University, Lakeland, Florida.

"Night flying and the solo cross country flight were the most enjoyable," Morgan said. "The lack of heat and the silence in the cabin were very calming, and it was enjoyable flying over the landscape of the Nephi farmland."

In upcoming summers, when other teens are working more traditional jobs, Morgan may be earning money as a crop duster. "I currently have a pilot certificate. I would like to get certified to fly tail-wheels and high performance so that I can fly the Grumman Ag-Cat. If I have those two certifications I could get a commercial license and fly crop dusters."

Morgan and Guerrero are members of the state champion Ridgeland High VEX Robotics team, and are entering their fourth year in the Ridgeland High Engineering Academy. Both students plan to pursue engineering studies in college. The University of Alabama Huntsville is on their "radar".



Morgan Guerrero Flight Academy
Ridgeland High School AFJ ROTC
cadets Nathan Morgan and Fernando
Guerrero accepted competitive awards
to attend the elite AFJROTC Flight
Academy this summer.

National Flight Academy

Three Ridgeland JROTC cadets, Carlton Young, Ryan Butler and Arturo Geurrero, attended the National Flight Academy at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, a program of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc.

Attendees are designated *AMBITION*eXperimental Pilots (AXPs). AXPs live aboard *AMBITION* for six days, immersed in life as a Naval Aviator aboard a modern aircraft carrier. Missions become more challenging each day, as the AXPs broaden their aviation science and communication skills. Senior Cadet Carlton Young, also a member of the Ridgeland Engineering Program, was honored with the AXP of the Week award.



Ridgeland Carleton Young, Senior JROTC Cadet, won the AXP award at the National Flight Academy. Cadet Young also attended the Cadet Leadership Course at Keesler Air Force Base.

Air Force JROTC Cadet Leadership Course

Seven Ridgeland High School cadets successfully completed the six-day Cadet Leadership Course at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, a premier Air Force JROTC Cadet Leadership Course in the southeastern United States. Attending were Carlton Young, Ryan Butler, Arturo Geurrero, Ashley Patton, Bianca Lezcano, Daniella Martinez Golinda, and Daniella Ventura. Courses included public speaking, leadership, core values, team building, time-management, problem-solving, ethics, and organizational skills. The cadets also competed in drill competitions, physical fitness, and flight challenges. Cadet Senior Ryan Butler earned the Distinguished Graduate award at the graduation ceremony, awarded to the top 10% in the Cadet Leadership Class.




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William Winter Summer Youth Institute LAUNCHES LEADERS



Ridgeland High School sophomore, Thomas Webber, was one of 28 students statewide selected to attend the William Winter Summer Youth Institute.

Ridgeland High student Thomas Webber was one of 28 students state-wide selected to attend the William Winter Summer Youth Institute (SYI). SYI students spent nine days on the Millsaps College campus. He is the fourth Ridgeland High School student to be selected in the history of the program.

“I had a great time meeting and interacting with new people and future leaders of our state. This was a great experience for me that taught me a lot and made me think more,” Webber said.

SYI is an experiential learning program designed to develop the critical thinking, relationship building, and leadership skills of a diverse group of rising high school sophomores and juniors. Webber and his cohort explored Mississippi’s history, built lasting relationships through discussion. At SYI, interactive workshops and sessions led by scholars, changemakers, and community leaders broadened the knowledge of these young Mississippians about human rights, equity, and justice.

While there, each participant developed a project, which they implement at their school or community.

Webber cultivated a community-based project called Teen Titans. “My project was developed to help students deal with issues and get the help/assistance they need. Teen Titans will be an outlet where students can talk things out. It will also engage students in meaningful work that also helps the school community, such as helping set-up for events.”

“I enjoyed learning more about my state’s history and working on ideas to unite our state. It was great getting to represent my community in this outstanding program,” Webber concluded.

Thomas is the son of proud Titan parents, Tanya and Mike Webber. His sister, Tia, is a 2019 RHS graduate.

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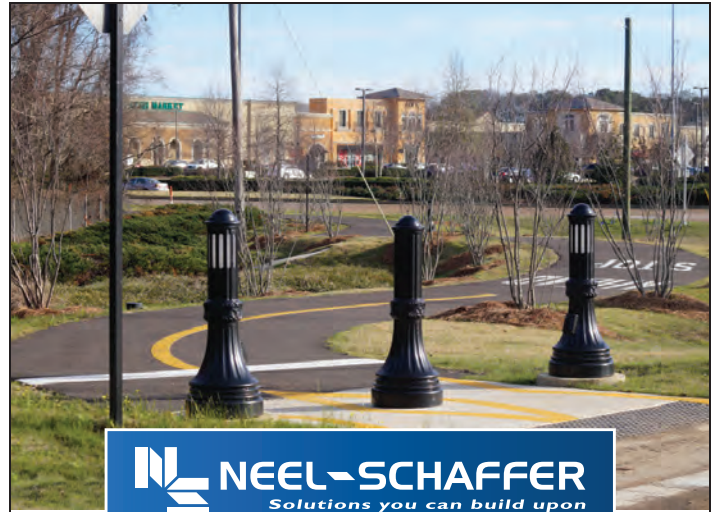
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RIDGELAND CAMPUS GRADUATES SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CLASS OF 2019

By: Mary Margaret Busby



Pictured is the Ridgeland Campus Surgical Technology Class of 2019. They are (front row, left to right) Carly Richard, Victoria Ward, Tina Hamm, Brianna Chapman, Leigh Wilkerson, (back row, left to right) James McGee, Bekah Misner, Taylor Byrne and Brad Coleman.

