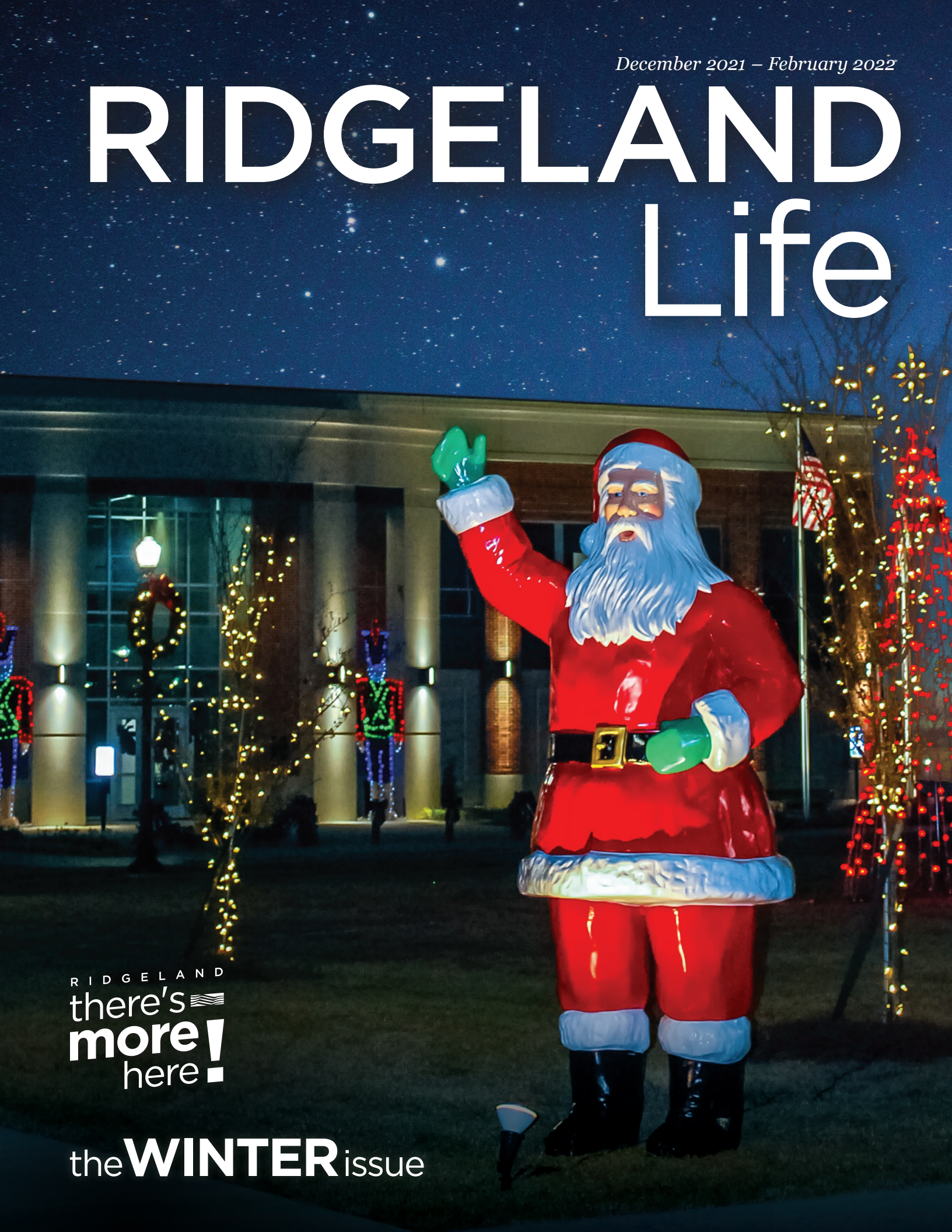


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From the Mayor

As 2021 comes to an end, I think it's very important to reflect on the City of Ridgeland's blessings from the past year. In spite of the pandemic, our economy is flourishing and progressing, and many businesses are experiencing growth and success. Developers maintain tremendous interest in our city, and we've witnessed exceptional growth from earlier developments. Our sales tax revenues are thriving and providing an exceptional quality of life for citizens and visitors - all while keeping our property taxes at the same rate they have been for the last 32 years.

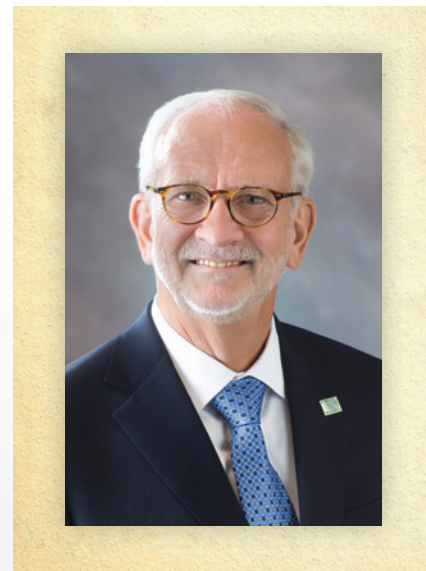
We have seen a tremendous transformation in our City Center property with the construction of our new state-of-the-art City Hall, as well as the construction of the northern entrance from Rice Road. As we move into 2022, we look forward to working with a consultant to advise and help us plan for the transition of a more pedestrian-friendly Jackson Street and the Old Town area.

The City is also very fortunate to have many committees that actively make a positive impact on Ridgeland. Specifically, our Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee consistently strives to make Ridgeland the most attractive city in our state. Recently, they were recognized by America in Bloom and received two national awards, the 2021 Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Impression and the 2021 Community Environmental Efforts Award! Congratulations to Keep Ridgeland Beautiful for representing the City in such a grand way.

On a dismal note, I am still concerned about the amount of litter that is being thrown out on our streets and highways. As each of you know, this is a huge problem and requires the City to spend tax dollars, time, and labor to keep our streets clean. As I've said in the past, I encourage each of you to not litter, and if you see someone littering, please let us know by notating the tag number and calling our office. We will contact them to let them know we do not approve of that in our city.

With another year coming to a close, I wish each of you a blessed holiday season. We look forward to an outstanding 2022 with many positive outcomes for our city. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Gene F. McGee



Gene McGee
Mayor of Ridgeland

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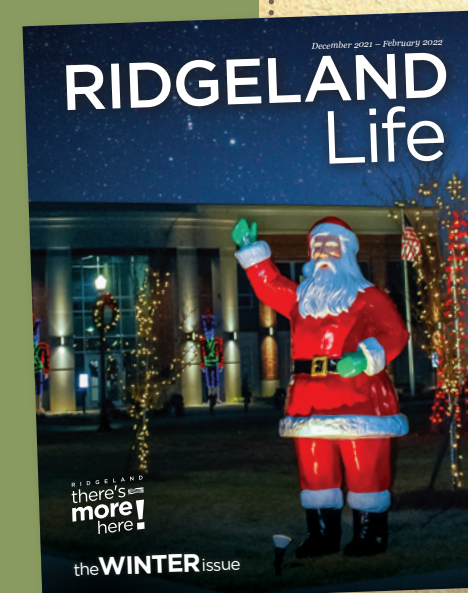
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Samuel A. Moffett
(Photo provided Jeff Kowalis)

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF RIDGELAND *Telling Ridgeland's Story*

In almost every town in Mississippi, you'll likely find the graves of Civil War veterans in the local cemetery. After all, thousands of soldiers joined the army from Mississippi, and thousands more, both Union and Confederate, died from combat and disease. The same is true for the Jessamine Cemetery in Ridgeland; however, there's something unique, perhaps, about our local cemetery – there are more Union than Confederate soldiers buried in Ridgeland. This is likely because many of Ridgeland's early settlers were from the North. One man in particular was a Union officer who fought in some of the war's bloodiest battles.

