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RIDGELAND LIFE

Let's Talk Turkey and Cranberry Sauce.
Fall is Filled with So Much
to do in Ridgeland!

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September - November 2023

FROM THE **MAYOR**

Gene McGee



What a delight it will be to see some milder temperatures approaching. We've had a hot, intense summer with a bevy of early summer rainstorms bringing heavy winds that have toppled trees and caused power outages in many areas in our City. City workers have been put to the test this year, with curbside tree limbs and trunks proliferating throughout our neighborhoods. The harsh summer weather followed hard on the heels of a strident winter, taking its toll on the landscape. Many of us have needed to replace plants, shrubs, and even some trees. I want to thank our City workers who have gone beyond the call of duty. They have spent untold hours ensuring that Ridgeland's municipal services remained in excellent running order throughout these challenging times. Whether they are in the public works, recreation and parks, fire, or police department, our dedicated employees have ensured our quality of life remains at a high standard.

As you know, we always include a special article in Ridgeland Life regarding the City's rich history. Ridgeland was incorporated as a village on December 29, 1899, after the first families settled in the area. These families are important to our history, and they have left us with a heritage we can be proud of. We honor those who have made Ridgeland a special place to live and work, and we believe that a vital part of being a community is remembering our heritage and being thankful for those who took the time to plan for the future of our great City.

Speaking of our great City, we are blessed to have excellent schools. I encourage you to do everything you can to support our students and teachers. It is vital to recognize that our future leaders are today's students and that a community builds strong citizens. We should support them in a way that allows them to become the best citizens they can be.

I'm happy to report that economic statistics show that Ridgeland's economy continues to grow. Future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 36.8%, which is higher than the U.S. average. New businesses are opening at a healthy pace, with 2021 alone seeing approximately 150 new businesses open their doors. We are seeing new and exciting growth in every part of our City. Our staff is going the extra mile to ensure that the new growth is the best it can be and that as we grow, we use our government funds wisely to provide the best City services while keeping taxes low.

As always, we endeavor to provide a quality of life in Ridgeland that is second to none, and together, we make it happen.

I wish each of you a safe and fruitful fall.

Gene F. McGee

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Telling Ridgeland's Story

By Polly Hammett



GONE IN 60 SECONDS... I DID NOT SEE THE MOVIE, BUT THAT WAS MY FIRST THOUGHT WHEN I RECEIVED A TEXT AT 4:36 A.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 19 - JUST HOURS AFTER VOTING TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ON JACKSON STREET TO “OLD TOWN WESLEY CHURCH.”

The historic Wesley Chapel was destroyed by an EF1 tornado. The utter devastation shown in the accompanying photo mirrors the heartbreak of church members and Ridgeland residents alike.

The chapel was built in the late 1800s near the intersection of County Line Road and Old Canton Road. In 1901, it was dismantled, numbered, loaded on a wagon, and moved to Jackson Street in the Village of Ridgeland. The first Pastor, J.G. Moore, was paid \$100 to reassemble the structure, and it served as the sanctuary for Ridgeland United Methodist Church until 1960.

Since then, it has been moved a couple of times to allow for building projects and parking. It was used for Sunday School and other church functions before being mainly relegated to storage. Several repairs were made to improve the structure in the last few years, including a new roof, updated electrical work, and other minor changes. Covid and other roadblocks delayed a major remodel of the chapel, but the dream never died.

At this time, the future of the Wesley Chapel is uncertain. If it cannot be rebuilt, several pieces of the structure survived that may be used to commemorate the little chapel we have all loved for so long.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN... Anyone who has ever walked through a cemetery is familiar with this phrase. Unfortunately, early structures in The Village of Ridgeland were not built to last, or they were destroyed in the fire of 1902. But, as the words on the gravestones say, our history is not forgotten.

The Ridgeland History Trail will tell the story of early Ridgeland with trail markers. The first marker will be placed at City Hall. It highlights the founding of the City and two early mayors. Approximately twenty-five markers are in production. By utilizing the existing trail system, sidewalks, and additional "off-trail" sites, the markers will be easily accessible. Keep a lookout as the Ridgeland History Trail grows over the next few months!

A few of the markers will highlight the history of Brashear's Stand, The Natchez Trace, Silas Dinsmoor, Ridgeland's Prehistoric Past, Highway 51, Jessamine Cemetery, Northpark, Old Town, Simon Hill Church, and many more people, places, and events. The result will be a Trail attracting visitors and residents alike. The first sign will be installed this fall - a perfect time to get out, see the City, and learn more about our history.

You are also invited to visit the History Room at City Hall. In the coming months, the City will announce a date for unveiling the First Families of Ridgeland exhibit. At that time, a press event will be held to present new and upcoming History Trail markers. Photos, letters, and artifacts of the First Families are being gathered for this exhibit. We are starting with five or six families but will add others as additional information is obtained.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE... In this case, The Village of Ridgeland. The Historical Society of Ridgeland is grateful for support from The City of Ridgeland, The Ridgeland Tourism Commission, and the many people who have provided stories, photos, letters, and such to help us with these projects. A special "thank you" to Jennifer Hart and other members of The Old Town Wesley Church for providing information and photos of Wesley Chapel. Dedicated members of the Historical Society put in many hours of hard work to make these projects come together. We are constantly looking for more stories. We know they are out there. Your help is needed and appreciated.

RIDGELAND

Ridgeland was chartered as a village in 1899 and incorporated as a town in 1947. The first town hall was a wooden structure located near the intersection of Jackson and Maple Streets. Ridgeland's first school was located in the town hall, and it was also used as a church and a place for entertainment. The current city hall was dedicated in 2021 and is the fourth city hall building. Ridgeland became a city in 1975.

When Ridgeland was chartered, all officials were appointed by Mississippi Governor Anselm McLaurin. Ridgeland's first mayor was P.L. Porter, who took office on January 1, 1900, and was reelected three times. Ridgeland's longest serving mayor, Gene McGee, was first elected in 1989.

During Mayor Zimri Long's administration (1927-1929), Ridgeland took the first steps at modernization by contracting with the Mississippi Power and Light Company to bring electricity to the village.

Pardon L. Porter (1827-1908) was Ridgeland's first mayor. A native of Connecticut, he moved to Mississippi from the Chicago area. According to a newspaper account, Porter celebrated his 80th birthday by walking from Ridgeland to Jackson - a distance of nine miles - mostly on top of the top rail of the railroad track.

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the City of RIDGELAND

NEWSWORTHY

Fall is Filled with So Much to Do in Ridgeland

By Kim Cooper and Visit Ridgeland Staff

FHE FALL SEASON BRINGS LOTS OF COLORFUL ADVENTURES TO ENJOY, ESPECIALLY IN RIDGELAND! WE'VE ROUNDED UP SOME OF THE BEST THINGS TO DO IN RIDGELAND FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO CONNECT DURING THIS GLORIOUS TIME OF YEAR.



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INSIDE + OUT

A one-stop-spot for all your fall family-friendly fun is local fall festivals, events and activities. And Ridgeland has plenty of them - mark your calendars!

Bill Waller Craft Center

This year the Craftsman Guild of Mississippi is celebrating their 50th Anniversary! Don't miss the fall activities at one of Ridgeland's long-time institutions for creativity and innovation.

- Christmas in September will be held on September 9 and September 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- For your crafty kid, stop by Bill Waller Craft Center! This storefront for the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi features an endless selection of unique and hand-crafted pieces of artwork. Interested in seeing how it's done? Stop by on October 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for Craft Demonstration Day. Here, you'll get to see the Craftsmen in action!
- Annual Chimneyville Arts Festival
 - November 30 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Preview Party
 - December 1 & 2 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Festival Days

Ridgeland Scarecrow Trail at Ridgeland Wildflower Field & Art Park

What better way to kick off the season than with a scarecrow contest? Register your family (it's free!) to participate in the Ridgeland Scarecrow Trail taking place at the Ridgeland Wildflower Field & Art Park on October 1 through November 26. Display your scarecrow among the beautiful fall landscape and festive pumpkins. A great spot for a family photo. Be sure to get creative, judges will choose their favorite to win a prize giveaway. Most importantly, create family fun memories to last! Sponsored by Visit Ridgeland and Keep Ridgeland Beautiful.