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus held a Pinning Ceremony for the Surgical Technology Class of 2019 on June 27 at Madison United Methodist Church. Nine students

were honored, making this the largest graduating Surgical Technology class since the program's inception on the Ridgeland Campus.

Graduates included: Taylor Byrne of Pearl, Brianna Chapman of Canton, Brad Coleman of Clinton, Tina Hamm of Brandon, James McGee of Edwards, Bekah Misner of Madison, Carly Richard of Richland, Victoria Ward of Ridgeland and Leigh Wilkerson of Brandon.

The ceremony began with a processional of the graduates, followed by an invocation given by Brad Coleman. Following the prayer, Vice President of Career-Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington welcomed the crowd.

“Ms. Coleman, our instructor, does a great job with our students,” Dr. Whittington said. “We think she’s wonderful and the students would agree with that as well. We want to thank her for getting this class to this point. Thank you to the parents, spouses and children of our graduates; we know it takes a village and these students appreciate the village they have with all of you. We know all of you students couldn’t have done it without each other: I appreciate the relationships you all form in these types of programs. They will be special for a lifetime.

“The focus of our Career-Technical Education Department at Holmes is student success, Dr. Whittington said. “How do we define student success? A couple of key things: completion, graduation and employment. We have 90 percent completion rate this year, and even better than that, we have 100 percent employment rate already for this class. Congratulations, you’ve done some wonderful things and we expect you to do more wonderful things when you leave us and go out in the world. Holmes will always be your home. Come back to see us; we will always be here for you.”

Following Dr. Whittington, Carly Richard stepped up to introduce the guest speaker, Holmes alumna Shelley Malone.

Malone graduated from the Holmes Surgical Technology program in 2017 where she was both valedictorian and the Surgical Technology Student of the Year. She is a certified surgical technologist and a member of the Association of Surgical Technologists; an honor bestowed on only a few from Mississippi.

“Surgical technology is not just a job; it’s a calling, it’s a vocation,” Malone said. “Not just anyone can do the things that we do. Our responsibility isn’t simply to hand instruments and sponges to a surgeon. You’re going to be as invested in patient care as the doctors and nurses around you and just as involved. As a surgical technologist, you are directly in the line of fire from the surgeon, and your responsibility is to learn and understand surgical procedures as well as he or she does without the benefit of medical school. You are expected to think on your feet constantly.

“A good tech possesses several distinct qualities: they are outspoken, confident, pay excellent attention to detail and they are dedicated to their patients,” Malone said. “You have to be outspoken in order to advocate for your patient. Don’t be afraid to speak up when you see something that gets contaminated; it

should be a knee-jerk reaction to call something like that out.

“Confidence is important because even if you don’t feel confident, and you won’t, always, your belief that you know how to do what is best for your patient will build confidence within your surgical team and the case will go more smoothly. Excellent attention to detail is an absolute necessity because your sole responsibility is attending to every detail of the surgery. Everyone in the OR has a job, and this is yours. Dedication to the patient goes without saying. I know that you have put in the time and the effort necessary to prove you that you want what is best for your patients. This is a hands-on experience. It is an experience of servant hood. We are guided by the Latin principle, ‘Primum non nocere,’ which means ‘Above all, do no harm.’

“Your first priority is protecting your patient,” Malone said. “Always be open to learning new methods, new procedures, etc. Always be trying to learn the next best thing available for treating your patient; trust me, your team will appreciate it. There is absolutely a place for innovation and creativity in this field. I want to welcome you all to this wonderful profession. It is truly a rewarding experience and I hope that each and every one of you finds not only success, but heartfelt satisfaction as well.”

Following Malone’s address to the graduates, Surgical Technology instructor Shea Coleman approached the podium to present awards. Leigh Wilkerson was named valedictorian for having the highest GPA out of all the Ridgeland Campus surgical technology students and Bekah Misner was named salutatorian for having the second highest.

After the awards were given, Career-Technical Education Counselor Allison DeWeese called the students to the stage one-by-one to receive their certificates and pins. Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham and Dr. Whittington presented certificates before Coleman pinned each student. Following the pinning, Dr. Burnham addressed the graduates one final time.

