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# RIDGELAND LIFE

Don't Miss a Beat!  
Music is in the Air this Spring in Ridgeland.

*the* **SPRING** ISSUE

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# FROM THE MAYOR

Gene McGee

*I want to take a moment to sincerely thank the individuals and organizations whose efforts made our 125th anniversary celebration an outstanding success. From the dedication of the 125th Anniversary Planning Committee, which included the full History Committee, to the hard work of our City employees, your contributions made this milestone year truly remarkable.*



**I am also incredibly thankful to the Board of Aldermen for designating the pecan tree as the official City tree. Given the pecan tree's ties to Ridgeland's early history, this recognition is another meaningful step in preserving our heritage. A special thank you goes out to the many businesses that sponsored the pecan wraps now featured on our traffic signal boxes throughout Ridgeland. This beautification project highlights the importance of the pecan tree and adds charm to our community. Your support is truly appreciated.**

As we look ahead, 2025 promises to be a year of exciting developments for our City. Work will begin on several key projects. A few examples include:

- Jackson Street Demonstration Project: This marks the start of creating a downtown area for Ridgeland.
- Highway 51 and Lake Harbour Drive Turn Lane: This addition will improve traffic flow and enhance our transportation system.
- Lake Harbour Drive Improvements: A mill and overlay project will make traveling smoother.

We've also made notable advancements in the past year that deserve recognition. The Ridgeland Fire Department has received a new rescue unit, enabling better service to areas that larger vehicles cannot access. At Freedom Ridge Park, new netting has been installed in the baseball area, providing additional protection for spectators. These upgrades reflect our continued commitment to enhancing quality of life.

I encourage everyone to participate in Ridgeland's recycling program. Recycling reduces landfill waste and helps protect our environment. For guidance on curbside placement and recyclable items, please see page 34 or contact Public Works at (601) 853-2027. Additionally, please don't forget to log your recycling activity online at [RidgelandRecycleRewards.com](http://RidgelandRecycleRewards.com), where you can earn points to redeem discounts at local area businesses.

Finally, I invite you to explore Ridgeland's many recreational opportunities. Whether you play organized sports like soccer or baseball, play tennis and pickleball, or enjoy the miles of multi-use trails, our City provides wonderful options for staying active and improving your health.

Wishing you a successful and fulfilling 2025! Let's continue working together to make Ridgeland an even better place to call home.

*Gene F. McGee*

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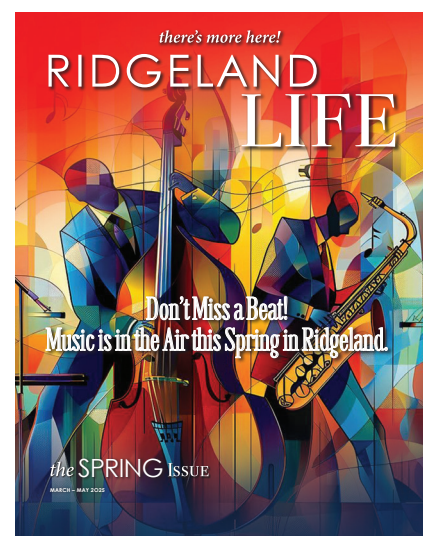
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“ We’ve kicked off the new year with fantastic momentum! Spring in Ridgeland is packed with activities and live music events the whole family will love. Stay informed by following us on social media, signing up for Ridgeland Alerts, and visiting the City of Ridgeland’s website. ”

*Kim*

Kim Cooper,  
Editor/Director of Public Relations



# TELLING RIDGELAND'S STORY

MAKING HISTORY EVERY DAY:

CELEBRATING THE PAST LEADS TO A HOPEFUL FUTURE

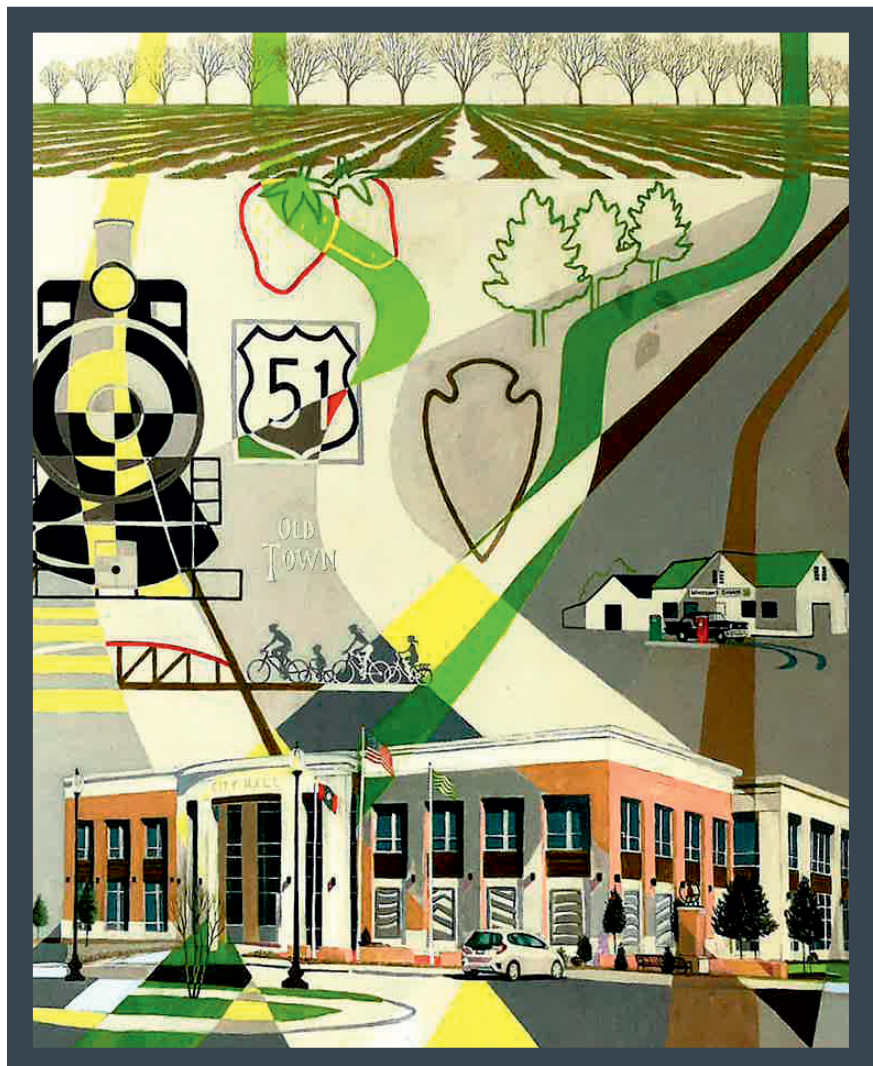
*2024 was an exciting yearlong celebration of Ridgeland's 125th anniversary. The Historical Society is proud to have been an integral part of the events celebrating its founding. The History Room at City Hall is now virtual, the History Trail is installed, and the Trail is also available virtually on the City's website, all of which allow greater access to the historical archives that tell Ridgeland's story.*