Turkey Day 8k

If you're one of those families that gets up early to run on holidays, this one is for you! Make a Thanksgiving tradition with your loved ones by registering for Turkey Day 8k. The run will be held Thanksgiving Day, November 23, and begin at 7:00 a.m. at Fleet Feet of Ridgeland.

Renaissance at Colony Park

- On October 7, Pacesetter Gallery will be hosting the Plein Air Painting Competition. The goal of the event is to bring attention and sales to Mississippi artists and a unique outdoor experience in one of Mississippi's beautiful shopping destinations.
- NogginFeast is back and we want to see you there! The event will be held on October 9 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Do you like to eat, drink and dance? Nogginfeast will feature award-winning local restaurants and vendors offering savory dishes, decadent desserts, and delightful drinks. Whether you like Rock, Pop, Soul, Motown, Alternative, Country or Blues, the local bands at NogginFeast will have you covered! This year, we will be honoring the MS National Guard for their service to our state, our country and all around the world.



NEWSWORTHY

- Renaissance European Car Show - Rev up your engines and join us in celebrating Collector Car Appreciation Day! Auto enthusiasts, this one is for you. Save the date for the 16th Annual Renaissance Euro Fest Classic European Auto and Motorcycle Show being held October 14. Browse through classic vehicles from around the globe among the Old-world style atmosphere of Renaissance at Colony Park.
- The Blues by Starlight Fundraiser presented by Boys & Girls Club of MS will be held on October 19 from 7:00 -10:00 p.m.
- The hunt is on! On October 22, First Ridgeland Baptist presents The Great Pumpkin Hunt from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Renaissance Holiday Open House will be held on November 19 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Kids love the interactive Show Fountain at the Renaissance at Colony Park! Set up a blanket on the green space and enjoy the show each evening from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Township at Colony Park

- The AC Hotel hosts Third Thursday every month at 5:00 p.m.
- October 28 - Treat Street and Movies in the Park: Treat Street is a fun, family-friendly, Trick-or-Treating event at The Township. Make your way from one end of The Township to the other, visiting each participating business. (Look for the Treat Street signs in the window!) You'll be delighted by the costumes and candy - plus some merchants will be offering some "sweet" discounts.”
- The Township will host the 20th Annual Christmas Open House on November 30 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**City of Ridgeland Events and Activities listed on pages 18 - 22.*

Northpark

- Fall Fest will be held on October 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Center Court. Have a hauntingly good time trick-or-treating indoor at Northpark stores, enjoy music from a DJ, entertainment, and costume contest for kids, teens, and adults with prizes!
- Jingle Bell Walk: Holiday Preview Fashion Show – On November 11 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. get ready for the holiday season and see the latest fashion trends walk the runway at Northpark!
- Santa Claus is coming to town! Santa arrives at Northpark at 11:00 a.m. on Black Friday (November 24) with his friends from the North Pole! The first 100 friends to visit Santa and purchase a photo package will receive a surprise! Then, join us in Center Court at 11:30 a.m. for the Black Friday Diamond Drop! Pop balloons and win prizes!
- Photos with Santa: Visit with Santa at Santa's Whimsical Wonderland in Center Court at Northpark daily from Black Friday to Christmas Eve (November 24 – December 24)!

Outdoor Activities

Fall is the time of year to be outside and take in the cooler weather opportunities.

- Enjoy being by the water without dipping into the cold temperature: rent a kayak from Pearl River Kayaks or check out Main Harbor Store for pontoon boat, jet ski or paddle board rentals.
- Hop on a bike or take a brisk walk along the Chisha Foka Multi-use Trail, a historic 10-mile paved path along the Natchez Trace Parkway. End at the entrance near the Reservoir Overlook and set up a family picnic!
- Head over to Old Trace Park for a little family-friendly competition in a round of disc golf. This area overlooks the Barnett Reservoir and has an available pavilion and picnic shelters. There's even a playground for the kiddos!

Thanksgiving Made Easy in Ridgeland

By Kim Cooper and Visit Ridgeland Staff

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, and you're thinking of spending less time in the kitchen, there are wonderful options right here in Ridgeland for holiday food needs.

Ridgeland is home to a number of delectable eateries and cafes, and they LOVE to help make your holiday meal planning a little less stressful and sure to be delicious.

Check out these fantastic Thanksgiving offerings from a few of our local favorites.



Olivia's Food Emporium - If there's a casserole you're craving, Olivia's Food Emporium has it. A local institution, when it comes to grab-and-go catering, Olivia's offers an impressive selection of ready-made apps, sides, main courses, and desserts. Olivia's also has fried and smoked turkeys.

Address: 637 Highway 51, Suite K, Ridgeland



Primo's - With succulent turkey, Southern sides, and their desserts, Primo's holiday menu has you set for a classic Thanksgiving spread.

Address: 515 Lake Harbour Drive, Ridgeland



The Trace Grill – With one of the best blue plates around, the Trace Grill serves up a delectable Thanksgiving dinner package with Southern staples like turnip greens, sweet potato casserole, and pecan pie.

Address: 574 US-51, Suite F, Ridgeland



The Fresh Market – As one of Ridgeland’s go-to groceries, you can also place a holiday order for your favorite Thanksgiving fare. Located at the Renaissance at Colony Park, you’ll find what you need at Fresh Market to bring in the holiday cheer. To spice up your table setting, they also have an excellent floral department with many lovely options.

Address: 1000 Highland Colony Parkway, #1001, Ridgeland



The Honey Baked Ham Co. – For a favorite ham option, you can’t go wrong with the classic honey-baked hams from this local favorite. Place your orders early, for they are sure to run out. The Honey Baked Ham Co. also has turkey and side dish options.

Address: 940 E. County Line Road, Ridgeland



Zea Rotisserie & Bar – If you’re looking for a turkey alternative, Zea catering is a great option if you want to go the non-traditional route. Zea’s rotisserie chicken and popular side dishes are sure to please.

Address: 1000 Highland Colony Parkway, #10,500, Ridgeland



By Kim Cooper

WJTV 12 launched a new feature segment this year called Your Hometown. In it, WJTV 12 News Anchor Walt Grayson, WJTV 12 Meteorologist Ken South, and friends go on the road to aim the spotlight on cities across Mississippi. We were honored to welcome Walt and his team to Ridgeland this summer as

they focused on several special places that make our hometown unique.

The live show aired on August 4th. We had a great turnout on Jackson Street in the afternoon to kick off the filming! The production team then traveled to the Township at Colony Park, where they highlighted the beautiful residential area and business community. The show wrapped up at the Renaissance at Colony Park, where they showcased one of the city's premiere shopping destinations, along with enticing entrees from a few favorite local eateries.



The news team worked in concert with City staff, tourism, and local organizations during the weeks leading up to the big day. One segment in particular that captured our hearts featured staff and those they serve at local service organizations - the Mustard Seed, The Buddy Center, and The Lily Pad. Ridgeland is truly blessed to have these fantastic organizations serving our community and citizens. To view the full coverage of Meeting the Needs, please see the QR code provided on page 12.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped to make the day one to remember.



Live Show locations:

- Jackson Street in Old Town Ridgeland - The Jackson Street Master Plan was approved in early 2023 designating Jackson Street as the future downtown of Ridgeland. “The plan's overall goal is to create and enhance a vibrant and pedestrian-oriented streetscape to activate the corridor and foster a complete downtown atmosphere,” stated Mayor Gene McGee.
- The Renaissance has been named Best Shopping Destination by Mississippi Magazine and Best Shopping Center by the Mississippi Business Journal and the Delta Business Journal. “Here at Renaissance at Colony Park, we have a ton of great shops and restaurants and activities to do for people of all ages and interests. We have everything from big-name shops like the Apple Store, which is the states only Apple store, to locally owned boutiques,” said Katie Coats with Visit Ridgeland.