“Our faculty here at Holmes cares deeply about the success of our students,” Dr. Burnham said. “Our counselors care deeply about the success of our students. Graduates, you have persevered and succeeded. Your role is very important in the operating room or wherever you end up working, so always take your job very seriously. Remember to keep your integrity. I’ll say it again, always keep your integrity. Remember Holmes Community College, and know that we are here for you. We hope you’ll come back to see us. May God bless each of you and may your lives reflect His glory as you move on to the next chapter.”

The graduates recited the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) Code of Ethics before Leigh Wilkerson concluded the ceremony with the benediction.

For more information about the Surgical Technology program on the Ridgeland Campus, contact Coleman at (601) 605-3396 or tcoleman@holmescc.edu.

HOLMES RIDGELAND CAMPUS

Practical Nursing Students Honored

By: Mary Margaret Busby

The Ridgeland Campus of Holmes Community College held a Pinning Ceremony for the graduating Practical Nursing Class of 2019 on June 20 at Broadmoor Baptist Church of Madison. Nineteen students were honored during the ceremony.

Graduates included: Emma Marie Anderson, Lauren Elizabeth Berl, Taylor Skye Bridges, Tiffany Monique Carr, Roshanda Dixon, Brandon Andrew Ehrhardt, Arilyn Heather Gilbert, Reneka Roshae Granderson, Seneca Renee Hearn, De'Lauren Dejanee' Marshall, Amber Fae McNair, Emily Grace Moore, Melissa Oñate, Veronica Lachelle Smith, Alice Luretha Thornton, Ty'Reika Roc-Kyel Townsend, Bianca Hazzard, Robert Wells, Jr. and Anna Williams.

The ceremony began with a processional of the Practical Nursing Class of 2019. Ehrhardt, the class treasurer, gave the invocation, followed by a welcome and from Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham.

"You've been together for a year...I'm sure you've cried together, laughed together, you've persevered together," Dr. Burnham said. "Remember that Holmes will always be a part of you, and you are a part of our legacy. We are very proud of you and our door is always open. If we can help you in any way when you leave here, let us know. Your work is important. Remember to always keep your integrity. My wish for you is that God will bless each of you and that your lives will reflect His glory as you move on to the next chapter. Congratulations!"

Following Dr. Burnham's welcome, Vice President of Career-Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington addressed the graduates.

"Practical Nursing is not an easy program to get into," Dr. Whittington said. "To complete this program is quite an accomplishment and you should be proud of yourself. There were approximately 400 people who applied to be part of the Ridgeland Campus Practical Nursing program last year. We only accept 30, so we take the top 7 percent of those applicants. Today we have 19 of you who completed the program, so you are the top 4 percent of all people who wanted to be a part of this program.

Please don't forget Holmes when you go out and become successful; we won't forget you. We want you to come back and share your successes. We want you to come back when you have challenges so we can help you figure that out as well. We are proud to be a part of your family now."

Hazzard, the class president, took the podium next and she shared heartfelt remarks about her experience in nursing school at Holmes.

"Before I deliver my prepared remarks, I want to first thank my class for electing me as class president; it has been a privilege. I want to thank our teachers, as they have been so great. I'm also so thankful for my family and everything they have done to help me.

"At the 2019 nursing convention, the speaker asked the crowd a question: 'What is your goal in life?' My hand quickly shot up before I could even really think about the question. Many of you know that I've been a pharmacy technician, I've been a school teacher and now a nurse. Despite my ever-changing careers, my goal has remained the same. My goal is to change the world. It may sound real Miss America-ish, but the Bible reminds me that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

"The graduating class of 2019 believes in my goal because each of theirs is similar. We want to be the first smile you see at the birth of your new baby. We want to be the comforting touch when you experience hardship. We want to help your mother regain strength after surgery. We want to provide dignified end-of-life care when that time comes. If we happen to be blessed with financial riches, we will humbly accept. But our hearts desire riches the world can't provide. When you see us in clinics, in classrooms, hospitals or long-term care facilities, know that we are changing the world one patient and one family at a time."

Succeeding Hazzard, Practical Nursing instructor Dr. Lakesia Sutton introduced the guest speaker, Mary Alexander, MHSA, RN. Over the years, Alexander has worked in several establishments, including the University of Mississippi Medical Center. At UMMC, she served as a surgical nurse, a nurse recruiter and a diabetic nurse educator. Her strong leadership skills afforded her the opportunity to serve as the director of nursing at both Belhaven Nursing Home and the Magnolia Nursing Home, both located in Jackson. Alexander is now employed at one of the Ridgeland Campus' clinical sites, Madison County Nursing Home in Canton. There she has served as a nurse supervisor and currently serves as the director of quality assurance.