Here is his story...

Born in Rodman, New York, on the Fourth of July in 1836, Samuel A. Moffett was 25 years old when he enlisted with the 94th New York Infantry in 1861. By 1862, he had been promoted to captain, and Sam, as he was known, participated in all of the regiment's campaigns and battles, including Second Manassas, Antietam and Fredericksburg.



Col. S.A. Moffett, Helen Moffett and Walter Moffett's grave in Jessamine Cemetery (from findagrave.com)

In June of 1863, Moffett was promoted to major, and a month later his unit arrived at a little town in Pennsylvania known as Gettysburg. There, on July 1, 1863, the 94th New York Infantry, along with the rest of the Union I Corps, was swept from the field by Robert E. Lee's veteran troops. The regiment's colonel, Adrian Root, was captured in the fighting, and Moffett found himself in command. Forced to retreat, Moffett rallied the regiment on Cemetery Hill, where they remained for the rest of the battle. During the fighting, the unit suffered a total of 245 casualties, most of them captured or missing.

After Gettysburg, the regiment reorganized and moved on to Virginia with Grant's Army. Now a lieutenant colonel, Moffett commanded the unit until he was captured at the Weldon Railroad, part of the Petersburg Campaign. He was confined at Richmond's infamous Libby Prison and would not return to his regiment until two months before the war ended.

After being discharged from the army, Sam Moffett moved to Indiana and found work as a grocer. In 1869, he married Helen Norcross and the couple had two sons, William Baker Moffett, born in 1870, and Walter Hanford Moffett, born in 1876. By then, the family lived in Chicago, where Samuel established himself as an undertaker.

In 1911, Sam, now 71, moved to Ridgeland, along with Helen and their son Walter. We may never know why the family moved to Mississippi, but it is likely he was attracted by the cheap farm land offered by the Highland Colony Company. Regardless, Samuel Moffett purchased fifty acres of land, built a home, and seemingly became a prominent citizen, as there was once a Moffett Street in Ridgeland.

On March 24, 1917, Samuel Moffett died of "cirrhosis and advanced age," and was buried in the Jessamine Cemetery. He was 76 years old. In his will, he left his entire estate to his wife Helen as a trust for Walter, who was then 41; however, curiously, there was no mention in the will of Baker Moffett, the eldest son, who was living in Spokane, Washington.

Sixteen years later, on September 14, 1933, Helen Moffatt died at age 86. Tragically, Walter preceded her in death by a few months, and she had been living with him in Livingston, where he was a farmer. Just two weeks prior to her death, Helen sold all of the family property in Ridgeland and gave the proceeds (approximately \$3,000) to her friend, Mrs. Gallagher, with whom she had been living since Walter's death. As this was in the midst of the Great Depression, \$3,000 would have been a substantial amount of money, and likely explains what happened next.

On December 7, 1933, the Clarion-Ledger reported that Baker Moffett had come to Madison County from his home in Spokane, Washington, to contest the sale of the family property. Claiming that his mother was not legally capable of selling the land, Baker filed a lawsuit in chancery court. A tangled mess, the purchasers of the property



claimed they legitimately bought the land; and Helen's friend, Mrs. Gallagher, asserted the proceeds from the sale were rightfully hers.

Unfortunately, we do not know the outcome of the lawsuit, although some sleuthing in old court records may reveal the decision. Whatever happened, the dispute was an unfortunate end to the legacy of a proud Civil War veteran whose last years were spent creating a new life for his family in Ridgeland. Today, Lt. Col. Samuel A. Moffett, his wife Helen, and son Walter are buried at Jessamine Cemetery, all memorialized on a single gravestone. Baker Moffett's fate, however, remains a mystery.



Monument of the 94th New York at Gettysburg (Photo by author)



Pictured at the award presentation are (from left) Visit Mississippi Director Craig Ray, City of Ridgeland Executive Assistant to the Mayor Lisa Walters, Ridgeland Tourism Commission President/CEO Chris Chapman, Mayor McGee and wife Jane, Mississippi Development Authority Interim Director Laura Hipp and Current MTA President and Visit Hattiesburg Executive Director Marlo Dorsey.

MAYOR GENE MCGEE Receives Governmental Leadership Award FROM MISSISSIPPI TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee has received the 2021 Governmental Tourism Leadership Award from the Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA). This award is given to a government entity that supports tourism and helps attract visitors while working with their tourism partners. Examples of government entities include but are not limited to state legislators and local government officials, such as mayors, aldermen/supervisors, city and county clerks, etc.

MTA recognized the impact and accomplishments of the state's tourism industry at its tourism awards ceremony held during the Governor's Conference on Tourism at the Jackson Convention Complex in Jackson, Mississippi, October 20-22, 2021. This annual educational and professional development event brought together around 200 tourism industry professionals from across the state as well as tourism partners from the surrounding region.

The awards program gives MTA the opportunity to recognize members who excel in various sectors of the industry. Awards

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were presented in 19 categories, each focusing on a different aspect of the hospitality industry or individual achievement.

"It is truly an honor to celebrate these members who work tirelessly for their communities. The competition was strong, and that is a testament to the caliber of work being produced by our industry partners and the strength and competitiveness of Mississippi tourism," said MTA Executive Director Danielle Morgan.

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When he was elected in 1989, Ridgeland did not have a distinct identity. One of Mayor McGee's first goals was to remedy that by initiating and overseeing Ridgeland's 20-mile multi-use trail system and four miles of bike lanes. His vision quickly became a reality as a transportation plan was created, funding was secured, and construction was begun. Promotional efforts continue to this day. Under Mayor McGee's leadership, one of the first helmet laws in Mississippi was passed, and Ridgeland secured the title of a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community.

Mayor McGee also spearheaded two of Ridgeland's major retail districts, The Renaissance and Township, which now contribute to the image of Ridgeland as a premier shopping and dining destination for visitors. Throughout the pandemic, Mayor McGee not only kept the light burning but assisted in the opening of eight new restaurants in Ridgeland.

Mayor McGee always makes himself available to appear or participate in tourism-related events. He has been known to welcome conference attendees, lead a European cycling tour, participate in the Natchez Trace Century Ride, and greet world-class cycling tours. He even has a mountain-biking event named in his honor, The McGee Lungbuster, which draws in guests from around the nation.

This industry that was once just a dream now annually contributes over \$220 million in travel and tourism expenditures for Ridgeland/Madison County. The Ridgeland tourism industry employs 2,295 people.