See the QR Codes below to view the entire live show:

Welcome



Meeting the Needs



Township at Colony Park & Northpark



Renaissance at Colony Park





the spirit of giving:



By Kim Cooper & Goodwill Staff

If you're like me, I've always appreciated the work of Goodwill Industries and have recognized how they give back to our communities through their stores. But until recently, I didn't truly know about the vast array of programs and services they provide daily to help those in need.

Goodwill Industries of Mississippi started in 1957 and is headquartered in Ridgeland, serving 59 counties in Mississippi. Their services span from hands-on workforce training and development to early childhood literacy programs, and employment opportunities for those with barriers, virtual reality training focused on a multitude of disciplines, and much more.

Over the last two years, Goodwill's workforce development has taken off and expanded during and since the height of the pandemic. One commonality between all of the 155 Goodwill independent agencies spread across the United States and Canada ties back to workforce development – serving the communities in which they operate through work.



Changing Lives through Meaningful Work:

Together with the generous support of Mississippians, Goodwill Industries of Mississippi's mission is to transform lives through lifelong learning and meaningful work.

Goodwill provides:

- Vocational Training and Assessment via Partnership with MDRS
- Financial Literacy Training
- Tuition Assistance Program
- Career Counseling / Vocational Rehabilitation
- Life and Soft Skills Training
- Training Reality Career Exploration Training
- Digital Skills / Computer Training
- Online Application Assistance
- Customer Service Certification
- Resume Writing
- Virtual Reality Interviewing

Through Goodwill Industries of Mississippi's 66+ year partnership with the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services Vocational Rehabilitation, they further both organizations' goals through training opportunities for those with barriers to employment.

All of the Goodwill's training programs are designed to equip participants with the skills, knowledge, and experience needed to succeed in today's job market. Whether a person is starting out in the workforce or looking to advance their career, their team is committed to providing individuals with the tools they need to achieve their goals in a safe, non-judgmental environment.



Literacy - another exciting program that recently launched is called Bookworks:

Goodwill Industries of Mississippi's BookWorks program is designed to instill a love of learning in three to five-year-old children. Studies show that reading is critical in early childhood development, and many children do not have the luxury of having books in their homes. The ultimate goal of BookWorks is to provide preschoolers with books of their own and to help children succeed in tomorrow's workforce. This supports Goodwill Industries of Mississippi's mission of transforming lives through lifelong learning and meaningful work.

Goodwill BookWorks will soon have dedicated volunteers who provide animated readings at locations throughout the community and present each child with a personalized book of their own to take home. Goodwill of Mississippi's BookWorks program succeeds through the determination of volunteers and the community's generosity. BookWorks volunteers make a difference one story, one book, and one child at a time.

There are a variety of ways in which to volunteer your time to this fantastic program. For more information on how you can get involved, contact Tammy Louvier, Volunteer Coordinator at Goodwill Industries of Mississippi at tlouvier@goodwillms.org.





Community Outreach – the Goodwill Ambassador Program:

The Goodwill Ambassador Program is an excellent introduction to Goodwill of Mississippi. It serves as a conduit to bring influencers and advocates together to support the mission of Goodwill.

The Goodwill Ambassador Program offers the opportunity for community stakeholders to better acquaint themselves with the Goodwill Mission – which is to transform lives through lifelong learning and meaningful work.

Benefits of Being an Ambassador:

Whether you seek to “just give back” to your local community or meet business, government, and social service leaders, the Ambassador program might be for you! This special group combines in-house training with active community outreach opportunities and fun networking events, all designed to help you develop the expertise to effectively promote Goodwill's outstanding programs, services, and positive environmental impact on our local community.

The primary goal of Ambassadors is to tell the story of Goodwill of Mississippi:

- Educate the community on the purpose of Goodwill of Mississippi's mission
- Explain why we sell – explanation behind retail and the mission it serves
- Communicate how Goodwill is different from other charities. Goodwill is a social enterprise and, as such, pursues endeavors that generate revenues, which funds its social cause... workforce development.

For more information about Goodwill Industries of Mississippi's Ambassador Program, reach out to Roy Johns at rjohns@goodwillms.org.

Shopgoodwill:

Support Goodwill Industries of Mississippi from the comfort of your home. Goodwill also offers an e-commerce online auction site. Shopgoodwill.com contains over hundreds of thousands of unique items, curated by over 121 different Goodwill agencies. Mississippians can shop from the comfort of their own home, all while supporting the mission of Goodwill! Simply visit www.shopgoodwill.com/ridgeland or scan this QR code to find collectibles, clothing, electronics, and much more at fantastic prices!





VETERANS DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

Veterans Day Ceremony

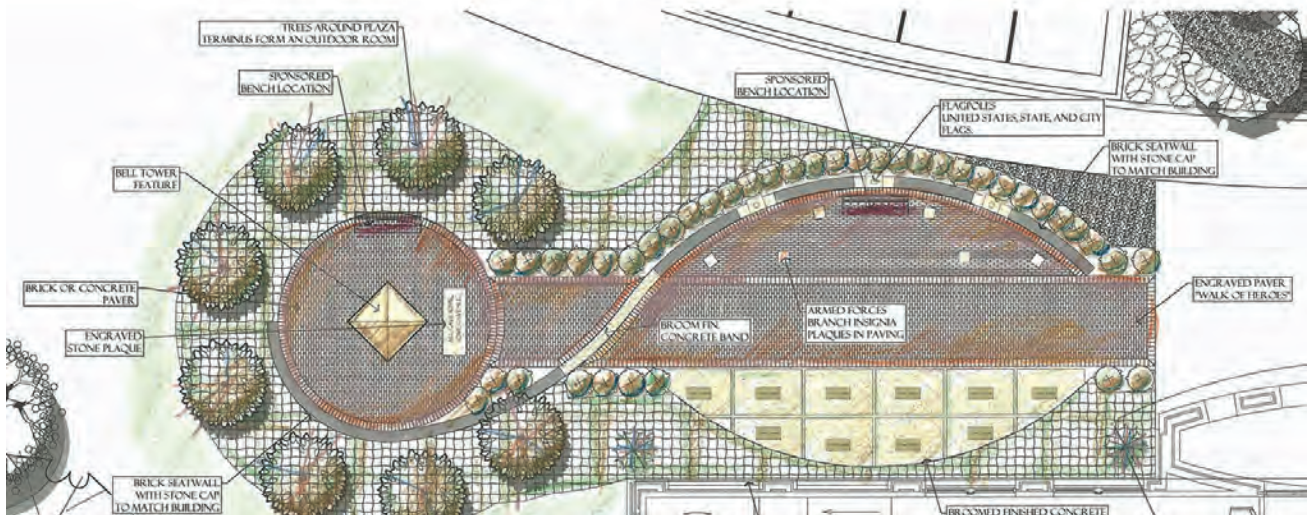
Ridgeland City Hall - Veterans Memory Park

100 West School Street

November 11, 2023

11 o'clock a.m.

VETERANS MEMORY PARK IN RIDGELAND, MS



FOR INFORMATION REGARDING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT:

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Yard of the Month Awards

JUNE



June Business Yard of the Month
CC's Coffee at 344 Highway 51



June Residential Yard of the Month
222 Nolan Circle

JULY



July Business Yard of the Month
Sprint Mart at Corner of Lake Harbour Drive and Pear Orchard Road



July Residential Yard of the Month
Denise Streety at 125 Salvo Drive
Mara Kirby at 127 Salvo Drive

AUGUST



August Business Yard of the Month
Club 4 Fitness at 511 Lake Harbour Drive



August Residential Yard of the Month
Mary Saunders at 309 Steeple Ridge

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The Ridgeland Recreation and Parks team is excited to launch into the fall season in preparation for a few of our favorite City events. We are pleased to announce two new members to the team! Ben McDonald is the new Events Coordinator and Carly Brandon joins as our Sponsorship and Marketing Coordinator.