"Congratulations to you, you should be very proud of yourselves," Alexander said. "To the families of those who are graduating, thank you for your support because this dream was not easy for these students. I've been a nurse for a long time and



The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus held a Pinning Ceremony for the graduating Practical Nursing Class of 2019 on June 20 at Broadmoor Baptist Church of Madison. They are (front row, left to right) Alice Luretha Thornton, Anna Williams, Melissa Oñate, Tiffany Monique Carr, Reneka Roshae Granderson, Roshanda Dixon, Lauren Elizabeth Berl, Emma Marie Anderson, instructor Dr. Lakesia Sutton, instructor Heather Roberts, (middle row, left to right) De'Lauren Dejanee' Marshall, Bianca Hazzard, Emily Grace Moore, Amber Fae McNair, Seneca Renee Hearn, Arilyn Heather Gilbert, Taylor Skye Bridges, Ty'Reika Roc-Kyel Townsend, Veronica Lachelle Smith, (back row, left to right) Robert Wells, Jr. and Brandon Andrew Ehrhardt.

it's still not easy because it is ever-changing. Today's the beginning of a new career. You're blazing down a new path. It is so important to take your directions and teachings with you. I'm sure you had a good directions as a student and nurse-in-training; please take it with you. To be a nurse, you've got to care about people; nursing is a mission. You have to love and care about people. You will be promoting healing. You will be promoting hope. Give them hope.

"Take integrity with you. Give dignity to everyone without conditions or limitations. I think that you should take diversity with you. Affirm the uniqueness of every person, respecting their values and differences. You should take excellence with you. You should want to be the very best nurse you can be. When you take excellence with you, you will eventually step into greatness. And who doesn't want to step into greatness?"

Following Alexander's speech, Practical Nursing instructor Heather Roberts presented awards to the salutatorian, valedictorian and Practical Nursing Student of the Year. Hazzard

was recognized as valedictorian for having the highest GPA and Moore was recognized as salutatorian for having the second highest GPA in her class. Moore was named the 2019 Practical Nursing Student of the Year, as well.

After the awards were given, Dr. Sutton called the students to the stage one-by-one to receive their pins, lamps and certificates from Roberts, Dr. Burnham and Dr. Whittington. The graduates then took part in the candle lighting before Smith, the class vice president, led her classmates in reciting the Practical Nurse's Pledge. The ceremony concluded with Amber McNair, class secretary, giving the benediction.

For more information about the Practical Nursing program on the Ridgeland Campus, contact Dr. Sutton at (601) 605.3321 or lsutton@holmescc.edu or Roberts at (601) 605.3334 or hroberts@holmescc.edu.



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Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Fri – Sat. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed on Sunday

ADULT PROGRAMS

STANDING PROGRAMS

Mystery Readers

Do you like a good mystery and cannot wait to share your love for the genre with other mystery lovers? Then join us the second Tuesday of the month. We meet from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and discuss the mystery books we have read the previous month.

Future Dates: September 10; October 8; November 12; December 17



Chapter One Adventure Club

Join our Chapter One Adventure Club and learn how to play different Role-Playing Games (RPGs) from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Every 4 months, a different RPG system will be featured in a one-shot adventure. The number of players is limited, but onlookers are welcome to watch or swap seats with active players.

Future Dates: September 24 (Dungeons and Dragons 5 e: Disney Heroes); October 22 (Dungeons and Dragons 5 e: Disney Heroes); November 26 (Dungeons and Dragons 5 e: Disney Heroes)



Roll with Ridgeland

Roll with Ridgeland (RwR) is designed have adults socialize, network, and have a great time. RwR meets every Monday of the month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There are light appetizers, tabletop gaming, and other fun activities.

Future Dates: September 9, 16, 23, and 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4, 18, and 25; December 2, 9, 16

ARTIST CORNER AND DESIGN CLUB

Do you need a good way to relieve stress and unwind at the end of the day? The Ridgeland Public Library has an Artist

Corner and Design Club that meets on the third Tuesdays of the month from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Come relax with us twice a month, while working with any art medium you choose, as you enjoy light refreshments and fellowship. (Supplies are mostly provided, but please feel free to bring your own.)



Future Dates: September 17; October 15; November 19; December 17

Make and Take

Do you want to check out the 3D printer? Do you have something to make on the 3D printer? If so, the Ridgeland Public Library has a Make and Take program that meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Enjoy watching as we create cool things with this wonderful technology or send your creation ahead of time to djackson@mcls.ms to be prepared before you get there. Join us for some creation and fun where each gram is only 10 cents.

Future Dates: September 17; October 15; November 19; December 17

Coffee, Conversations, and Connections

Join us on certain Wednesdays of the month as we have guest speakers come and talk about interesting hobbies, their works, and more! It will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We will have coffee and the light discussion will help people connect and have awesome conversations.



Future Dates: September 25- Learn About the Census; October 9- Author Susan Cushman; call the library for the future dates in these months and keep watch on their Facebook page and website!

MASTERING MICROSOFT

Do you want to know the ins and outs of some Microsoft applications? Want to know how to attune certain skills to your job with those programs? Join us on the Second Monday of the month for our Mastering Microsoft class at 5:00 p.m. to get ahead of the curve and learn your new skills! Get your name on the schedule by emailing djackson@mcls.ms or calling the Ridgeland Library.