Accolades earned by the City of Ridgeland under Mayor McGee's leadership include Mississippi's Healthiest Hometown, the Clarion Ledger/Mississippi Municipal League Excellence Award, the Keep Mississippi Beautiful Hall of Fame, the Tree City USA Green Mayor Award: Green Award for Urban Forestry, and the Keep Mississippi Beautiful 2013 Local Government Award. In addition, Ridgeland was named one of America's 100 Best Places to Live by Money magazine.

"Mississippi's tourism industry is filled with immensely talented professionals, and the challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic have shed light on their resiliency and dedication to our communities and state. We honor their contributions to Mississippi's fourth-largest industry, and we are grateful for their steadfast support of our association's mission. We heartily congratulate all statewide award winners for their outstanding accomplishments," said Marlo Dorsey, 2021-2022 president of MTA.



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Hart Chosen TO LEAD RIDGELAND PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

By Mary Beth McCullouch



The City of Ridgeland is pleased to announce the appointment of Alan Hart to its public works department. For the past 16 years, Hart has been the director of Ridgeland's community development department, though his new position encompasses the directorships of both public works and its newly acquired community development subdivision. The decision to assign Hart this dual role was unanimously approved by the mayor and board of aldermen and materialized after the retirement announcement of long-time public works director Mike McCollum.

"First and foremost, I'd like to thank the mayor and board for entrusting me to undertake one of our city's most important roles. I'm humbled they have this level of faith in me, and I'm ecstatic to lead the city's best employees as we continue to frame Ridgeland as the best city in the State of Mississippi," Hart relayed. "Secondly, I am entirely grateful to Mike McCollum for his 27 years of service to the City of Ridgeland and his leadership as public works director. I am appreciative of the structured department he has built."

Mayor Gene McGee knew Hart was the obvious choice to lead public works. "Alan's leadership, talent, positive attitude, vision, and undeniable devotion to the City and its citizens is why the board and I made the decision to combine two major departments and appoint Alan to lead both."

Hired in 2005, Hart's goal at the time was to make every effort to continue to help posture Ridgeland for a brighter future and maintain the economic vitality and small-town heritage. During

his tenure, Hart has done just that. His involvement in various projects has been welcomed by the City, some of which include the 2008 Ridgeland Area Master Plan, the Butler Snow building, the Township, Renaissance, the Northpark renovation, Costco, and Ridgeland City Hall building. "I have been blessed with a supportive mayor and board, and these finished projects would never have been a reality without their vision to incorporate a strong economic development plan for the City," Hart insisted. Furthermore, while serving as the director of community development, Hart and his team have managed over \$1 billion in permitted construction for the City of Ridgeland.

Alderman-at-Large D.I. Smith gave praises on the new public works hire. "Alan Hart is the one we turn to when the chips are down and there are near insurmountable challenges, such as fighting the big out-of-state landfill company who didn't care what impact it had on our health, welfare, and safety. And, even though no one gave us a chance in the fight, we won because of people like Alan Hart. He has a spontaneous, contagious enthusiasm that motivates everyone to achieve their best! I'm so proud he has been chosen for this roll. He – and the City of Ridgeland – will excel!"

Hart looks forward to encouraging a more service-oriented department and continuing to provide citizens with the best place to live. In addition, he plans to work with McCollum and supervisors and build positive working relationships with all employees in public works to allow for the smoothest transition possible.



RIDGELAND, MS WINS

National America in Bloom Award

Recently, top honors for the prestigious 2021 America in Bloom National Awards Program were announced during the virtual Symposium in the Sky educational conference and awards celebration.

Ridgeland was the winner of the Overall Impression Outstanding Achievement Award. Awards were presented that reflect excellence in the areas of community vitality, floral displays, landscaped areas, urban forestry, environmental efforts, celebration of heritage, overall impression, and community involvement.

The organization's executive director, Laura Kunkle, said, "America in Bloom is helping communities of all sizes achieve their potential. Every year our participants raise the bar, and the accomplishments and progress shown by this year's group is remarkable. These are, without a doubt, some of the best places to live and visit. Congratulations to Ridgeland for the excellent work making your community more beautiful and vibrant."

Mayor Gene McGee gave praises on the committee's



achievements. "I can't think of a more deserving group for this award. Keep Ridgeland Beautiful dedicates many, many volunteer hours to beautifying our city. The wildflower field is a perfect example of their tireless devotion."

To date, nearly 280 communities from 43 states have participated in the program and more than 22 million people have been touched by it. Registrations for the 2022 national awards program can be submitted until February 28, 2022. Eligible participants include towns, cities, college and university campuses, business districts, military installations, and recognized neighborhoods of large cities.

America in Bloom is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting nationwide beautification programs and personal and community involvement through the use of flowers, plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements. America in Bloom provides educational programs, resources, and the challenge of a friendly competition between participating communities across the country.

A CONVERSATION WITH... *Neeley Jones*

By Rachel Collier and Mary Beth McCullouch

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks is excited to announce Neeley Jones as the new Senior Adult Coordinator! Succeeding long-time coordinator Lynda Assink, Neeley's duties are centered toward the Superstar Seniors' programs at the Ridgeland Recreational Center.

Neeley has volunteered and served in our community for many years and is a graduate from Madison Central and the University of Mississippi, where she met her husband Grant Jones. Natives to our area, Neeley and Grant grew up living two miles apart from each other, yet they only met for the first time while living in Oxford. The Jones family now reside in Gluckstadt with their son Drew.

Neeley describes herself as a "people" person and looks forward to building relationships in our senior community. Full of ideas and creativity, Neeley is the perfect addition to the Recreation and Parks team! Please help us welcome Neeley to the City!

What do you love about Ridgeland?

The good eats! You can find me at Amerigo, Cazadores, MM Shapley's, or Krilakis. On the weekends, I enjoy taking my son picnicking at the Ridgeland parks. His favorites are Freedom Ridge and Old Trace Park. In the summers, you can find us boating on the Rez and eating nachos at the Yacht Club.

What was it about the Sr. Adult Coordinator position that prompted you to apply?

The description of the job fit my personality perfectly. I look forward to working with the senior adults of Ridgeland. I'm a planner and I love to come up with new activities to do. I'm a people person and enjoy others' company.

Tell us a few things you are excited about learning or doing in your new position?

I am looking forward to meeting new people and making a difference in the senior community. My goal is to brighten their day and consistently improve their physical and mental health. With the activities I have in mind, I plan to strengthen relationships and bring unity among the group.



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I look forward to working with the senior adults of Ridgeland. I'm a planner and I love to come up with new activities to do. I'm a people person and enjoy others' company.

Explain how previous jobs or life experiences prepared you for this new position?

I have previous experience working with the City of Ridgeland on several beautification projects, including Keep Mississippi Beautiful's Great American Cleanup Statewide Kickoff at Midway Park, the Wildflower Trails of Mississippi site on Jackson Street, and assisting the Keep Ridgeland Beautiful team with their projects and goals. Working with the City of Ridgeland staff has always been a pleasure, so I look forward to joining the team.

Do you have a morning work routine?