TopSoccer

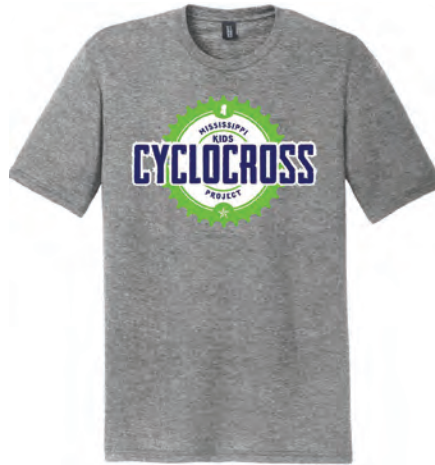
This soccer program is provided for special needs participants. For more information, please contact Cameron Arcemont at topsoccerms.com.



MRYC Basketball

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks partners with Madison Ridgeland Youth Club providing sports leagues for the community.

To find out more information about the 2023 basketball season, visit: www.mryouthbasketball.com



Mississippi Cyclocross Events

Kids Project

This cycling program opportunity is for first time participants as well as skilled racers. Team Ambassadors will give Cyclocross instruction on riding technique, equipment and skills as well as emphasize sportsmanship and teamwork.

Additional details and registration will be available at www.msxcproject.org.



Cycle Out Kids Cancer

A fall fundraiser bike ride through west Madison County with donations going to Children's of Mississippi Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

- All level riders are welcome
- Distance options are available
- Rest stops and bike support provided
- Complimentary tailgate meal and music
- Registration is required to participate
- Register at: Cycle Out Kids Cancer (bikesignup.com)

Don't miss this important opportunity to put your pedals to purpose and cycle out kids' cancer!

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: The North End of the Renaissance at Colony Park

MAYOR'S FUN WALK

RIDGELAND recreation & parks 2023

Mayor's Fun Walk

Come join us for the 30th year of the Mayor's Fun Walk. Mayor Gene McGee will lead a light walk with participants.

- Enjoy refreshments and entertainment
- Walk as much or as little as you want
- Must register to receive a t-shirt
- Drawings will be held for door prizes
- There is no admission charge for this event
- Check out other Sr. Adult events and programs in the Superstar Seniors section

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Northpark's Centercourt



Trunk or Treat

Dress up in costume and bring a bag to collect your candy!

- Trunk or Treat is for Ages 10 & under
- Kids trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk
- Admission is \$5 per child (cash only)
- VOLUNTEER at Trunk or Treat

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department welcomes local businesses, organizations and volunteers to provide vehicles, candy and manpower to make our Trunk or Treat a success. If you are interested, please contact our office at (601)853-2011.

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Freedom Ridge Park



Ridgeland Letters to Santa

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks will have a dedicated mailbox for letters to the North Pole. Drop your letters off and receive a letter back from Santa!

- Include name and address for Santa's reply letter
- Only letters received from the mailbox will receive a reply
- Duplicate letters will receive one reply
- Letters must be received by December 14
- There is no charge for letters to Santa

Date: November 30 - December 14, 2023

Location: On the North Side of the Ridgeland Green in front of City Hall



OLD TIME CHRISTMAS

IN RIDGELAND

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Plaza at Old Town Crossing
November 30 • 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN

Ridgeland City Hall
December 1 • 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Old Town Ridgeland
December 2 • 1:00 p.m.



Ridgeland Christmas Tree Lighting

Come join us for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and start your holiday season!

- Hear Christmas music
- Welcome Santa
- Make a holiday craft
- Count down to the lighting of the tree
- This evening is presented by The Historical Society of Ridgeland and sponsored by Visit Ridgeland.
- There is no admission charge for this event

Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Plaza at Old Town Crossing

Christmas At City Hall On The Ridgeland Green

Join us at Ridgeland City Hall for a festive evening of holiday cheer.

- Enjoy holiday treats
- Make a holiday craft
- Play a holiday game
- Get a photo with Santa
- Listen to live Christmas music
- Watch a Christmas movie
- The holiday theme is the Old Time Christmas in Ridgeland
- There is no admission charge for this event

Date: Friday, December 1, 2023
Time: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: On the Ridgeland Green at City Hall

Ridgeland Christmas Parade

Ridgeland Mayor McGee and City Aldermen will lead bands, businesses, and other organizations with an old-fashioned Christmas parade through the Old Town neighborhood.

- Old Time Christmas in Ridgeland will be the parade theme
- Parade begins and ends at Holmes Community College Ridgeland
- Parade route will make a square and include Maple Street, Jackson Street and Sunnybrook Road
- There is no admission charge for this event

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Old Town Ridgeland

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks wishes you a very happy holiday season!

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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Exercise

\$15/month
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Instructors: Martha Millsaps, Rita Latham, and Lynda Assink
Certified instructors lead participants through a series of cardiovascular and strength training exercises specifically designed to improve flexibility and health in senior adults.

Line Dance

\$10/class or \$40/month
Mondays 6:00 p.m.
Instructor: Darlene Epple
Learn a wide variety of line dances while exercising in a fun way, no partner needed.

Martial Arts for Seniors

\$10/month
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Instructor: Andy Dillon
Learn age and physically appropriate traditional martial arts and practical self-defense techniques.

Seated Yoga

\$5/class or \$30 for 6 (30 minute) classes
Mondays and Fridays 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Martha Millsaps
This class trains breathing and focuses your mind. Most of this class is done from your chair.

Brainercise

Wednesdays 2:30 - 3:30
\$10/class, \$30 annual supply fee due 2nd class
Instructor: Karen Poteat
A highly interactive brain health class to help participants reduce stress, develop a more positive outlook, and engage in a myriad of activities that provide effective, whole-brain cognitive stimulation.

Mat Pilates

Fridays 12:00-12:30
\$5/class
Instructor: Martha Millsaps
Pilates is popularly known as a core-focused workout, but it's actually a whole-body exercise. Floor exercises will be involved.

Standing Yoga

\$5/class or \$30 for 6 (30 minute) classes
Mondays and Fridays
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Instructor: Martha Millsaps
Standing poses for balance; floor poses to improve strength

Senior Fit

\$15/month
Mondays and Wednesdays
12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Instructor: Sally Holly
Improve balance, flexibility, and strength through stretching and light weights for those recovering from recent illness, surgery, or neurological diseases.

The Complete Mix

\$15/month
Mondays and Wednesdays
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Instructor: Sally Holly
Intermediate circuit type exercise combining low impact cardio, balancing, stretching and strengthening exercises.

Tap Dancing

\$5/class
Mondays
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Monica Russell
Beginning to intermediate tap dance instruction. This group performs at Ridgeland events and nursing homes.

Men's Bible Study

FREE
Tuesdays
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Men are welcome to join the group in person and everyone is invited to watch the recording on Facebook @RidgelandMensBible.

Artmakers

FREE
Tuesdays
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
All mediums and artistic levels are welcome to join for friendship and encouragement. Come when you can, leave when you must. Bring your own supplies.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Ridgeland Garden Club

\$20/year
1st Tuesday of the month
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
A monthly meeting for those who love nature and gardening. Fun and educational programs served with a nice lunch. Please contact President Peggy Peterson if interested in joining the waitlist at Peggybpeterson@gmail.com.

Bridge

\$1
Dates: 9/21, 10/19, 11/16
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
A team trick taking game played with a standard 52 playing card deck.

Birthday Bingo

FREE
Dates: 9/28, 10/26, 11/9
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited to play bingo, win prizes and eat cake in celebrating all of the birthdays each month. Must sign up in advance, space is limited.

special events

Dementia Simulator

Join St. Catherine's Village as they bring an innovative hands-on learning experience that quickly builds empathy by simulating the deep sense of confusion associated with dementia and potential challenges that they may face when attempting to everyday items.