Future Dates: September 9 (Invoices); October 14 (Business Cards); November 4 (Holiday Cards); December 9 (Monthly Finance Sheets)

Tech Class

Want some one on one tech help? Join us on the Second Monday of the month for our Tech Day from 12:00-4:30 p.m.! Get your name on the schedule for your 30 minute slot by emailing djackson@mcls.ms or calling the Ridgeland Library.

Future Dates: September 9; October 14; November 4; December 9

Pixel Pie Night

Join us for Pixel Pie Night! We have our raspberry pie set up to play some retro style games from different consoles! We'll have light snacks.

Future Dates: September 9; October 14; November 4; December 9

GET VIRAL

Have you ever wanted to give some of those Youtube challenges a try? Well adults can give them a go at the Ridgeland Library! We'll be trying the safe and fun ones and see who can do it best! We'll be having different challenges every month on the appropriate day!

Future Dates: September 30 (Blindfolded Tie-Dye Challenge); October 14 (Jack-O-Lantern Challenge); November 18 (Cookie Decorating Challenge); December 16 (Present Wrapping and Bow Tying Challenge)

TMC

Join us for our Tuesday Movie Club from 2:00-4:00 p.m. every Tuesday! Bring your lunch and enjoy the afternoon with your friends as we watch genres like classics, musicals, and book-to-film movies! Future Dates:



SEPTEMBER

- 3 Mary Poppins
- 10 American Graffiti
- 17 The Lady Vanishes
- 24 Meet Me in St Louis

OCTOBER

- 1 Psycho
- 8 The Odd Couple
- 29 E.T.

NOVEMBER

- 5 Manchurian Candidate
- 12 A Bridge Too Far
- 19 Patton
- 26 The King and I

DECEMBER

- 3 Christmas in Connecticut
- 10 Maltese Falcon
- 17 An Affair to Remember

The Bookaholics Book Club

The Bookaholics Book Club will meet on the second Tuesday of the month. We meet from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and discuss all the books we have read from the previous month. We accept readings and listening of any book format and genre.

Future Dates: September 10; October 8; November 12; December 17

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS AND FAMILY

RidCon 2019 (Update)

RidCon last year was an amazing success! We had vendors and artist from all over the state and surrounding states to make the event amazing! This year is going to be bigger and better than last year! We have over 30 participants already and have spectacular events planned. Here is a sneak peek at the event which will be on September 14 from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

RidCon Preview Party Bash - Join us the night before RidCon for Teamed Theme Trivia! Teams will be able to participate for \$5 to register their team and \$5 per person for trivia and a light dinner.

Tickets will go on sale in August!

Activities:

- Dungeons and Dragons Play Area
- Cosplay Contest
- Magic Tournament (\$ 10 for tournament and convention ticket)
- Pokemon Tournament (\$ 10 for tournament and convention ticket)
- Warmachine Tournament (\$ 10 for tournament and convention ticket)
- Yu-Gi-Oh (\$ 10 for tournament and convention ticket)
- Keyforge (\$ 10 for tournament and convention ticket)

Some of our Vendors/Artist/Special Guests:

- Kittiye's Kreations
- Kaz-Magic Studios
- Katie Gill
- Ruddy Salmeron
- Spooki Designs
- Lauren Spurk
- CM Addams
- Our Threads of Hope
- Penta Smite
- Certifiable Studios
- Blerdish
- JnL Adventures
- Ruddy Salmeron
- Prickly Hippie
- Jelly Donut Studio
- Derek Craft
- Raebae Cosplay
- Dreams of Fancy
- Nicola Matthews
- Film Fest
- MS Anime Con
- Tabletop Day Clinton
- Taycosplay
- Van's Comics and Collectibles
- Briumbra Photography
- Comic Commander
- Airship Demensa
- Anchored Rose Soap Co.
- Foxxe Hole Treasures
- Nathan Bruce
- Van's Comics Cards and Games
- Jasmine Moon Apothecary
- Mississippi Metahumans
- Ocean's Creations
- Shrimp Basket



As always, you can stay informed with the most up-to-date information about our programs by visiting our website www.mclsms.org.

International Gaming Week

International Gaming Week has been declared by the American Library Association and we have fun things planned! Make sure you swing on in to some of our gaming days!

- November 4- Roll with Ridgeland- 6:00 PM
- November 4- Pixel Pie Day- 6:00 PM
- November 8- All Day Open Gaming- 9:00 AM
- November 9- All Day Retro Game Day – 9:00 AM

NANOWRIMO

National Novel Writing Month is November! We are a certified writing space for all your novel needs! You can use the main library anytime you would like, but we will have these days sectioned off for you to use our meeting room with tea and coffee set up.