As a mom, the only time I get to myself is in the morning. I wake up, run to the coffee maker, and then enjoy peace and quiet while I get ready for the day. If I'm not enjoying the quiet, my favorite playlists to wake up to are "Autumn Jazz" or "Mellow Mornings" on Spotify. The silence is broken when it's time to wake up my 16-month-old son Drew.

What piece of advice would you give someone wanting to see success?

People always remember the way that you make them feel, so treat everyone with respect. Go the extra step. Always wear a smile and be compassionate. Be invested, be curious, and listen more than you speak.



After 22 years of service to the City of Ridgeland, Lynda Assink recently announced her retirement as the Senior Adult Coordinator. The City is grateful for her dedication to the Superstar Seniors' program and wishes her a happy retirement!



Business “Blooms” FOR RIDGELAND’S COTTON BLOSSOM

By Mary Beth McCullough



Beautifully organized for the sewing enthusiast, The Cotton Blossom is open Monday - Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, and Saturday's 9 am - 3 pm.

If you are a sewing or quilting enthusiast and live in or around the Ridgeland area, it's presumable that you have been made acquainted with one of the largest specialty fabric merchants and Baby Lock dealers in Mississippi. Co-owner Cathy Kelly never believed what she considered a pleasurable pastime, eventually turning into a small online venture, would shift into the company it is today. A psychologist by trade and a seamstress for leisure, she partnered with her daughter Robin Morris for what she called a “side gig” about ten years ago selling fabric on the online marketplace Etsy.

“It was about the time my husband had passed away and I was living alone on our farm in Flora,” Cathy said. “Suddenly I realized I had filled up every room in my house with fabric. Things had gotten a little out of hand, and every room but the kitchen and my bedroom was full of fabric!”

With a successful online enterprise and no other nook or cranny left to satisfy her hobby of yore, she decided to build a studio warehouse on the farm to store her merchandise. Cathy

Suddenly I realized I had filled up every room in my house with fabric.



The Cotton Blossom Co-Owners Cathy Kelly and Robin Morris.

recalled, “By this time, we had nearly 3,000 bolts of fabric, and we’re shipping huge amounts every day all over the world! It was also the about the same time people from the local area came knocking on our door because they’d heard we had a whole bunch of fabric for sale.”

Not set up as a business to sell directly from their studio and drawing more attention to the local market, she and Robin made a leap of faith to open their own fabric boutique. It wasn't long after that they became a dealer of the champion sewing machine line, Baby Lock, only at first carrying a few models, but soon becoming a full-line retailer of Baby Lock sewing machines.

Fast-forward five years. Now located in Ridgeland, the once leisurely side gig for Cathy and Robin continues to thrive. Robin supervises the marketing and classes while Cathy runs the day-to-day operations such as buying, bookkeeping, and bill paying. “I pulled Robin in at the beginning of this business, and she’s been with me since. She’s also a part-time nurse practitioner, and a mother of two children,” Cathy said.

A really proud moment for the mother-daughter team came when they found out their sales in sewing machines were nationally ranked. “When we began carrying sewing machines at our store, we started off really small and only carried a few machines. However, last year we were ranked number nine in the nation, and this year we were ranked number six in the nation for Baby Lock sewing machine sales.

With the extra room in their current location, they were able to add sewing classes, both in-house and online. In fact, their beginner’s class is so reasonable, you can rent a sewing machine for as little as \$10. You can also find all the necessary sewing accessories such as notions, books, threads, scissors and patterns.

For more information on the Cotton Blossom’s sewing classes, sewing machines, and fabric, visit their website at cottonblossomfarm.com, or check out their Facebook page at [CottonBlossomFabrics](https://www.facebook.com/CottonBlossomFabrics). Of course, feel free to visit and browse around their store at 670 Highway 51 in Ridgeland, Monday through Friday, 10 am – 5 pm, and Saturday’s 9 am – 3 pm.



The Cotton Blossom is the the only Baby Lock retailer in Central Mississippi and is ranked sixth in the nation for its sales of Baby Lock sewing machines.



From an online store on Etsy to a full-service fabric and sewing boutique, the Cotton Blossom carries an assortment of fabrics, notions, and patterns.

By this time, we had nearly 3,000 bolts of fabric, and we’re shipping huge amounts every day all over the world!

Yard of the Month

Keep Ridgeland Beautiful announces the Residential and Business Yards of the Month for September, October, and November! Thank you for Keeping Ridgeland Beautiful!



SEPTEMBER



BUSINESS: The award for the September Business Yard of the Month was given to Pear Orchard Apartment Homes at 580 Pear Orchard.

RESIDENTIAL: The award for the September Residential Yard of the Month was given to Remick and Stephanie Darden on Autumn Creek.

NOVEMBER



BUSINESS: The award for the November Business Yard of the Month was given to Holmes Community College at 412 W. Ridgeland Ave.

RESIDENTIAL: The award for the November Residential Yard of the Month was given to Stephanie and Christopher Mills on Rice Road.

OCTOBER



BUSINESS: The award for the October Business Yard of the Month was given to Family Chiropractic at 575 Hwy. 51.

RESIDENTIAL: The award for the October Residential Yard of the Month was given to Mrs. Bettie Ingram on Overlook Pointe Drive.

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Sturdivant Family Exhibit

ON DISPLAY AT CITY HALL

By Mary Beth McCullouch



Featured in the display case are various artifacts such as Bill's tools, a working model of a tow boat, and a wheel from the Lunar Rover model.



Virginia and Bill Sturdivant, circa 1943

Next time you're in Ridgeland City Hall, take a moment to visit the Sturdivant Family Exhibit in the History Room. In 1946, after serving his country in World War II, William Dempsey (Bill) Sturdivant settled his family in Ridgeland, finding work at the Fenton and Hagan Cast Iron Foundry. A pioneer to the community during the times Ridgeland was incorporated, Bill served as alderman to the city in the 1950's and the Planning and Zoning Commission in the 1990's.

Bill's meaningful career not only touched the local community, but his talents and abilities were also seen through his inventions and models, such as his maps used during John Glenn's orbit of the earth and his model Lunar Rover produced for NASA's trip to the moon.

These are just a few of Bill's amazing accomplishments. Learn more about his life story and achievements while the exhibit is on display now through December 31st.

The model was used to make the molds for the cast iron bulldog door stops made by Fenton and Hagan Cast Iron Foundry in Ridgeland, MS.



TOURISM EVENTS

DECEMBER 2 - 4

"Chimneyville at Home" at the Bill Waller Craft Center.

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"Wrap It in Ridgeland!" Book a room at participating hotels during this promotional period at discounted rates and receive a complimentary shopping bag from Ridgeland Tourism! For more information, visit: <https://www.visitridgeland.com/wrapit/>.



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

According to the U.S. Postal Service, there have been changes made in their delivery service. These changes may affect the timeliness of bill arrivals, especially checks written through your bank's bill pay service. Please make arrangements to ensure timely delivery of your bills.



Beware of third party websites set up to take payments for your Ridgeland water bill. These websites resemble the City's online payment center and charge extra fees in order to process your payment. Ridgeland's online payment address is MunicipalOnlinePayments.org.