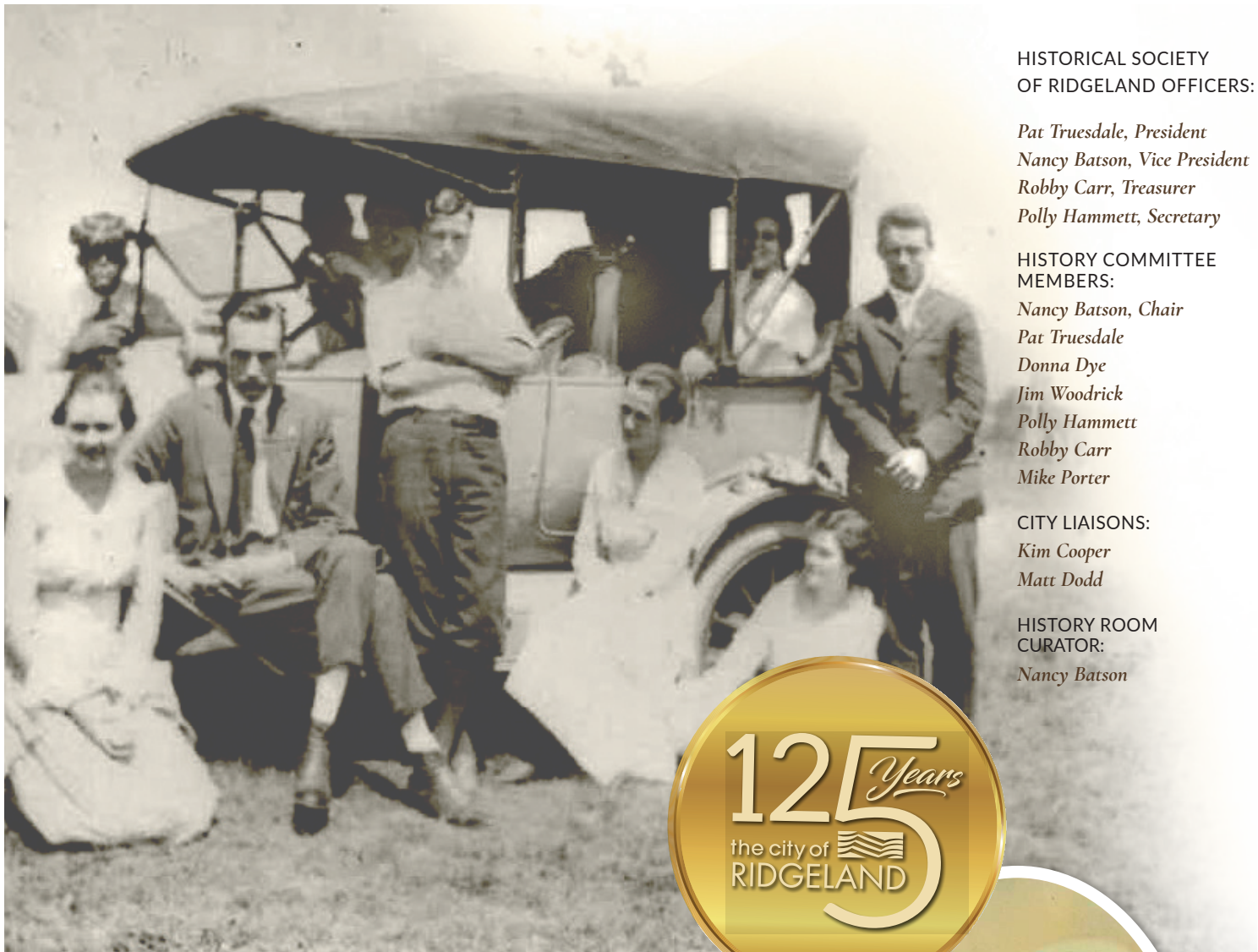


By Nancy Batson

Throughout the anniversary year, Polly Hammett's Ridgeland Life articles have captured the spirit of the celebration, exploring themes such as "A Celebration of Ridgeland's History," "Our Road Runs from Our History Straight Through to Our Future," "History is Not Just One Event...History is Made Every Day," "The Evolution of the Historical Society of Ridgeland," and "The 125th Anniversary Celebration is Making History." Indeed, 2024 marked a historic year for the City of Ridgeland!

The Historical Society is dedicated to educating, promoting, and preserving the historical heritage of our great City. None of this would be possible without the full support of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Special recognition must be given to Kim Cooper, Director of Public Relations and city liaison to the Society, for her dedication, support, and many talents that promote the mission of the Society. We sincerely appreciate Kim's vision and leadership throughout the 125th anniversary year. Additionally, special thanks to Matt Dodd, City Landscape Architect and chief researcher for the History Trail and Society. Matt's contributions and hard work helped bring the History Trail to fruition.





**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF RIDGELAND OFFICERS:**

*Pat Truesdale, President  
Nancy Batson, Vice President  
Robby Carr, Treasurer  
Polly Hammett, Secretary*

**HISTORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

*Nancy Batson, Chair  
Pat Truesdale  
Donna Dye  
Jim Woodrick  
Polly Hammett  
Robby Carr  
Mike Porter*

**CITY LIAISONS:**

*Kim Cooper  
Matt Dodd*

**HISTORY ROOM CURATOR:**

*Nancy Batson*



As we look ahead, the Historical Society is excited to continue its mission of sharing Ridgeland's stories and preserving its history for future generations. We invite everyone in the community to join us in this important work. New members are always welcome, and many exciting projects and programs are planned for the coming year. Visit the City of Ridgeland website for meeting, program, and event updates.

Come be part of history and share your story with us!

“ The past has placed us where we are today. History is our greatest teacher, and awareness of our predecessors enhances our wisdom and enriches our lives. ”

Mike Porter





*A Night to Remember!*

1899 to 2024

*The 125th anniversary was a unifying celebration that brought the community together. Through impactful initiatives, lasting tributes, and a collective commitment to honoring its history, the City celebrated its rich heritage while looking ahead to a promising future. From official proclamations to uncovering historical narratives, dedicated committees and staff worked diligently to highlight what makes Ridgeland truly unique.*

**RIDGELAND**

**125TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

Kim Cooper, Chair, Nancy Batson, Jim Woodrick, Pat Truesdale, Donna Dye, Polly Hammett, Robby Carr, Matt Dodd, Jane McGee, Lisa Walters, Bill Lee, D.I. Smith, Kenya Rachal, Bryan Johnson, Karen McKie, Chris Chapman, Kelly Durrett, Amelia Dalton, Chrystal Pham, Carol Fitzgerald, Linda Bynum, Ben McDonald, Mike Porter, and William Gilbert.

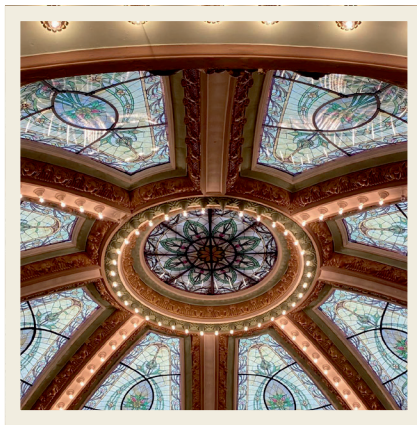
# THE CITY OF RIDGELAND

## WRAPS UP THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

*The City of Ridgeland concluded its 125th anniversary celebration with an event at the Waller Craft Center on December 29. Ridgeland was founded on December 29, 1899. Throughout the year, the City honored its rich history, vibrant culture, and ongoing growth with a variety of events, projects, and community initiatives. This year-long celebration invited residents, businesses, and visitors to commemorate this milestone in Ridgeland's story.*

By Kim Cooper





Here's a look at the key moments and highlights that told the story of Ridgeland's past, present, and future.

**CITY, STATE, AND FEDERAL RECOGNITION:**

Ridgeland's 125th anniversary celebrations began with a City proclamation, followed by resolutions from the Mississippi State Senate and House of Representatives recognizing the milestone. The City was also acknowledged in the Congressional Record, solidifying its place in the national historical records and celebrating its growth and achievements over the years.

**ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT EMBRACED CITYWIDE:**

Businesses celebrated the 125th anniversary with branded signage featuring the anniversary logo and tagline. Tabletop displays and window decals were displayed citywide, showcasing unity among businesses. 125th anniversary banners were also installed around the City and City Hall, boosting community pride and symbolizing the City's lasting legacy.

**RIDGELAND LIFE MAGAZINE COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES:**

Throughout the year, four special editions of Ridgeland Life were published, showcasing different aspects of the City's journey from its early days to its present. They provided current information regarding the anniversary year, annual event details, the City of Ridgeland's infrastructure advancement, and business growth.