- No charge, but registration is required

Date: Friday, November 3, 2023

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

To stay up-to-date on the latest from Ridgeland's Senior Adult Programs, sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by emailing neeley.jones@ridgelandms.org!

Neeley Jones

Senior Adult Coordinator

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MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF RIDGELAND SENIOR ADULT PROGRAMS IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, COMFORTABLE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT WHERE ADULTS OVER 50 CAN COME TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING.



JOIN US FOR PICKLEBALL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH & 21ST, 2023
 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
 RIDGELAND TENNIS CENTER
 201 MCCLELLAN DRIVE, RIDGELAND

Pickleball: Fastest growing sport - especially for those over 50!

Have you been curious about the latest craze called Pickleball? Join Cheryl Truong, Central MS Pickleball and USA Pickleball Ambassador for a 2-day clinic. Participants must be able to attend both days to register. Pickleball is a hybrid of tennis, ping-pong and badminton that's played on a court roughly half the size of a singles tennis court. The whiffle-type ball used is lighter than a tennis ball, and players are armed with a shorter, lighter paddle that's only slightly bigger than one used for ping-pong. It's easy to learn and has a friendly group of people following the sport.

PICKLEBALL CLINIC REQUIREMENTS:

- For ages 50+
- \$20 - covers entire clinic
- Pickleball paddle
- Tennis shoes, towel, water & lawnchair

****The clinic will be rescheduled on inclement weather days****



REGISTER FOR OUR "PICCADILLIES" PICKLEBALL CLINIC:

Neeley Jones or LeAnn Henderson
 Ridgeland Sr. Adult Programs (769)235-9579 Vintage Travelers (601)331-8478
neeley.jones@ridgelandms.org vintagetravelers23@gmail.com



BALLROOM DANCING CLINIC

EVERY TUESDAY AT 2 PM
 IN OCTOBER 2023
\$10/CLASS



Classes will be held at
Gotham Dance Club
 707 Beau Pre Drive, Ridgeland
 (next to Kroger)

No partner needed, each class you will learn a different style of dance. Space is limited, must register to (769) 235-9579 or neeley.jones@ridgelandms.org.

Celebrating 30 Years of Success

1993 – 2023

WHAT ARE THE MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES RIDGELAND BUSINESSES ARE FACING TODAY?

Ridgeland Chamber Board Members Weigh In



“One of the most common challenges businesses today face is the lack of an adequate workforce. This challenge seems to touch businesses of all types and reaches across all levels as we also face the formidable task

of keeping our college and university graduates from going to work out of state. The Ridgeland Chamber offers an opportunity to get to know others in the business community outside our specific business areas.”

Ray Balentine, *Michael Baker International*,
2023 Ridgeland Chamber President



“Workforce is our major challenge in today’s business world. We are all challenged to find and hire qualified employees to keep our businesses going regardless of what we pay and provide as benefits.

This is a national struggle right now. It is important that businesses join the Chamber to come together as a business community and share opportunities and challenges we all face as part of the Ridgeland business family.”

Cecil Harper, *Harper Rains Knight & Company, P.A.*, 2023 Ridgeland Chamber Vice-President



“In my opinion, it’s the uncertainty with interest rates and how that affects the small business community that relies on short-term lines of credit to operate their businesses. Our Ridgeland Chamber Board is comprised of incredible,

successful, brilliant individuals who I’m lucky to interact with. Joining the Ridgeland Chamber opens your business to a network of potential partnerships and groups to share ideas and strategies.”

Nathan Best, *First Commercial Bank*,
2023 Ridgeland Chamber Treasurer



“Today’s businesses are facing hardships trying to find good employees. Without good, qualified help, it becomes very hard to meet the needed demands of a community. Being a Ridgeland Chamber Board member

has allowed me the opportunity to meet some wonderful people in various industries and broaden my network, which allows me to bring all of this knowledge back to the community so that we all win together.”

Dan Ambrosino, *Parkway Development, Inc.*



“Controlling expenses is always paramount and has become the number one priority businesses do daily in this economic environment. The Ridgeland Chamber affords me the space to grow my network

and promote my business. I have met and built relationships with so many men and women that I would not have connected with if I had not participated with the Chamber.”

Shawn Cochran, *Northpark*



“The business world is changing so rapidly. Cybersecurity threats, AI, and digital transformations are affecting business in new ways daily. Businesses need to be adaptive and rely on outside resources to navigate these changes.

As one of the younger members of the Ridgeland Chamber Board, I’m able to learn and grow from the wealth of experience and knowledge of other Board members. I love the opportunity to form lasting friendships and professional connections.”

Chris Hemphill, *C Spire Business Solutions*



“Inflation is in the forefront today. High interest rates limit the ability to raise capital. When businesses cannot get supplies consistently, supply chain disruptions hinder their ability to get finished goods to

their customers. The pool of qualified employees is not as deep as it once was, but hiring and keeping skilled workers is becoming increasingly competitive. Without a doubt, the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce elevates your expectations from the Executive Director to the Administrative Assistant who run the Chamber daily, to each Board member. The level of leadership and professionalism is top-notch. It is a pleasure to work with all Board members, Diplomats, and Chamber members.”

Tim Magandy, *Robot Coupe USA, Inc.*



“The most pressing problem businesses face today is obtaining and retaining a talented workforce. Being a Ridgeland Chamber Board member has allowed me to expand my network of business professionals. In

business, networking and building relationships are essential to the growth of one’s career. We have a dynamic team, and I look forward to continuing to network and build upon the relationships I have gained so far.”

Deonte Oscar, *Community Bank*



“The importance of being a Ridgeland Chamber member is very beneficial to your business. Joining Ridgeland’s dynamic Chamber promotes your business to all the Chamber members and the community, offering

ribbon cuttings advertising in local news outlets and online. The Chamber provides opportunities for any business in Ridgeland to grow. The more the community knows about your business, the more your business is profitable. My involvement with the Chamber has expanded my knowledge of this great City, and I have built lasting relationships in the community. I am proud to own a business in Ridgeland and to call this wonderful City home!”

Carla Palmer, *CPA Realty, LLC*



“As a banker, I feel rising interest rates, inflation, and a downturn in the economy are the biggest challenges we are currently facing. The Ridgeland Chamber Board is comprised of a

network of business owners and professionals who are working together on agendas that we hope will make the community we work and live in better for everyone.”

Jeremy Rodden, *BankPlus – Renaissance*



“Attracting and retaining a qualified workforce is a major hurdle for businesses today. I believe we need added emphasis on trade programs and related career paths in high school and college. Working with a

Board comprised of professionals from differing backgrounds has enabled the Chamber to develop common goals which enhance our City and work to ensure the prosperity of Ridgeland.”

Jay Reber, *CenterPoint Energy*



“Inflation remains the most pressing problem for small business owners today. It is important for Ridgeland businesses to join the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce because the organization provides access to valuable

resources, discounts, and relationships that help businesses market their products and save money. As a Ridgeland Chamber Board member, I’ve developed community leadership skills and professional relationships that will benefit me for years to come.”

Tom Steadman, *Tuxedo Junction*



**City of Ridgeland
Chamber of Commerce**

Highland Elementary

Grades 3-5 • 330 Brame Road • 601-853-8103 • www.madison-schools.com/hes

By Serenity Lockett, Principal



To build community, create a sense of belonging, and provide a niche for each student and staff member, Highland Elementary began implementing the Ron Clark House System two years ago. Four Houses are represented across the school: Altruismo (House of Givers), Amistad (House of Friendship), Isibindi (House of Courage), and Reveur (House of Dreamers). Within the first two weeks of school, students spin the House wheel to determine their destiny, with current 4th and 5th grade House members cheering them on. Houses sing chants and cheers, create dances, and compete

with each other throughout the school year.