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December 31
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
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WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday in January at 11 a.m., join us for free wellness classes! From yoga to Zumba to self-defense, we'll get you up and moving with something new to enjoy!

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YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Madison-Ridgeland Youth Sports Programs

Baseball www.mryouthbaseball.siplay.com

Softball www.mrycsoftball.com

Tackle Football
www.mryctacklefootball.siplay.com

Basketball
www.madisonridgelandyouthclubbasketball.siplay.com

Mississippi Rush Soccer
601-898-1996
www.mfcsoccer.com

Ridgeland Flag Football
601-853-2011
• Ages 6-11
• Registration: July through August
• Season: September through November

Leagues for Special Needs
601-853-2011

Miracle League Baseball
• Games played at Parker Miracle Field at Wolcott Park
• Registration: February – March
• Season: April – May

Top Soccer
• For Children & Adults with Special Needs
• Games played at Freedom Ridge Park
• Spring Registration: January – February
• Spring Season: March – April
• Fall Registration: July – August
• Fall Season: September – October
• www.topsoccerms.com

Ridgeland Hoops
• Games played at Old Town Middle School
• Registration: November – December
• Season: January – February

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Freedom Ridge Park 235 West School Street

Park Hours: 6 am – 10 pm
Pavilion Reservations: 601-853-2011
• Four Baseball Fields with Artificial Turf Infields
• Batting Cages
• Two Concession/Restroom Buildings
• Four Lighted Regulation Soccer Fields
• Four Picnic Pavilions
• Multiple Playground Areas
• Dedicated Playground Areas for Individuals with Disabilities
• Lighted Walking Trail

Wolcott Park 349 McClellan Drive

Park Hours: 6 am – 10 pm
Pavilion Reservations: 601-853-2011
• Seven Lighted Baseball/Softball Fields
• Batting Cages and Bullpens
• Two Concession/Restroom Buildings
• Playground
• Sand Volleyball
• Home to Parker Miracle Field for Miracle League Baseball

Friendship Park 475 Lake Harbour Drive

Park Hours: 6 am – 10 pm
Pavilion Reservations: 601-853-2011
• Large Lighted Pavilion
• One-Mile Lighted Walking/Jogging Trail
• Fitness Court
• Playground Equipment
• Restroom Facilities

Ridgeland Tennis Center 201 McClellan Drive

601-853-1115
• Full-Service Public Facility
• Operated by Tennis Pros
• Seventeen Lighted, Hard Tennis Courts
• Four Pickleball Courts
• Locker Rooms
• Pro Shop

Ridgeland Recreational Center

137 Old Trace Park
601-856-6876
• Two-Story Rustic Lodge Overlooking the Reservoir
• Hosts Daily Activities for Superstar Seniors

Ridgeland Multiuse Trails 137 Old Trace Park

- 20+ Miles of Multiuse Trails
- Includes Trails along Natchez Trace
- Water Fountains, Benches, Trash Cans
- Trailhead Facility (Rice Rd. and Harbor Dr.)
 - Covered Pavilion
 - Picnic Tables
 - Restrooms
 - Bike Repair Station
 - Fitness Station
- Parking/Access Points
 - Trailhead Facility - Intersection of Rice Rd. and Harbor Dr.
 - Natchez Trace Pkwy Information Cabin
 - Old Town Crossing off W. Jackson St.

▶ SUPERSTAR SENIORS

Contact: Neeley Jones
Senior Adult Coordinator
 (601)-856-6876
 neeley.jones@ridgelandms.org

SUPERSTAR SENIOR SPECIAL EVENTS

SENIOR ADULT VALENTINE'S BANQUET

Join us for a special Valentine's event for all area senior adults. A meal and entertainment will be provided. Help us celebrate the sweetest day of the year! Call or email Neeley Jones to reserve your spot. Seating is limited!



Program Price: \$10
 Event Date: TBA
 Time: TBA
 Location: Highlands Presbyterian Church
 1160 Highland Colony Parkway
 Ridgeland, MS 39157

ZENTANGLE ART CLASS



The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. All supplies are included in the price. Suzanne Lien is the teacher, and she will show you step-by-step instructions. It is especially suited to folks who would love to do something artistic but don't think they have the ability. This is a two-hour class, and students will leave with a completed Zentangle drawing and their art supplies to take home. You can also visit zentangle.com for more information on this art form.

Program Price: \$30 (Supplies included in price)
 Event Date: TBA
 Time: TBA
 Location: Ridgeland Recreational Center

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

All weekly programs will be held at the Ridgeland Recreational Center, 137 Old Trace Park, unless otherwise indicated below. Call or email Neeley Jones for more information on weekly programs.

AGAPE MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

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



EVENING LINE DANCING

Price: \$40/month or \$10/week
 Times: Beginners' Class, 6-7 p.m.
 Advanced Class, 5-6 p.m.
 Day of Week: Monday



MARTIAL ARTS FOR SENIOR ADULTS

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



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Time: 9–10:30 a.m.
 Day of Week: Tuesday
 Facebook Live: [RidgelandMensBible](https://www.facebook.com/RidgelandMensBible)



PAINTING PALS

Program Price: No cost
 Time: 1:00–3:00 p.m.
 Day of Week: Tuesday



RESTORATION & RELAXATION YOGA

Event Dates: Ongoing
 Program Price: 6 classes for \$30 or \$5/per class
 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 Day of Week: Monday and Friday

YOGA FOR FLEXIBILITY, FITNESS, AND FUN

Event Dates: Ongoing
 Program Price: 6 classes for \$60 or \$10/class (1 hour class)
 Time: 11:00 a.m. – Noon
 Day of Week: Monday and Friday



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

RIDGELAND CITY GARDEN CLUB

Program Price: \$20 (Yearly dues)
 Event Dates: December (Members only), January 4, February 1
 Time: 11:30 a.m.
 Day of Week: Tuesday
 Contact: Pam Stevens: pstevens_jam1@comcast.net



BRIDGE

Program Price: \$1 each for prize
 Event Dates: January 27, February 24
 *Reservations required four days in advance.
 Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 *Arrive by 12:45 to receive name tag.
 Day of Week: Thursday
 Contact: Neeley Jones
neeley.jones@ridgelandms.org
 or 601-856-6876



Ridgeland Recreation & Parks hosted a Tae Kwon Do-Chung Do Kwon testing for black belt and yellow belt. Upon completion of the requirements for black belt and yellow belt by the Reviewing Board of North American Tae Kwon Do, the following were granted to: (Pictured left to right) Sa Bum Nim Andrew Dillon, Jo Dillon, Lynda Assink, Sandy Mueller, Paulette Grim (yellow belt), Diane Malouse, Lynda Jungkind, and Sa Bum Nim Christopher Frantz.

► SPECIAL EVENTS

RIDGELAND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Come join us for our 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 listen to songs of Christmas. There will be children's crafts, photos with Santa, shopping and, of course, the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Event Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021
 Start Time: 6:00 pm
 Location: Plaza at Old Town Crossing

CHRISTMAS AT RIDGELAND CITY HALL

Join us at Ridgeland City Hall for music, a movie, food trucks, and Santa at Ridgeland City Hall on Friday, December 3 at 5:30 pm.