- All Day: November 1, 2, 7, 14, 21, and 22
- Starting at 1:00 p.m.: November 16

Gaming at the Library Info

Are you an avid gamer and want a big space for your friends to game in? Call us at 601-856-4536 with the date and time! If available, you can have our meeting room for free! If the meeting room is taken, you can game on one of our many tables around the library!



As always, you can stay informed with the most up-to-date information about our programs by visiting our website www.mclsms.org.

Your Library Story

Share your library story with us! It'll be featured on our webpage and our social media accounts. You can send yours in to mystory@mcls.ms or write it on your page and use [#mylibrarystorymcls](https://twitter.com/mylibrarystorymcls) so we can share it! This is an ongoing patron participation event!

Word after Word Writers Group

Join our NEW writing group where you can get your inspiration down on paper and fellowship with lovers of the trade! Join our writers group for feedback, inspiration, and support! The writing group will meet on Two Thursdays (5:30-7:00 p.m.) and first Saturday of the month (2:00-4:00 p.m.).

Future Dates: September 7, 12, and 26; October 5, 17, and 24; November 2, 7, and 27; December 7, 12, and 19

Mugs and Movies

In June, join us for Mugs and Movies on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Do not miss this program with its coffee house feel where patrons will have a place to unwind from the day, new releases and cult classics of movies will be playing, the 3D printer will be there printing movie-related items, and fun activities will be happening! When you come to Mugs and Movies, you will get to create a mug of your own to keep at the library to use at this event and other event. Your own personal stamp at the Ridgeland Library!

Future Dates: September 3 (Mary Poppins Returns); October 1 (The Rocky Horror Picture Show); November 5 (Long Shot); December 3 (TBA)



Spooky Escape

Adults join us for our Stranger Things inspired Escape Room! We'll have two teams of 10 try to Escape the Upside Down room!

- October 21 7:00-9:00 PM



FRIENDS OF THE RIDGELAND LIBRARY

Fall Book Sale

Join the Friends of the Ridgeland Library with their Spring Book Sale! They will be selling books of all genres, some games, puzzles, and more!

The Membership Only Preview Party will be held on October 17 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Not a member but want to come to the Membership Preview Party? Do not worry; you can become a member at the door! If your membership is not current, you can also renew at the door.

The rest of the dates of the book sale are as follows:

- October 18: 9:00-4:30 p.m.
- October 19: 9:00-4:30 p.m.
- October 21: 9:00-6:30 p.m.
- October 22: 9:00-6:30 p.m.

The Friends Want You

Did you know that the Friends of the Ridgeland Public Library is a 503(c) organization? This non-profit group raises money to benefit the library through book sales and various other events. They have raised money for new furnishings, supplies for the Summer Reading Program, funding for materials to host children, teen, and adult programs throughout the year, and so much more. The Friends of the Library welcome all new and potential members. You may choose to be a member with little involvement or help with various volunteer opportunities during fundraising events. The Friends of the Library membership offers you an advantage by helping the heart of the Ridgeland community. It also provides professional development, committee opportunities, and fellowship! We encourage everyone to inquire about the new committees recently formed to help promote a stronger and more active organization.

Join today! Individual membership is \$12, Family Membership is \$20, Corporate Membership is \$100, and Life Membership is \$250. All donations and membership fees are tax deductible.

KIDS/TEEN PROGRAMS

As summer comes to a close, and the kids return to school, the Ridgeland Library is excited to start scheduling youth programs for the fall! The following events begin in August and will likely recur through November. More events may be added closer to the beginning of each month so be sure to check the library website at www.mclsms.org. Event Reminders via text are also available. Text AdultPrograms to 95577, YouthPrograms to 95577, or Library to 95577 for General News.



Storybook Mini-Con

Ridgeland Library is hosting its first Storybook Mini-Con for ages 3-10! On Friday, August 30th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., come meet some of your favorite storybook characters, enter for a chance to win awesome door prizes, create some amazing crafts, and enjoy an enchanting story time! Costumes/cosplays are encouraged!

For more info regarding youth programming, please email Mrs. Kayla (kmurchison@mcls.ms) or visit our website: www.mclsms.org.

RECURRING EVENTS

LITTLE LISTENERS

Storytime for up to 2 year olds. Every Monday at 10:30 a.m.

FAMILY FRIDAY STORYTIME

Storytime for 0 to 5 year olds. Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

TABLETOP TEEN

Teens! Need a fun, after-school activity? Come explore the world of role-playing games (RPGS) every second Tuesday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.! We are currently playing Dungeons and Dragons. Ages 12 to 17.

GAME NIGHT UNPLUGGED

Put down the electronics, and join us in playing classic board games for all ages! Every third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

LET'S GO LEGO!

Every fourth Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., join us for a fun afternoon of Lego® free building for all ages!

TWEEN/TEEN TAKEOVER

Tweens/Teens ages 10-17! Looking for a good book to read? Need homework help or college information? Inspired to create/craft something at our makerspace? Want a space to just hang out with friends? We have you covered. Come take over the library every fourth Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.