The House system has encouraged the idea that 'Doing the Right Thing is Cool,' and each grade level holds a House meeting once each week to highlight exceptional academics, behavior, and character. Students celebrate and encourage each other in their own House and other Houses.

This summer, a group of Highland Elementary staff attended HouseCon at the Ron Clark Academy to help take the House system to the next level. Each House will host an academic



challenge for the school in the coming year, plan a PBIS event, complete a community service event, select 'Head of House' and House representatives, and engage parents in the House system.

Ridgeland High School

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

by Walter Young and Jan Richardson

Titan Spotlight Shines on Parent Leader, De'Shundra McAllister

Colin Powell said, “There are no secrets to success. It results from preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”

One of the secrets to the success of the Ridgeland Parent Teacher Organization is De'Shundra McAllister. Being on the board for the Ridgeland PTO, McAllister's hard work and attention to detail has contributed to the success of the PTO. “She has the patience of Job from the Bible, in all her work,” said Walter Young, the incoming PTO president. Ms. McAllister is an unselfish, understanding, and unsung hero working behind the scenes to ensure the success of the students at Ridgeland High School.”

Anitra Bender, a PTO board member, agrees. “She takes on any task that is set before her. She is a true asset to RHS.”

Harriet Carter, who served on Titan PTO boards for over 15 years, said, “When she was needed to step back in the role to lead the board, she jumped right in without hesitation.”

De'Shundra has four wonderful children. Daughter Zyriana McDonald, a senior, plays



volleyball. Zakaria McDonald graduated in 2023 and was recruited to Holmes Community College-Goodman to play basketball, and Zy McDonald, who won many accolades during his years as the Titan quarterback, plays football at Jackson State University. De'Shundra and her youngest son spend many hours at school sporting events.

As a professional in the education field and a former teacher, De'Shundra understands first-hand what teachers' and staff jobs entail. “Ms. McAllister is a passionate advocate for students in the Titan zone,” said PTO and Athletic Booster Club board member Latonia Buchanan. “She works diligently

with administrators to learn their perspective on and aspirations for the school and seeks staff, teachers, student, and family input to ensure Ridgeland's scholars have the opportunities and resources needed to be competitive in the classroom and successful in life.”

PTO President Young and the board want to encourage individuals, elected officials, and businesses to join the RHS PTO to lend support through donations or to assist with teacher appreciation events and to attend our fantastic sporting events and musical performances throughout the year... Contact rhmembershippto@gmail.com for membership information.

Get to Know the Voice of the Titans, Page Goodrich

A distinguished-looking man walks quietly out of the football and baseball stadiums after each home game, greeting people as he makes his way to the parking lot. That greeting reveals his reason for being in attendance! Yes, this is the Voice of the Titans, Page Goodrich. Goodrich has announced football and baseball games for the Titans since Ridgeland High opened in 2002, and while his face may not be familiar to all, his voice that carries over the field on Friday Night Lights is a hallmark of the Titan sports landscape.

Page has led a most interesting and full life and keeps writing more chapters. He has lived in many places in the United States and traveled extensively to 50 countries!

Page moved back to Mississippi two decades ago “to his roots,” he says. He is a second-generation sports media figure. Son of Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame

legend Bill Goodrich, Page’s childhood was steeped in sports, sports announcing, and sports reporting. At ten years old, he began traveling with his dad, helping him in the press box and at various events, surrounded by other sportswriters and broadcasters. Bill’s 38-year career covered Ole Miss, USM, Hinds Community College, NASCAR, and pro baseball, and he was the sports director at multiple radio and TV stations around the south. Mississippi’s Rick Cleveland knows about following in the footsteps of a father in the sports media field. “I’ve been a part of it as both the son and the father,” Cleveland said.

Bill Goodrich was a Hall of Fame play-by-play announcer at Ole Miss and Southern Miss, a real pro. He would take great pride in his son carrying on the Goodrich tradition.

Page Goodrich enjoyed a decade in Southern California, where he

coached the USA Junior Olympics fast pitch softball league, a premier softball league in the nation.

For 25 years, Page volunteered for the local Challenger League hosted through the City of Ridgeland. The Little League Challenger Division® was founded in 1989, an adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges.

Page also served as an MC and host for various Mississippi Special Olympics games. “I have always loved volunteering in this capacity,” said Page.

Goodrich continues to fill his fascinating book of life. His retirement job is working as a travel advisor through AAA in Ridgeland, with a specialty in international travel. We hope readers enjoy learning more about Mr. Goodrich, the incredible person behind The Voice of the Titans.



Holmes Community College

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Ridgeland Campus holds Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony 2023



IN THIS PHOTO: HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE RIDGELAND CAMPUS PRACTICAL NURSING CLASS OF 2023. THEY ARE (FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT) VICTORIA RUSHTON, U'KILAH MCKINLEY, DEMYA WATSON, KALYN JONES, IKEYONIA DAVIDSON, BRIANNA BEAMON, COLTON ALEXANDER, (BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT) SHEA HARRIS, JAYLA WHITE, DEANNA SHOULDERS, GRACIE JOHNSON, KIMBERLY RUSHING, BRIAN BURROUGH AND ROBYN LIDDELL.

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus held a pinning ceremony for the Practical Nursing Class of 2023 on June 29th at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison. Fourteen students were honored. The graduating class included Colton Alexander of Lena, Brianna Beamon of Ridgeland, Brian Burrough of Bentonia, Ikeyonia Davidson of Clinton, Shea Harris of Yazoo City, Gracie Johnson of Brandon, Kalyn Jones of Benton, Robin Liddell of Clinton, U'kilah McKinley of Itta Bena, Kimberly Rushing of Clinton, Victoria Rushton of Canton, DeAnna Shoulders of Jackson, Demya Watson of Clinton, and Jayla White of Byram.

The ceremony began with a processional of the graduates, followed by Burrough, the Class Vice President, giving the invocation. Following the prayer, Holmes Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham welcomed everyone before Davidson, the Class President, shared remarks.

“First, I give honor to God, who has made all this possible. Next, I would like to thank our families and friends who aided us in this nursing journey. Last but certainly not least, I want to thank the Practical Nursing Class of 2023. We did it! We have seen each other at our worst and celebrated with each other at our highest moments.

We set out to achieve this goal, and here we are today, living in our moment,” Davidson said.

Priscilla Burks, Ph.D., the Director of Practical Nursing Education for the Mississippi Board of Nursing, also spoke during the ceremony. Burks oversees the PN curriculum in Mississippi's community and proprietary colleges and governs the state's PN programs. She has over 20 years of experience in nursing education and administration, including time as the Dean of Nursing and Practical Nursing Director.

“Administrators, practical nursing faculty, staff, family, friends, and the Practical Nursing 2023

summer graduates, I want to say congratulations. I am humbled to participate in one of the most historical parts of your nursing journey: your pinning ceremony. What an accomplishment! A survey a few years ago deemed nursing one of the most challenging programs to complete, and you have survived it. The struggle may have been real, but the reward is worth it.

According to the Gallup poll, for more than 20 years, nursing has been ranked as one of the most trusted professions of honesty. When you're in a position of trust, you hold a great deal of power. With that power comes great responsibility. You have an obligation to live up to the trust placed upon you. You will be there for patients and their families when they are most vulnerable. How you act, your words and the time you

spend with that patient and their family can change their lives forever. Maya Angelou stated, 'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel.

Nursing is a fabulous career with more opportunities than you will ever imagine. Being a nurse means that you will forever be learning and growing. Follow your heart, set goals, and take advantage of opportunities when they are presented to you. Most of all, remember to be flexible. For those of you in the audience inspired by this amazing group of graduates, it's never too late to step out in faith and seize the moment," Burks said.