Event Date: December 3, 2021
 Start Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Location: Ridgeland City Hall

RIDGELAND CHRISTMAS PARADE

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 "Super Heroes Celebrate Christmas." The parade begins at Holmes Community College and will travel through the historic Olde Towne Subdivision. Registration forms can be found at <https://www.ridgelandms.org/event/ridgeland-christmas-parade-4/>. Forms will be accepted now through December 1.

Event Date: December 4, 2021
 Start Time: 1:00 pm
 Location: Old Town Ridgeland

DOG OBEDIENCE

The Jackson Obedience Training Club JOTC will offer puppy, beginner and advanced dog obedience classes. The six week class will teach obedience commands of heel, sit, down, stay, come, and few other commands that you will use in everyday life with your pet. The JOTC is a non-profit organization that was established in 1969 and is licensed by the American Kennel Club. Two sessions will be offered in the spring. Registration will begin February 1, 2022, and two classes be held in March. Puppies must be 3-6 months old. Dogs for the beginner class must be at least 6 months of age or older. In order to be in the advanced class, your dog must have completed the beginner class. Proof of vaccination by a licensed vet is required.



Program Price: \$95
 Program Area: Adult
 Registration: February-March
 Start Date: March TBD

 Start Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Day of Week: Tuesday
 Location: Ridgeland Recreational Center

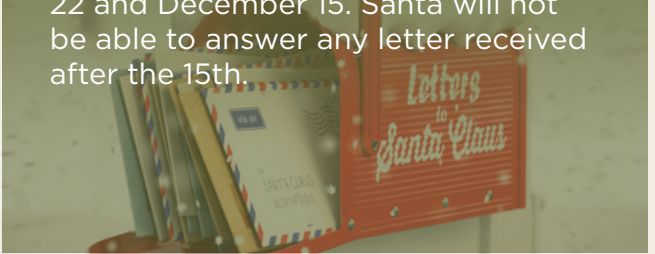
Christmas in Ridgeland



- Christmas Tree Lighting
 Plaza @ Old Town Crossing
 December 2 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas at City Hall
 Ridgeland City Hall
 December 3 @ 5:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
- Christmas Parade
 Old Town Ridgeland
 December 4 @ 1:00 p.m.

SEND A LETTER TO SANTA!

Find a pen and paper and drop your letter into the North Pole Mailbox! Beginning November 22, Ridgeland Recreation and Parks will be collecting letters to Santa! There will be a North Pole mailbox located near the front door of City Hall. Be sure to include your name and address to receive a reply from Santa! Letters will be received between November 22 and December 15. Santa will not be able to answer any letter received after the 15th.



ANN SMITH ELEMENTARY
 Grades K-2 • 306 S. Pear Orchard Road
 601-856-6621 • www.madison-schools.com/ase

OLD TOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
 Grades 6-8 • 210 Sunnybrook Rd.
 601-898-8730 | www.madison-schools.com/otm

Walk to School Day



Walk to School Day is observed nationally in October to raise awareness in the health, community, and environmental benefits of walking to school. Pictured is Mrs. Sim's second grade class at the Walk the School Day event.



Students participated in various activities, including a poster contest. Ms. Bivin's Kindergarten class were the winners of the contest and enjoyed an ice cream party as their reward!



The Walk to School Day committee placed signs around the school directing students to do funny movements and exercises at different points along the walking trail as they walked. Some of the movements included crawling, lunging, squatting, and flapping their arms like a bird. Pictured is Mrs. Dodd's second grade class.



At the end of the walk, students were visited by the Ridgeland Fire Department to learn about fire safety.



Walk to School Day ended with a picnic lunch and snow cones! Pictured are students from Mrs. Fairley's first grade class.



OLD TOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL TITAN BASKETBALL

2021 GAME SCHEDULE

10.28 / VICKSBURG 7B 4:30, 8G 5:30, 8B 6:30	12.2 / BYRAM 7B-4:30, 8G-5:30, 8B-6:30
11.1 / CLINTON 7B 4:00, 8G 5:00, 8B 6:00	12.6 / BRANDON 7B-4:30, 8G-5:30, 8B-6:30
11.4 / OPEN	12.9 / MADISON 7B-4:00, 8G-5:00, 8B-6:00
11.8 / NWR 7B-4:00, 8G-5:00, 8B-6:00	12.13 / PEARL 7B-4:00, 8G-5:00, 8B-6:00
11.11 / GERMANTOWN 7B-4:00, 8G-5:00, 8B-6:00	1.6 / BYRAM 7B-4:30, 8G-5:30, 8B-6:30
11.15 / WARREN CENTRAL 7B-4:30, 8G-5:30, 8B-6:30	1.10 / BRANDON 7B-4:30, 8G-5:30, 8B-6:30
11.18 / PEARL 7B-4:00, 8G-5:00, 8B-6:00	TBA / LITTLE SIX TOURNAMENT NWR
11.29 / NWR 7B-4:00, 8G-5:00, 8B-6:00	

HOME AWAY



RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12 • 586 Sunnybrook Road • 601.898.5023 • www.madison-schools.com/rhs

RIDGELAND HIGH GARDEN TAKES ROOT

Community support helps garden project flourish

By Jan Richardson



Ridgeland High students exercise their green thumbs in the new student-led garden project. Over 110 students from various academic disciplines help tend the gardens.

School gardens provide hands-on learning, life skills and a thorough understanding of where our healthiest foods come from. A school garden in the City of Ridgeland, twice named the Blue Cross & Blue Shield Mississippi Foundation Healthiest Hometown, is a natural fit.

Many dream of creating a school garden, but obstacles such as weather, school breaks, and lack of resources are common challenges.

Not to worry, though! The Ridgeland High School garden took root rapidly this semester. One hundred and twelve students from Ms. Gabrielle Mills' science classes are collaborating on this living laboratory. Ridgeland High teachers Dr. Sullivan, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Davidson, as well as culinary arts teachers Chef Williams and Chef Love-Wynn, are also integral to the program's success, along with the support of the administration.



The new Ridgeland High School winter garden flourishes under the care of dedicated students.

The list of community partners and advisors include Keep Ridgeland Beautiful, Mike McCollum, the City of Ridgeland, and Allen Martinson from Martinson's Garden Works.

"It was important for students to learn about the steps needed to create and manage a garden," Mills said. "Students researched the tools and materials needed for the garden project and created a budget."

Once the supplies arrived, the young gardeners built raised beds based on a simple design Mills tested last summer. No mountain of soil was too high for the enthusiastic crew. They filled the beds with rich soil and amendments and planted starter plants and seeds.

Moreover, Titans who participated readily provide insight into how the garden has benefitted them. "I like learning in ways aside from using books and paper or a MacBook," Josue Castillo said. "Learning how to prepare a garden bed and comparing and contrasting the plant growth over the season taught me a lot."

"I have learned that gardening is a very long process, and it requires lots of patience," student Ezra Prince said. "The amount of time it takes to grow vegetables, and tending to these crops so they can survive in all

types of conditions is educational. I also enjoy the connections I made with my classmates because of the teamwork we needed to make our garden a success."