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**BUSINESS
AFTER HOURS
AND EVENTS**

Thursday, September 19
Business After Hours
Trustmark National Bank
752 Lake Harbour Drive
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 24
Ridgeland Monster Bash
Country Club of Jackson
345 St. Andrews Drive
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 14
Business After Hours
Young, Wells, Williams, P.A.
141 Township Avenue
Suite 300
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 30
Small Business Saturday

Thursday, December 5
Business After Hours
Speed Commercial
Real Estate
805 S. Wheatley Street
Suite 200
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Ridgeland Chamber Hosts Reception for Veterans Memory Park

The Ridgeland Chamber hosted a reception August 15 to officially unveil plans for the Veterans Memory Park in Ridgeland which will be built at the new City Center.

The reception, held at the William “Bill” Waller, Sr. Craft Center on Rice Road, featured remarks by Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee; General Harold Cross, United States Air Force and formerly the adjutant General of Mississippi and 2019 Ridgeland Chamber President Bill Bethany, Community Bank.

Mike McCollum, Public Works Director for the City of Ridgeland and Colonel, US Army Reserve, along with Landscape Architect Trent Rhodes, showcased renderings of the park.

Guests enjoyed refreshments sponsored by Community Bank of Mississippi, Waggoner Engineering and Joe T’s Wines & Spirits. The Mississippi National Guard Band played a medley of patriotic music and ended the program with a Tribute to the United States Military Branches of Service.

Decorations of plants and flowers in red, white and blue pots filled the Craft Center, all donated by Green Oak Florist & Garden Center.

“The Veterans Memory Park is projected to cost “122,000 and will be paid for by private donations,” said McCollum, who serves as chairman of the park committee.

“The park will include benches and plaques commemorating the six branches of military service. The park will also feature a central walkway, the Walk of Heroes and a flagpole. The centerpiece will be a seven-foot bell tower,” McCollum added.

Mr. McCollum shared that the idea for a Veterans Memory Park was spearheaded by the late Dr. Tom Logue of Ridgeland.

“It was Dr. Logue’s vision that the bell tower would be a working one where family members and friends could ring the bell and pay tribute to a veteran,” McCollum said.



VETERANS MEMORY PARK IN RIDGELAND COMMITTEE

Chairman Mike McCollum

Director, Public Works, City of Ridgeland
Colonel (Ret.) United States Army Reserve

Max Cathey, Sergeant Major (Ret.)

United States Army Reserve

Bill Lee, Alderman, Ward V, City of Ridgeland

Major General (Ret.) Mississippi National Guard

James Peden, Stennett Wilkinson & Peden, P.A.

Colonel (Ret.) Mississippi Air National Guard

Don Roberts

Major General (Ret.) Mississippi Air National Guard

D.I. Smith, Alderman-At-Large, City of Ridgeland

Colonel (Ret.) United States Army

John Taylor, Corporal (Ret.)

United States Marine Corp

Kristen Beal

Community Relations Specialist, City of Ridgeland

Linda Bynum, Executive Director

City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce

Alan Grant, Architect

Dean and Dean Associates Architects, P.A.

Alan Hart, Director

Community Development, City of Ridgeland

Trent Rhodes, Landscape Architect

Trent Rhodes Landscape Architect, P.A.

Greg Starnes, Trustmark National Bank

2012 President, City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce



Sponsorship Opportunities

\$200

4" x 8" Engraved Brick Paver
(located along the Walk of Heroes)

\$500

8" x 8" Engraved Brick Paver
(located around the Bell Tower)

\$5,000

Brass Plaque mounted on Concrete Paver
(Ten available)

\$10,000

Brass Plaque mounted on Bench
(Two available)

\$50,000

Engraved Plaque at the Bell Tower
(One available)

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City Meetings

Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting

1st & 3rd Tuesday - 6 p.m.

Work session is held on Mondays prior to Board Meeting - 6 p.m.

Architectural Review Board

2nd & 4th Tuesday - 6 p.m.

Bill Dicken - Chairman

Ron Blaylock, David Dunbar, Randy Knouse, Randy Lynn, Tay Morgan, Lynette Praytor, Alex Ross, Connie Suber

Keep Ridgeland Beautiful

First Monday - 4 p.m.

Jan Richardson - Chairman

Barbara Brown, Rachel Bradley, Rachel Collier, Polly Hammett, Barbara Hunter, Phyllis Parker, Lea Anne Stacy

Community Awareness Committee

Fourth Monday - 5:30 p.m.

Sheila Jackson - Chairman

Carla Palmer Allen, Shirley Gill, Vicki Heath, Diane Jackson, Drew Malone, Lazaire Martin, Mike Smith, Debbie Upchurch, Ivy Williams

Historical Committee

Every other month - Thursday, September 19, 1 p.m.