**OFFICIAL RIDGELAND TREE - THE PECAN:**

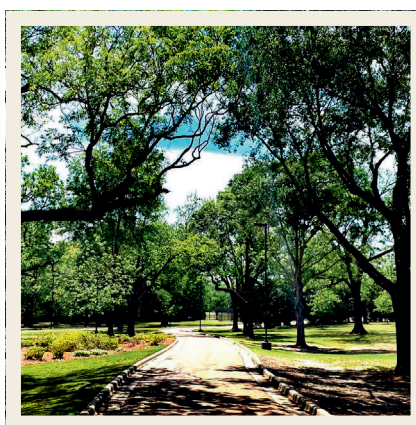
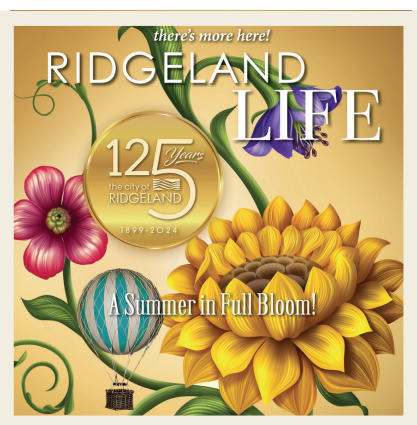
During the City's anniversary year, the pecan tree was officially named the City's tree in a nod to its agricultural roots. This decision reflects the deep connection between the people of Ridgeland and the natural landscape that shaped the community.

**LAUNCH OF THE VIRTUAL HISTORY ROOM:**

Another exciting initiative was the launch of Ridgeland's Virtual History Room, an innovative online platform providing access to the City's rich heritage. From historical archives regarding the City's first families to rare photographs, the Virtual History Room offers a glimpse into the past, making Ridgeland's story accessible to all. A special thank you to Think Creative Intelligence for working with us on this special project.

**HISTORY TRAIL UNVEILED:**

With a festive community and press event, the City welcomed a new historical experience for residents and visitors alike. This physical and virtual trail allows people to explore our significant sites and learn more about Ridgeland's history. The Virtual History Trail, launched alongside the physical trail, offers an online exploration for those unable to visit in person. The History Trail development team included Jim Woodrick,







Matt Dodd, Nancy Batson, Kim Cooper, and Polly Hammett. The Trail was sponsored by the Ridgeland Tourism Commission.

**CHILDREN’S LIBRARY PROGRAM:**  
The Ridgeland Historical Society put together a miniature version of the Ridgeland History Trail for the kids. Society members acted as trail rangers for the program. Each participant received a compass, trail snacks, a trail guide, and a backpack for a great trail adventure.

**CITY-WIDE BEAUTIFICATION:**  
Ridgeland’s natural beauty and artistic spirit were honored with a new art project that adorned 44 traffic signal boxes across the City. This initiative was sponsored by local businesses, Michael Baker International, Costco, American Family Clinic, Butler Snow, C Spire, Guaranty Bank, Harper Raines Knight & Company, State Farm - John Dorsa, Barnett’s Body Shop, Mills Scanlon Dye & Pittman, Amerigo, Fleet Feet, Martinson’s Garden Works, Venable Glass Services, Speed Commercial Real Estate, Morris Oil - Sprint Mart, Exell, Community Bank, Watkins Construction, Bank Plus, Dean Architecture, Horne, Patty Peck Honda, MS Federal Credit Union, Trustmark, Harmony Dental,



Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc., Mercedes, Killebrew Psychological Services, Kathryn’s Steakhouse, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Entergy, Northpark, Skeen Plumbing & Gas, Wells Marble & Hurst, Two Men & A Truck, Walmart, and Citizens Bank. We would also like to thank Jane McGee, Lisa Walters, Think Creative Intelligence, and Hederman Printing for spearheading this project.

**ENGAGING AND INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION:**

Inspiring young minds, local schools participated in art and essay contests themed around Ridgeland’s anniversary. These contests encouraged students to explore City history and express visions for its future. The winners were on display at the Waller Craft Center from December 29 until January 31.

**CAPTURING PAST STORIES— HISTORY MINUTE VIDEOS:**

History Minute videos brought Ridgeland’s story to life through the voices of our community members. Mayor McGee opened the series with a heartfelt welcome while members of the Historical Society and first families shared their reflections on the City’s history.



**CITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS:**

The festivities, themed “All is Merry, All is Bright!” began with the Christmas Tree Lighting on the Plaza at Old Town Crossing, sponsored by the Historical Society of Ridgeland and Explore Ridgeland. The annual Christmas Parade and Christmas on the Green followed, with the 125th Anniversary Planning Committee participating in the festivities to highlight the year.

**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!**

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:**

Concluding the anniversary year, the City was thrilled to host the final event, “A Night to Remember! The City would like to thank the 125th Anniversary Planning Committee, Explore Ridgeland, Karen McKie, Rosemary & Thyme Catering, Adrienne Saxon, The Bridge Band, Dennis Cranford, Ron Blaylock, Mississippi Tent Rental, LuWanda & Shawn Morris, the team with the Waller Craft Center, City staff, Hire UAV Pro, Wratchet Entertainment Group, Imaginary Company, Joe T’s, Southern Beverage Company and many more for making this occasion so special.