After Burks' address, nursing instructor Heather Roberts approached the podium to present

awards. Liddell was named valedictorian for having the highest GPA in her class, Jones was named salutatorian for having the second highest GPA, and Watson was named the class historian for having the third highest. Additionally, Liddell was named Practical Nursing Student of the Year for her excellence in academics and leadership. After the awards presentation, Dr. Sutton called the students to the stage individually to receive their certificates and pins. Dr. Burnham and Career Technical Coordinator Allison DeWeese presented certificates before Roberts pinned each student.

For more information about the Holmes Practical Nursing Program, contact Career Technical Counselor Jovonna Parker at (601)605-3355 or jparker@holmescc.edu.

Holmes Hires Katie Murphy as District Coordinator of Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit



Holmes Community College welcomed Katie Murphy as the District Coordinator of Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit. She has 21 years of experience working in the community college system, 7 years with Jones College, and 14 years with Hinds Community College.

A community college alumna herself, Murphy holds an Associate of Arts degree in psychology from Hinds (1999), a Bachelor of Science in educational psychology from Mississippi State University (2001), and a Master of Arts in higher

education from The University of Mississippi (2002). She is a member of The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) and an active member of Highland Colony Baptist Church in Ridgeland.

Murphy has three children: Thomas (19), Rhett (17), and Lainey Kate (14). Thomas was a dual enrollment/dual credit student at Holmes last year and is now a college freshman. Rhett is a junior at Germantown High School, and Lainey Kate is an eighth grader at Germantown Middle School.

"I am very excited to be a part

of the Holmes Community College family. I am a tremendous supporter

of the Mississippi Community College system, and I look forward

to serving the students at Holmes," Murphy said.

Suzanne Haney joins Holmes Library Staff

Holmes Community College welcomed Suzanne Haney as a Library Technical Assistant for the Ridgeland Campus.

Previously, Haney taught school in Alabama for 30 years. She taught for 25 years in public education at Piedmont High School, then for 5 years at The Donoho College Prep School in Anniston, Alabama. Haney taught grades 7 - 12 in writing, grammar, literature, speech, and Dual Enrollment English. She holds a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in language arts.

"My husband, Terry, and I relocated to Mississippi last summer to live closer to our grandchildren. We have a daughter and son-in-law, Savannah Dobbs, and her husband Carson Dobbs, who have three children: Shepherd (3), Warrior (1), and another baby on the way. We also have a son, Slade, a pre-med major who plays baseball at Mississippi College. I am excited to be a part of the Holmes Community College family," Haney said.



Holmes' Crystal Southern named Ridgeland Campus Financial Aid Advisor & Veteran's Assistant Representative



Holmes Community College's Crystal Southern has been named Financial Aid Advisor and Veterans Assistance Representative for the Ridgeland Campus. Previously, she served as a Financial Aid Advisor on the Goodman Campus from 2022 - 23 and as the switchboard operator from 2021 - 22.

Southern is the daughter of Vanessa S. Keys and Byron Simpson. A graduate of J.J. McClain High School, she is continuing her education at Holmes this fall.





Iconic Events are Coming to Your Library this Fall

RIDGELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Madison County Library System
397 Highway 51
Ridgeland, MS 9157
601-856-4536
www.mclsms.org

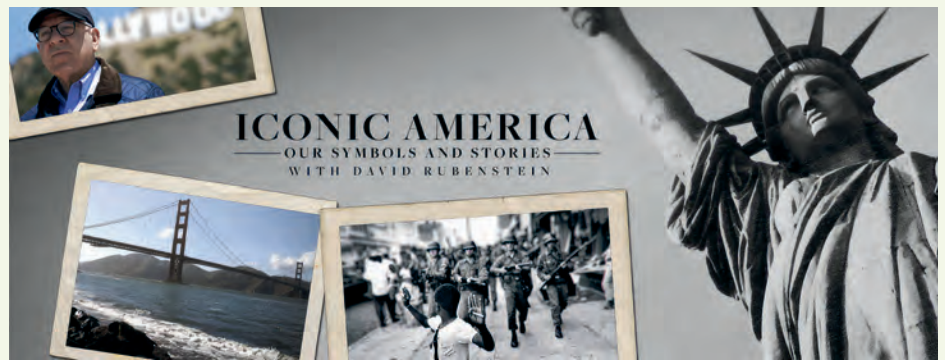
HOURS

Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday – Saturday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Sunday

By Kristen Hillman, Ridgeland Library Branch Manager



The Ridgeland Public Library is proud to have received a \$500 grant courtesy of PBS and their newest documentary series, *Iconic America*. This three-part series details iconic landmarks, cultures, and people that have shaped American history and continue building our country's future. Ridgeland Library sponsored the documentary series screening throughout August, where attendees enjoyed a free showing of each episode and a meaningful discussion.

Does your family speak Spanish at home, or are you trying to teach your child words in Spanish? Join us for Spanish Storytime every last Wednesday

of the month at 4:30 p.m. in our children's room. Families are welcome to this monthly event; it is fun for all ages. Mrs. Carla will read books in Spanish. We will sing and dance to silly songs and make a simple craft. English translation will be available.

¿Su familia habla español en casa o está tratando de enseñarle a su hijo palabras en español? ¡Únase a nosotros para la hora del cuento bilingüe en inglés y español! Leeremos libros en español, bailaremos canciones divertidas y haremos una manualidad sencilla. ¡La traducción al inglés estará disponible!

Looking for something fun to do for ages 12 - 18? Be sure to attend our weekly Tweens and Teens night for ages 12 - 18 every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. From crafts video game tournaments to contests and giveaways, check the calendar monthly to see what is happening at Thursday's Tweens and Teens night. Did you know the library's Club Teen is the perfect stop for studying, reading, or hanging out with friends? Club Teen has all the books and computers you need for studying and projects, with the added fun of an Infinity

touch-screen games table, Nintendo Switch, and Xbox One. Nintendo Switch and Xbox are checked out for in-library use only with a library card. Library cards for children under 18 applying for the first time are obtained by a parent or caregiver application and signature only, with no exceptions.

September is library card sign-up month. We are thrilled to have over 14,000 registered patrons at the Ridgeland Public Library! That's a great start, but there are nearly 25,000 people living in our City, and

we want to make sure everyone has the "smartest card" in their wallet...a library card! This month, we want to celebrate Mississippi literacy, so we are giving away a first-edition copy of John Grisham's *The Runaway Jury* and a signed first edition of *The Confession* by John Grisham. Enter the giveaway when you stop by and register for a library card. Already a library card holder? Use your library card in September to register for this fabulous giveaway courtesy of Lemuria Bookstore's First Editions Club. This giveaway is for adults ages 18+.

September is
Library Card
Sign-Up Month

Let your imagination
sing at the library.

ALA American Library Association
OverDrive
Library Champions

Be sure to check our online calendar of events by going to the library's website, mclsms.org, and clicking "library events." You can check out what is happening at Ridgeland Library and our other Madison County library branches (Madison, Canton, Flora, and Camden) on our website, Facebook, or by picking up a print calendar at your library.

EVENTS

events

SEPTEMBER 9&16

Christmas in September
Bill Waller Craft Center
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 7

Craft Demonstration Day
Bill Waller Craft Center
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 14

Cycle Out Kids Cancer
Renaissance at Colony Park
7:30 a.m.
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 14&21

Pickleball –
Senior Adult Program
Ridgeland Tennis Center
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 7

Plein Air Painting
Competition
Renaissance at Colony Park

OCTOBER 14

16th Annual Renaissance
Euro Fest Classic
Renaissance at Colony Park

SEPTEMBER 28

Chamber -
Fall Golf Classic
Lake Caroline
Lunch & Registration – 11:30 a.m.
Tee off - 1:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 9

Nogginfeast
Renaissance at Colony Park
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 19

The Blues by Starlight
Fundraiser
Renaissance at Colony Park
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 11

Mayor's Fun Walk
Northpark
9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 22

The Great Pumpkin Hunt
Renaissance at Colony Park
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

26

Trunk or Treat
Freedom Ridge Park
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

19

Renaissance Holiday
Open House
Renaissance at Colony Park
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

30

Christmas Open House
The Township at Colony Park
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

28

Treat Street/
Movies in the Park
The Township at Colony Park

NOVEMBER

23

Turkey Day 8k
Thanksgiving Day
7:00 a.m.
Fleet Feet

NOVEMBER

30

Chimneyville Arts Festival
Preview Party
Bill Waller Craft Center
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

28

Fall Fest
Northpark
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

25

Small Business Saturday

DECEMBER

1

Christmas on the Green
Ridgeland City Hall
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

11

Jingle Bell Walk: Holiday
Preview Fashion Show
Northpark
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

30

Christmas Tree Lighting
Plaza at Old Town Crossing
6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

2

Christmas Parade
Old Town Ridgeland
1:00 p.m.