Nancy Batson - Chairman

Robby Carr, Donna Dye, Polly Hammett, Mike Porter, Pat Truesdale

Contractors Board of

Adjustment and Appeals

Quarterly meeting - Thursday, October 17, 4 p.m.

Lantz Kuykendall - Chairman

Terry Evans, David Pursell, Steve Rimmer, Clay Sutherland, Keith West

Zoning Board

Thursdays, the week of Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting - 6 p.m.

Bernie Giessner - Chairman

Tracy Bailey, Michelle Caballero, Jim Collette, Walter Cox, Drew Malone, Larry Miller, Judy Rice

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Animal Control
animalcontrol@ridgelandms.org..... 601-856-2121

Anonymous Tip Line
(criminal investigations division)..... 601-853-2006

City Hall/Mayor's Office..... 601-856-7113

Community Development Department
(development, property maintenance, zoning, signs, permits)..... 601-856-3877

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(residential/neighborhood concerns and service) 601-502-6040 & 601-940-9030

Court Clerk
(traffic violations, misdemeanors and fines)..... 601-853-2001

Emergency (police and fire dispatch center)..... 9-1-1

Finance and Administration
(business licenses, elections, meeting minutes, budget, public records).. 601-856-7113

Fire Department
(non-emergency calls, safety education programs)..... 601-856-7004

Police Department
(non-emergency calls, public safety concerns)..... 601-856-2121

Public Works Department
(roads, garbage, recycling, water, storm water)..... 601-853-2027

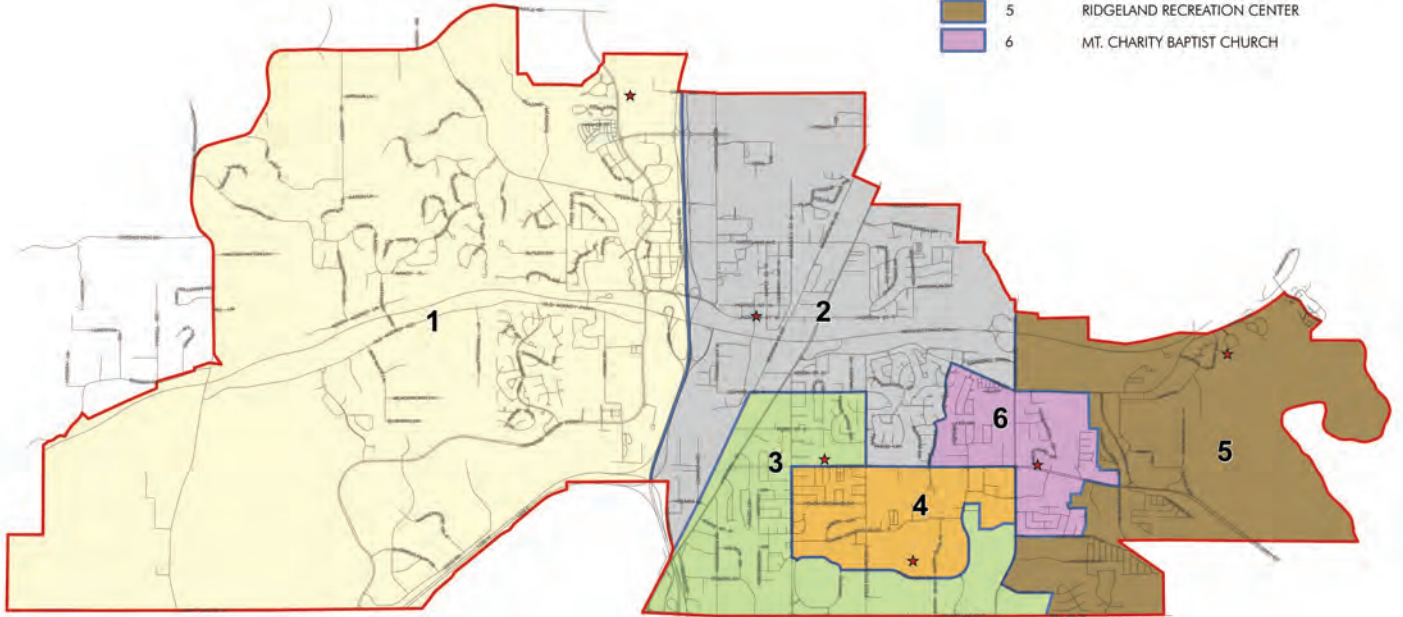
Recreation and Parks
(special events, athletics and program registration, park information) 601-853-2011

Utility Billing Department (water, sewer, garbage, and recycling billing)
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RIDGELAND ALDERMEN

To learn more about your elected representatives, go to www.ridgelandms.org/electedofficials/.

WARD NUMBER	POLLING LOCATION
1	HIGHLAND COLONY BAPTIST CHURCH
2	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3	TRACE RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
4	COLONIAL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
5	RIDGELAND RECREATION CENTER
6	MT. CHARITY BAPTIST CHURCH



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