# RIDGELAND SCHOOLS JOIN THE CITY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*Congratulations to all the student winners and participants! Your creativity and talent made this celebration even more special. Thank you for helping us honor Ridgeland's past, present, and future!*

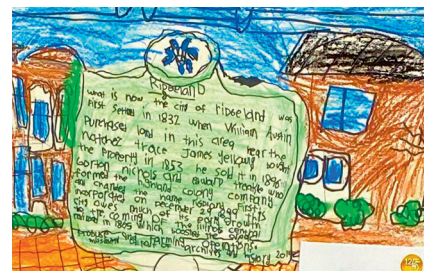
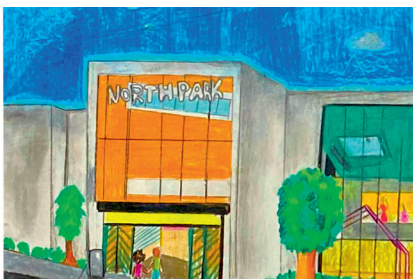
By Kim Cooper

Ridgeland's 125th anniversary brimmed with community spirit, and it would not have been complete without the involvement of our local students. To mark this milestone, the City invited schools to participate in an essay and art contest, highlighting the creativity and imagination of our youngest residents.

Students were asked to choose from three themes for their submissions:

- Past: Ridgeland's history
- Present: What makes the City of Ridgeland special to you?
- Future: How do you think life will be in Ridgeland in 2049 our 150th Anniversary Year)?

We are deeply grateful to our schools for their enthusiastic participation and thank Kenya Rachal of the 125th Anniversary Planning Committee for helping me organize this special project. And a special shout out to Nancy Batson for helping with the fun display at the Waller Craft Center.





 Laila Moumad  
Old Town Middle School, 6th grade  
1st Place 3D Art



**HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY:**

- 1st Place Art: Jinal Patel, 5th grade
- 2nd Place Art: Raelyn Nichols, 5th grade
- 3rd Place Art: Kaelyn Pollard, 5th grade

**ANN SMITH ELEMENTARY:**

- 1st Place Art: Lucy Gonzalez, 2nd grade
- 2nd Place Art: Mariah Magee, 2nd grade
- 3rd Place Art: Emily Bernabe-Pedro, 2nd grade
- 1st Place 3D Art: Ivy Taylor & Yeimy Hernandez, 2nd grade
- 2nd Place 3D Art: Hazel Dansereau, Layla Williams, Asher Bounds & Bauer Tolar, 2nd grade
- 3rd Place 3D Art: Isabella Ixcoy, Daniella Villa-Arenas & Caleb Cruz-Cordova, 2nd grade

**OLD TOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

- 1st Place Art: Adrien O'Banner, 8th grade
- 2nd Place Art: Carolina Roman, 8th grade
- 3rd Place Art: Daniela Flores, 8th grade
- 1st Place 3D Art: Laila Moumad, 6th grade
- 2nd Place 3D Art: Jayce Green, Cayden Sims & Poojan Sontakke, 6th grade
- 3rd Place 3D Art: Poojan Sontakke, 6th grade

**RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL:**

- 1st Place Essay: Anais Garcia-Ramirez, 10th grade
- 2nd Place Essay: Cameron Cooper, 11th grade
- 3rd Place Essay: Bailey Wash, 11th grade

**CHRIST COVENANT SCHOOL:**

- 1st Place Art: Lynlee Newman, 3rd grade
- 2nd Place Art: Georgia Ridgen, 5th grade
- 3rd Place Art: Maddux Madden, 5th grade

**MADISON-RIDGELAND ACADEMY:**

- 1st Place Essay: Anderson Reeves, 5th grade
- 2nd Place Essay: Daisy Waggoner, 5th grade
- 3rd Place Essay: Ava Hill, 5th grade
- 1st Place Art: Kat Ensminger, 8th grade
- 2nd Place Art: Chloe Jones, 8th grade
- 3rd Place Art: Alice Killingsworth, 6th grade
- 1st Place Art: Charlotte Newman, 5th grade
- 2nd Place Art: Sarah Owens, 5th grade

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# KEEP RIDGELAND BEAUTIFUL

## JOINS WITH KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL IN SUPPORT OF THE LARGEST LITTER CLEANUP AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IN U.S. HISTORY: THE GREATEST AMERICAN CLEANUP

*The Greatest American Cleanup will remove 25 billion pieces of rubbish to help America look its best in time for the nation's 250th Birthday Celebration on July 4, 2026. Keep Ridgeland Beautiful is encouraging volunteers in our community to take part in this nationwide effort to clean up and beautify America's parks, public spaces, and waterways.*

By Jan Richardson

**Ridgeland will participate in the Greatest American Cleanup to do our part to ensure that our nation looks its best for the United States Semiquincentennial in 2026.**

We invite Ridgeland residents and visitors to join us by helping to intentionally beautify and keep our streets, yards, and green spaces clean. While picking up litter will be an important part of the Greatest American Cleanup, other activities include planting trees and flowers, cleaning nature trails and recreation areas, and supporting recycling efforts.