Thankfully, Mississippi seasons are kind to gardeners: the Titans hope to plant multiple crops this school year. Winter crops include lettuces, broccoli, chard, and collard greens. Pansies and zinnias add color — and the pansies are also edible. "Flowers add value and beauty to the garden, and this can be shared and appreciated by the entire school," Allen Martinson said.

The Circle of Life isn't always evident in our tech-focused world. Student gardeners relish that gardening provides opportunities to understand more about nature and biology. "I like spending time in the garden. We grow many varieties of plants and care for them from seedling to harvest," Prince Khalil Loves said. "And we have the honor of being the first class to bring a garden to Ridgeland High. The garden could inspire other people to take these science classes or even grow their own garden."

MEET THE 2021-2022 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMATS



Ridgeland High Titans embrace the experiences offered through the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce Junior Diplomat Program



HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

412 W. Ridgeland Avenue
601-856-5400 | www.holmescc.edu

A multi-campus institution, Holmes Community College offers the Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Applied Science degree, technical and career certificates and workforce training. The college now offers more than 50 academic majors, approximately 30 professional programs and a variety of student support services. Holmes is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

HOLMES RIDGELAND CAMPUS *Homecoming Maids*



Pictured are the Holmes Community College 2021 Ridgeland Campus Homecoming Court members. They are (left to right) Freshman Maid Arian Felton of Madison; Freshman Maid Hailey Jacks of Birmingham, Alabama; Student Body Maid Bethany Biggers of Canton; Sophomore Maid Brooklyn Gaddis of Brandon and Sophomore Maid Taylor Barnes of Wiggins.



Volunteer and library fan, Courtney, paints a mural at the library in honor of October being National Pizza Month. Stay tuned for more awesome window murals just in time for the Holidays!

“Walkin’ in a Winter Wonderland” OF FUN AT RIDGELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

*By Kristen Hillman, Branch Manager
khillman@mcls.ms | 601-856-4536 | www.mclsms.org*

Libraries (along with pretty much everyone else in the known universe) have had quite a challenging past 18 months indeed. With closures, changes in service, and going virtual and online with many programs- we have had to stop and think about the many ways that libraries are essential to the community and what we can do to help even more with your needs. Gone are the days when the librarian would “shush” you when you got a little too noisy in the stacks. This year and last year, we really found out just how vital libraries are to the community and how we can get better at providing you and your family with top-notch service and programs!

From online events to creative displays, our librarians have been cooking up new ways to keep your library interesting and fun even during the darkest days of the pandemic. However, did you know all of the other ways that you can access your library even from the comfort of your own home? Using your library card, you can go to our website (mclsms.org) to access



Some of the Halloween displays around the library. We are ready to start decorating for the holidays! Don't forget program ideas and book/ movie requests are always welcome!

digital databases to help you or your child with homework or that next big essay you have to write.

Did you know that Heritage Quest, an online database accessed with your MCLS Library card, can even help you discover more about your ancestry with Census documents, immigration records, and so much more? Looking to learn a new skill or language? Your library card can also help with Rocket Languages and Universal Class, offering 500 courses on over 30 different subject areas. Call or come by the library for more information! We are always happy to help!

This year saw the Any Book Club at Ridgeland Public Library go to an online platform, but with the return of in-person programs at the library, we here at your Ridgeland Public Library are thinking of even better book clubs and programs that are sure to interest even the most reluctant of readers. Stay tuned for new and returning book clubs happening at your library starting after the New Year.

Our Mystery Readers book club is still going strong as well, where participants can choose a mystery book to read that best interests them. For those interested in reading a great mystery, contact the library and ask about Mystery Readers.

Our "Get Crafty!," a craft and DIY Program for adults and seniors, is a new program that started in November where you can participate in a fun, stress-free craft or bring your own project to work on. Come craft with a friend if you like (masks required at all programs, social distancing observed) and, of course, light refreshments will be served.

November also saw the return of in-person storytimes and programs at the library with Mrs. Jill, our fabulous children's librarian extraordinaire. From Let's go Legos! Lego Builder's Hour to STEAM Storytime, there is sure to be something fun for both you and your little one this winter at your library.

Be sure to check our calendar of events at mclsms.org for awesome programs for all ages at the Ridgeland Public Library. Our main mission at Ridgeland Library is simple, to have a diverse collection that represents our amazing, unique community and to help you and your family make positive memories at the library. Whether you're a kid or just a kid at heart, there is something for you at your Ridgeland Library!

THE RIDGELAND LIBRARY PRESENTS

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEP OVER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
DROP OFF BEFORE 4PM

PICK UP BEFORE 5PM WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 15TH

Email Ms. Jill at jswan@mcls.ms
for more information

Computer Hour for Adults

EVERY WEDNESDAY
9:30-10:30AM
3:00-4:00PM
AGES 18+
COME GET ASSISTANCE FROM OUR STAFF WITH AN ISSUE, A PROJECT, OR LEARN BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS.

LIBRARY EVENTS

GET CRAFTY!

Ages 18+
Show off your crafty side! Join our staff as we make crafts and enjoy each other's company!

COMPUTER HOUR

Ages 18+
Every Wednesday 9:30-10:30am; 3:00-4:00pm
Come get assistance from our staff with an issue, a project, or learn basic computer skills.

FRIDAY FAMILY STORYTIME

Every Friday, 10:00am
Ages 0-5
Enjoy an interactive storytime for toddlers and their caregivers! Join us for dancing, fun songs, rhymes, and an awesome storytime!



PICK UP STORYTIME KITS!

The first Tuesday of every month
While Supplies Last
Ages 3-7
Enjoy storytime at home with your own Storytime Kit!



GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

The Ridgeland library offers these wonderful digital services free-of-charge to its card holders:



Ancestry • Newspapers by Ancestry • Mississippi Digital Library • Heritage Quest • Libby • ABC Mouse
Magnolia • Weston Woods • Tutor • Universal Class • Scholastic Teachables • Rocket Language
EBSCO Learning Express • hoopla • Hein • Common Sense.

BUKBANG

The first Friday of every month
12:00pm
All Ages
Join us on Facebook Live to discuss the books we've read this month while we eat lunch! Tune in to see who our special guests are.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER!

Tuesday, 12/14
4:00pm
All Ages
Drop your stuffy off for them to sleep over at the library! Stuffedies must be dropped off by 4:00pm. Pick them up from 9:00am – 6:00pm on the 15th.

STUDY HALL

Every day, 3:00-5:00pm
Come do your homework, ask questions, and get connected with our Education databases, books, and more!



RIDGELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

MADISON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
397 Highway 51 • Ridgeland, MS 39157
601-856-4536 • www.mclsms.org
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RIDGELAND CHAMBER *Golf Classic*

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Phil Thornton
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Brian Rippee

**3RD PLACE
Young Wells
Williams P.A.**

Chase Bryan
John Henson
Chan McLeod
Rod Delaney

CHAMBER EVENTS

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tuesday, December 7
Colonial Heights Baptist Church
444 Northpark Drive
7 a.m. – Breakfast Buffet
7:30 a.m. – Program

Tickets available from the Chamber office.

HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS IN RIDGELAND

December 6 – 19, 2021
Shop Local / Buy Local Campaign

Annual Awards Banquet

Thursday, January 27, 2022
Country Club of Jackson
345 St. Andrews Drive



Junior Diplomat LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Junior Diplomats encouraged participants by waving homemade signs during the Mayor's Fun Walk

CONGRATULATIONS to the 38 students initiated into the 2021-22 City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce Junior Diplomat Leadership Program. The program in its 20th year provides students an opportunity to learn about the Ridgeland business community while volunteering for various City and Chamber related events and activities. Representing Ridgeland High School are Jordan Allen; Derika Barnes; Aniya Bell; Jacob Burt; Madison Capler; Xzeria Denson; Gabrielle Funches; Poonum Gill; Mirage Giri; Alexandria Hester; Tyler Jackson; Nadeia Jones; Cemarri Kyle; Haiden Lowery; Daniel Lynn; Iliana Ontiveros; Katie Partridge; Ethan Perkins; Tyler Powe; Allen Richert; Shaurya Saini; Ashton Shelton; Maggie Sims and Jayla Travis. Representing Jackson Academy are Addison Armstrong; Molly Baldwin; Barton Boyll; Fowler Boyll; Mary Gibson Lundy and Annalee Willson. Representing Jackson Prep are Walker Headley; Isabella Hicks; Ewing Milam and Julia Stradinger. Students from St. Andrew's Episcopal School are Davis Cress and Connor Dunnigan and from St. Joseph Catholic School, Wils Davis and Christopher Watson. Chosen to serve as Junior Diplomat Co-Captains are Barton Boyll, Jackson Academy; Wils Davis, St. Joseph Catholic School and Daniel Lynn and Maggie Sims, Ridgeland High School.

Junior Diplomat Co-Advisors are Allison DeWeese, Career Technical Coordinator for Holmes Community College and Jim Lowery, owner, Pear Orchard Business Center.



Junior Diplomats helping out with the first Annual Cycle Out Kids Cancer event held at Renaissance at Colony Park, from left, Co-Captain Maggie Sims; Haiden Lowery; Iliana Ontiveros; Co-Captain Daniel Lynn; Gabby Funches and Ashton Shelton, all students at Ridgeland High School.



CITY OF RIDGELAND
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www.ridgelandchamber.com

Register for events by calling
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City Directory

- 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
- COURT CLERK**
(traffic violations, misdemeanors and fines) 601-853-2001
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- 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, & recycling billing)
utilitybilling@ridgelandms.org 601-856-3938

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), Connie Suber (Secretary), David Dunbar Randy Lynn, Robert Moore, Tay Morgan, Lynette Praytor Leigh Ann Sullivan

Keep Ridgeland Beautiful
First Monday - 4 p.m.
Jan Richardson - Chairman
Rachel Bradley, Ginger Cocke, Rachel Collier, Polly Hammett, Claire Jackson, Phyllis Parker, Lea Anne Stacy

Community Awareness Committee
Fourth Monday - 5:30 p.m.
Shelia Jackson - Chairman
Carla Palmer Allen, Shirley Gill, Vicki Heath, Diane Jackson, Shelia Jackson, Lazaire Martin, Adams Yerger, Debbie Upchurch, Dr. Phelton Cortez Moss, Walter Young, Jr.

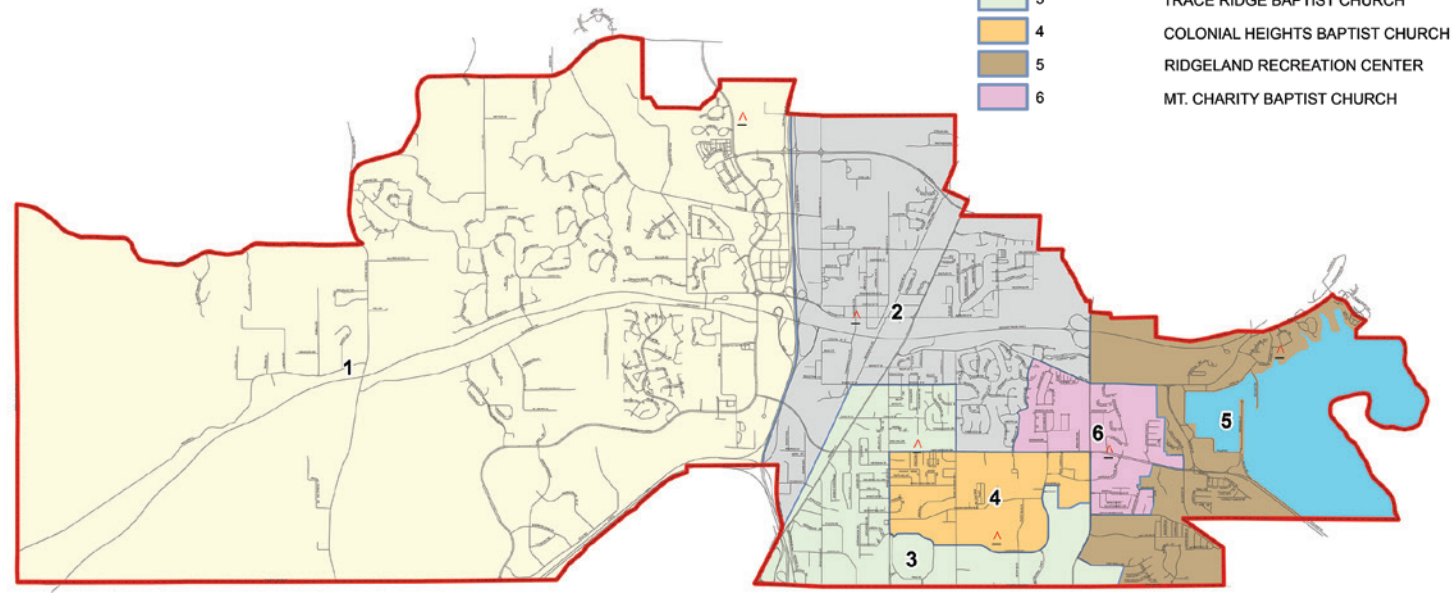
Historical Committee
Every other month - TBA
Nancy Batson - Chairman
Robby Carr, Donna Dye, Polly Hammett, Mike Porter, Pat Truesdale

Contractors Board of Adjustment and Appeals
Quarterly meetings - 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
Michelle Caballero, Jim Collette, Walter Cox, Drew Malone, Larry Miller, Judy Rice

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recreation & parks

Yearly Ridgeland Events

MAY

Natchez Trace Century Ride

- Scenic bike ride through Madison and Rankin Counties, ending on the Natchez Trace Parkway
- First Saturday of Art, Wine, & Wheels Weekend

JULY

Celebrate America Balloon Glow

- An evening of music, hot air balloons, food vendors & fireworks
- Friday before July 4th

OCT

Cycle Out Kids Cancer Bike Ride

- Children's of MS Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders Fundraiser
- Second Saturday of October

DEC

Christmas in Ridgeland

- Christmas Tree Lighting - first Thursday in December
- Christmas at City Hall - first Friday in December
- Christmas Parade - First Saturday in December