EVENTS

DECEMBER

1&2

Chimneyville Festival Days
 Bill Waller Craft Center
 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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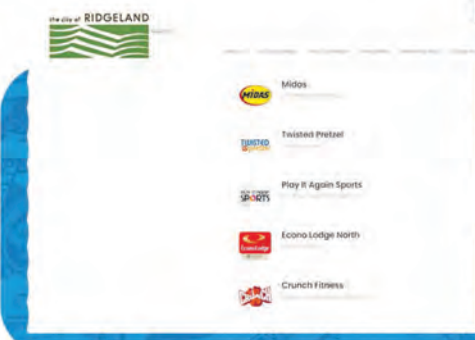


Welcome to Ridgeland Recycle Rewards!



Now Active in Ridgeland, Activate your Free Account Today!

How It Works: It's easy to activate your account! Simply go to RidgelandRecycleRewards.com, select Ridgeland from the community list and follow the simple instructions to get started. Ridgeland Recycling Rewards provides faster access to hundreds of great money saving offers! Get started today... Go to RidgelandRecycleRewards.com.



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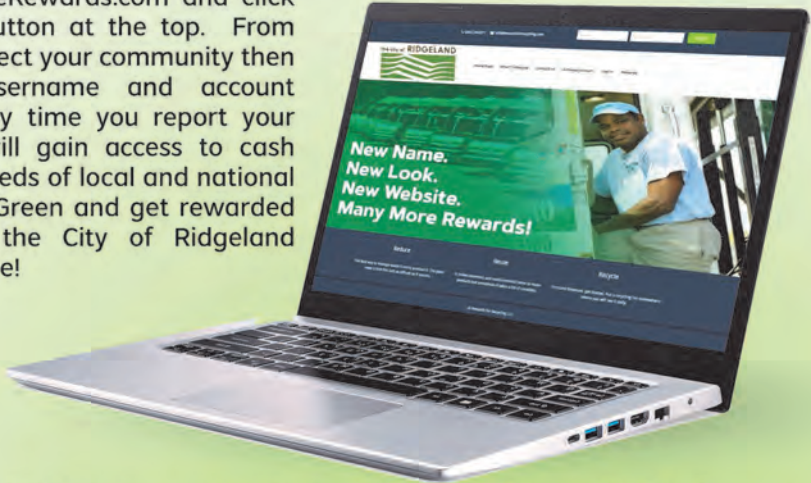
- Save money on everyday purchases!
- Over a thousand offers available!

Many great offers such as these are currently available for active recycling reward members!

Activate your account and get rewarded today!



How To Get Started: To activate your free privacy protected account, go to RidgelandRecycleRewards.com and click the "Sign Up" button at the top. From there you will select your community then create your username and account password. Every time you report your recycling you will gain access to cash savings at hundreds of local and national businesses! Go Green and get rewarded for supporting the City of Ridgeland recycling initiative!



Questions? Our Rewards Team is ready to help! Contact us at 1-888-234-8211 or Email Info@RewardsForRecycling.com

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Fire Chief

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- Kevin Holder**, Ward 3 601-238-5361
- Brian Ramsey**, Ward 4 601-506-1979
- Bill Lee**, Ward 5 601-278-6256
- Wesley Hamlin**, Mayor Pro Tempore, Ward 6 601-454-0353

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
- 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, & 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), Randy Lynn, Robert Moore, Lynette Praytor, Rick Eades, Jim Woodrick, Leigh Ann Sullivan

KEEP RIDGELAND BEAUTIFUL

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

COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE

Fourth Monday - 5:30 p.m.
Shirley Gill - Chairman
Carla Palmer Allen, Lazaire Martin, Adams Yerger, Walter Young, Jr., Bethany Dooley, Becky Tilton, Loden Snell

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

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

CONTRACTORS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

Quarterly meetings - 4 p.m.
Lantz Kuykendall - Chairman
Terry Evans, David Pursell, Steve Rimmer, Clay Sutherland, Keith West

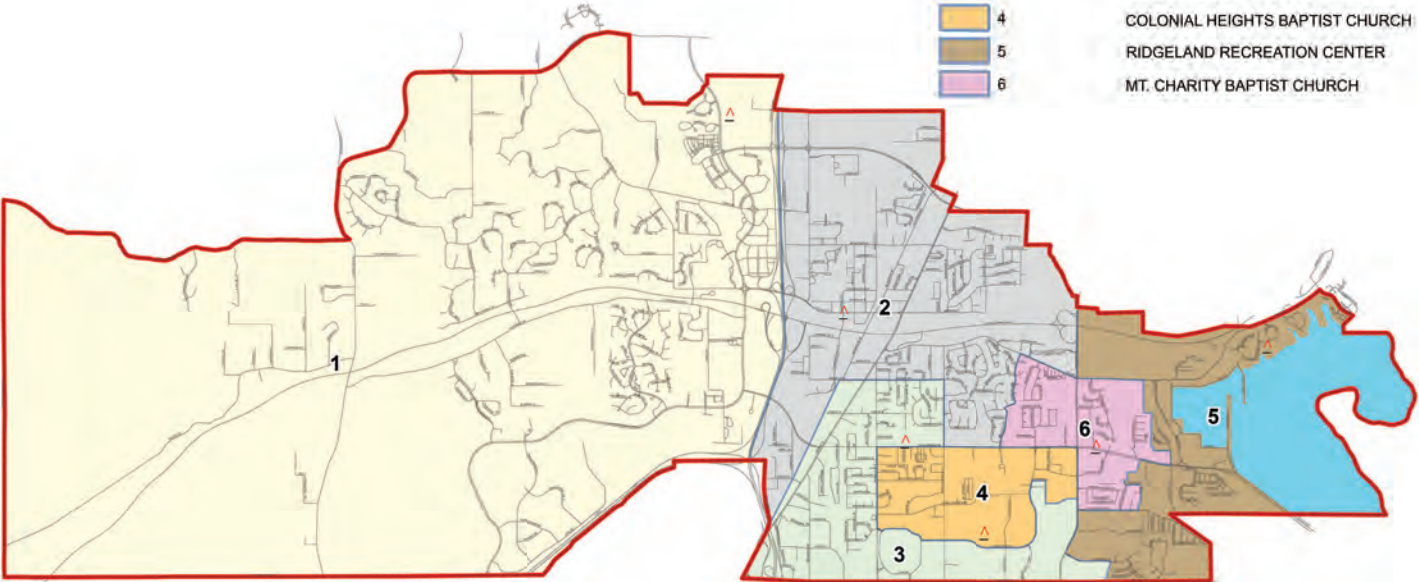
ZONING BOARD

Thursdays, the week of Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting - 6 p.m.
Bernie Giessner - Chairman
Michelle Caballero, Tabitha Baum, Theresa G. Kennedy, Drew Malone, Judy Rice, David Dunbar, Don Roberts

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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**Ridgeland Recreation & Parks
Events for Fall**



OCT Mayor's Fun Walk
Wednesday, October 11

Cycle Out Kid's Cancer
Saturday, October 14

Trunk or Treat
Thursday, October 26

NOV Christmas Tree Lighting
Thursday, November 30

DEC Christmas on the Green
Friday, December 1
Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 2