Contact Keep Ridgeland Beautiful ([keepridgelandbeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:keepridgelandbeautiful@gmail.com)) if

you want to conduct a cleanup in your neighborhood or at your local business, church, or school. Keep Mississippi Beautiful will provide garbage bags, and groups may check out safety vests and litter grabbers from Keep Ridgeland Beautiful. Remember, safety comes first when doing a litter cleanup.



### WILDFLOWER TRAILS

Keep Ridgeland Beautiful developed the Wildflower Field and Art Park on West Jackson Street as part of the Keep Mississippi Wildflower Trails of Mississippi program. We are thrilled that so many people enjoy the park, which also serves as a robust natural habitat.

If you love wildflowers and want to plant wildflower seeds in your yard or garden, contact our partner, Keep Mississippi Beautiful, at (601) 853-4441 to learn more about participating in this program.



# explore outdoors



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Ridgeland  
Mt. Bike Trails

enjoy the ride

Time to hit the trails! Need a hand finding the right place to play? We can help at [exploreRidgeland.com](http://exploreRidgeland.com).



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**RIDGELAND**

# RECRE8

## CITY SPRING EVENTS!

*As the days grow longer and sunnier, the City of Ridgeland's Recreation and Parks Department invites residents and visitors to explore all Ridgeland offers.*

Whether spending time on our trails and bike paths, enjoying a day at one of our parks, or participating in one of our community events, we look forward to seeing you outdoors in Ridgeland. We're proud to remain a top cycling destination with opportunities for everyone to enjoy. Plus, Explore Ridgeland now offers free bike rentals to make it even easier to get out and ride. For the younger ones, events like our Easter Egg Hunt will create lasting memories. Join us this spring and experience the fun Ridgeland has in store!







## Dog Obedience

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks is a program partner with The Jackson Obedience Training Club (JOTC). JOTC offers puppy, beginner, and advanced dog obedience classes.

- Classes start on March 18, 2025
- Classes are located at the Ridgeland Recreational Center, Old Trace Park
- Proof of vaccination by a licensed vet is required
- There is a fee for this program.

To find out more information about the 2025 spring classes, visit: [www.jotc.org](http://www.jotc.org).



## Miracle League Baseball

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks provides a baseball league for individuals with disabilities. Games are played at Hite Wolcott Park on the Parker Miracle Field.

- Youth and adult leagues are available
- Youth games are played on Mondays
- Adult games are played on Tuesdays
- Registration closes on March 15
- Season begins on April 14
- Registration forms can be found at [www.ridgelandms.org](http://www.ridgelandms.org) (forms tab)



## Easter Egg Hunt

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks presents the City-wide Easter Egg Hunt!

- Photos with the Easter Bunny
- Egg Hunts by age groups
- Children ages 10 and under only are welcome
- One parent allowed per child in the hunting area
- There is no charge for this event.

Ages	Hunt Times
2 and under	6:10 p.m.
3 - 4 year olds	6:20 p.m.
5 - 6 years old	6:30 p.m.
7 - 10 years old	6:40 p.m.

**Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025**  
**Time: 5:45 to 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Freedom Ridge Park**



## Ride of Silence

The Ride of Silence is a bike ride to honor those who have been injured or lost their life to a vehicle collision while riding their bicycle. Cyclists remain silent during the bike ride.

- All level cyclists are welcome
- Route is approximately 8 miles
- This ride is a slow pace
- There is no charge for this event.

**Date: May 21, 2025**  
**Time: Ride greeting at 6:50 p.m.**  
**Wheels roll at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Northpark**



## Father Child Fishing Tournament

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks presents the Father Child Fishing Tournament!

- Bring your fishing pole or rod and reel and bait to catch your fish!
- Prize winners are for ages 12 years and under
- Prizes are biggest fish, smallest fish, and most fish
- There is no charge for this event.

**Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025**  
**Time: 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.**  
**Location: Old Trace Park**

# 26TH ANNUAL NATCHEZ TRACE CENTURY RIDE

**NATCHEZ TRACE**  
**CENTURY RIDE**  
**2025**

**SAT. MAY 3, 2025 • 7 AM • OLD TRACE PARK**  
Presented in Partnership with Explore Ridgeland and The Bike Crossing

the city of **RIDGELAND** Recreation and Parks

The Natchez Trace Century Ride is one of Mississippi’s premier spring cycling events, returning on May 3, 2025, in Ridgeland. With nearly 1,000 participants, this ride begins and ends in the heart of Ridgeland and offers a memorable experience for cyclists of all skill levels.

Riders will have the unique opportunity to explore a portion of the Natchez Trace Parkway, taking in stunning views of the Barnett Reservoir, riding under pine tree canopies, and gliding past cypress trees and lily pads.

Cyclists can choose from distances of 8, 25, 50, 62, or 100 miles, each featuring



mild to moderate elevation, making the ride accessible for all ages and abilities. Along the route, “energy” stops every 10 - 18 miles will provide food, refreshments, restrooms, while SAG vehicles will be on hand to offer support throughout the day.

Celebrate with friends and fellow riders as you cross the finish line. Receive a medal, enjoy a post-ride meal with live music, and relax under the tent with a view of the Barnett Reservoir.

For more information, please visit our website at <https://run-signup.com/Race/MS/Ridgeland/NatchezTraceCenturyRide>.

# SUPER SENIORS

## 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

Tuesdays  
2:30 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

Yoga practice connects the mind, body, and your breath. This class trains you on breathing techniques and helps to focus your mind. Most of the class is done from your chair.

### *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

Yoga practice connects the mind, body, and your breath. This class includes standing poses for balance and floor poses to improve overall 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

Intermediate - 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Beginner - 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Instructor: Monica Russell

Beginning to intermediate tap dance instruction. This group performs at Ridgeland events and nursing homes.

### *Men's Community Coffee & Bible Time*

FREE

Tuesdays

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Lead by Randy Assink

Gather together to grow in faith, deepen our friendships and support one another.

## 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](mailto:Peggybpeterson@gmail.com).

### *Mah Jongg*

FREE

Dates are 3/20, 4/17, and 5/15

3rd Thursday

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tile-based matching game

Registration required

## Bridge

\$1

Dates: 3/20, 4/17, 5/15

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A team trick taking game played with a standard 52 playing card deck.

## Breakfast Bingo

FREE

Dates: 3/27, 4/24, 5/22

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to play bingo and enjoy breakfast with friends. Please sign up in advance, space is limited.



## senior adult programs

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

(601) 856-6876, neeley.jones@ridgelandms.org,

Facebook: facebook.com/ridgelandsuperstarseniors

Ridgeland Recreational Center, 137 Old Park Trail, Ridgeland, MS 39157

# FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

**Join us for a morning of flowers and friendly conversation!**



TRADITIONS HEALTH  
*Never Alone*





## TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH

**9:30 AM**

**Ridgeland Recreational Center**

- Free & casual flower arranging workshop
- Chat with caring professionals from Traditions Health: Hospice & Palliative Care
- Bring your own small flower vase (we'll provide the flowers!)
- Relax, create, and enjoy a therapeutic experience
- A wonderful opportunity to connect and engage with others
- Must register with Neeley at 769.235.9579 or neeley.jones@ridgelandms.org



senior adult programs

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P.E.O. Chapter Y Mississippi presents

# Beginner Mah Jongg Workshop



tuesdays

**March 11th & 18th**

**9:30 AM - 12 Noon**

**\$55 for the workshop, due first day of class**  
(paid in full at first class)

**Ridgeland Rec Center** 

Must register to Neeley at 769.235.9579 or neeley.jones@ridgelandms.org. Limited space available!

\*\*Need to be able to attend BOTH LESSONS\*\*





# SPRINGTIME IN THE CITY

*Ridgeland is coming alive with the sounds of spring as a vibrant lineup of musical events take center stage.*

*Whether you're interested in festivals, sporting events, or simply enjoying nature, there's something for everyone. Here are a few suggestions for making the most of the spring in Ridgeland!*

## EVENTS

### MARCH 15

#### *Household Hazardous Waste Day*

Northpark, Ring Road  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### MARCH 20

#### *Job Fair*

Northpark  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

### MARCH 22

#### *Sheep to Shawl*

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

### APRIL 5

#### *18th Annual Township Jazz Festival*

The Township at Colony Park

### APRIL 10

#### *City of Ridgeland Easter Egg Hunt*

Freedom Ridge Park  
5:45 – 7:00 p.m.

**APRIL 12**

*13th Annual Leap 4  
the Lily Pad*

Methodist Rehab Center Green Space  
2:30 p.m.

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**APRIL 12**

*First Ridgeland Baptist  
Church:  
Easter Eggstravaganza*

Renaissance  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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**APRIL 12**

*Hop-n-Shop/Easter  
Bunny Arrival/Kids  
Club Event*

Northpark  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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**APRIL 12 - 19**

*Photos with the Easter  
Bunny*

Northpark

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**APRIL 12**

*Dragon Boat Regatta*

Old Trace Park

**APRIL 22**

*NexTech Partners  
Earth Day E-Waste  
Disposal Event*

Renaissance  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**APRIL 23**

*Annual Chamber  
Awards Luncheon*

The Country Club of Jackson  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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**APRIL 24**

*Mississippi Symphony  
Orchestra*

Renaissance  
7:00 p.m.

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**MAY 3**

*Natchez Trace  
Century Ride*

Old Trace Park  
7:00 a.m.

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**MAY 3**

*Sante South Wine  
& Food Festival*

St. Andrew's Episcopal School  
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

**MAY 9**

*44th Annual Pepsi Pops*

Old Trace Park  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

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**MAY 10**

*Mother's Day Event*

Renaissance  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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**MAY 17**

*Health Fair*

Northpark  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m..

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**MAY 21**

*Ride of Silence*

Northpark Mall  
7:00 p.m.

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**MAY 15 - 18**

*Snappy Sync -  
Synchronized Fireflies*

Waller Craft Center

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**MAY 22**

*Memorial Day  
Ceremony*

Veterans Memory Park  
in Ridgeland - City Hall  
10:00 a.m.

MISSISSIPPI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# PEPSI POPS

MAY 9, 2025





# MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## RODNEY HALL

*State Representative*

Thursday, May 22 • 10 AM

Veterans Memory Park

Ridgeland City Hall





# RIDGELAND... A VISION FOR SUCCESS

Ridgeland  
Chamber of  
Commerce



*The Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce is keeping members and the community connected and making an impact through a variety of programs. For example, the Chamber's annual September Fall Golf Classic at Lake Caroline Golf Club provides Chamber members and guests with a fun day of golfing, networking, and good sportsmanship.*



Ribbon cutting ceremony for Renee's Puppies and Paws located at 6965 Old Canton Road

***Our Ridgeland Chamber Golf Classic has grown in popularity. Over 100 golfers enjoy a relaxing and fun day, delicious lunch, snacks and drinks, and an opportunity to win a two-year lease on a new Mercedes C300 Sedan sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Jackson.***

For 32 years, the mission of the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce has been to encourage an environment conducive to the continuing development of new and existing

businesses. With a membership of 900, the Chamber is composed of corporations, service businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individuals who share the Chamber's goal of promoting and maintaining a healthy business environment for businesses to succeed. If it's important to business, it's important to the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce.

2024 was an exceptional year for the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce. With

ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, grand openings, and well-attended networking events, the Chamber continued its mission to enhance the economic vitality of Ridgeland by constantly setting new goals and offering fresh and innovative programs to Chamber members

By Linda Bynum,  
Chamber Executive Director

### CELEBRATING 32 YEARS

“It’s an exciting time to live and work in Ridgeland. As we celebrate the Chamber’s 32nd anniversary, we will continue to serve as a strong advocate for growth and development. With the fast growth in our City, our Chamber is taking a leadership role in helping to grow our economy and build a strong, solid community for generations to come.

The Ridgeland Chamber is all about making connections, fostering growth, and showcasing Ridgeland as *A Vision For Success*. If it’s your business, it’s our business, too. ”

Cecil Harper,  
2025 Ridgeland Chamber President  
Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, P.A.



Become a Member of the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce! Benefits for the Ridgeland Chamber include networking opportunities tailor-made for our members, increased business visibility on our website, ribbon cuttings, ribbon tyings, grand openings and ground breakings, social media support and promotion opportunities, referrals to your business by the Chamber office, and keeping you and your business in the loop on Chamber and City-wide projects and programs.

### CHAMBER PROGRAMS

- **C Spire Business/Ridgeland Chamber Spring Fling Golf Tournament:** Held at Deerfield Golf Club, the tournament brings Chamber members and guests together for a day of team building and great fun.
- **Women to Women: A Celebration Luncheon:** Features an inspirational and educational event designed for women of all ages. Held at the Country Club of Jackson, the event highlights prominent women who have achieved remarkable success and overcome many challenges and obstacles. Chamber members are encouraged to set up vendor booths to showcase fashion, accessories, and home décor.
- **Ridgeland After 5:** A quarterly business social held on the third Thursday of the month at a Chamber member location. The event, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., features delicious refreshments and fabulous door prizes.
- **Ridgeland Police Appreciation Week:** Celebrate National Law Enforcement Week with the Ridgeland Chamber honoring our men and women in blue. The week-long events and activities include a memorial service honoring fallen officers nationwide. The Chamber distributes blue ribbons for the community to wear, provides 12 “Officer of the Month” gift cards, and surprises all officers with fabulous goody bags containing items donated by Chamber member businesses. Last year, Chamber members created Canon’s Closet, a fully stocked, large pantry containing items for abandoned children and pets located inside the Roll Call room at the Ridgeland Police Department. The pantry is filled with diapers, clothing, pull-ups, baby wipes, non-perishable food and drink items, blankets, hygiene items, coloring books and crayons, toys and stuffed cuddly animals, as well as dog and cat food.
- **The Chamber’s New Member Breakfasts:** Welcome new businesses and individual members while the Chamber’s 40 Diplomats continue to represent the Chamber as goodwill ambassadors to the business community.
- **Shop Small Saturday:** Celebrate Ridgeland’s small businesses and the contributions they make to the City’s economy, the Chamber partners with the City of Ridgeland and Explore Ridgeland to promote independently-owned businesses by proclaiming the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.
- **The Chamber’s Annual Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast:** Held at Colonial Heights Baptist Church, is a day of reflection and thanksgiving. Open to the Ridgeland community, the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast is one of the Chamber’s most popular and well-attended events.
- **The Chamber’s Annual Awards Luncheon:** Awards are given to the year’s Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Diplomat of the Year, and the recipient of the Community Service Award is named. The awards ceremony also includes naming the City Maker and the Economic Developer of the Year.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Annual Awards Luncheon**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025  
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Country Club of Jackson  
 345 St. Andrews Drive, Jackson, MS

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**C Spire Business/Ridgeland Chamber  
 Spring Fling Golf Tournament**

Thursday, June 19, 2025  
 Deerfield Golf Club  
 264 Deerfield Club Drive, Madison, MS

**Ridgeland Police Appreciation Week**

Sunday, May 11 -  
 Saturday, May 17, 2025

**Women To Women:  
 A Celebration Luncheon**

Thursday, August 21, 2025  
 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Country Club of Jackson  
 345 St. Andrews Drive, Jackson, MS

**Chamber Fall Golf Classic**

Thursday, September 25, 2025  
 Shotgun Start - 1:00 p.m.  
 Lake Caroline Golf Club  
 118 Caroline Golf Club Circle, Madison, MS

**Shop Small Saturday**

Saturday, November 29, 2025

**Mayor's Annual Breakfast**

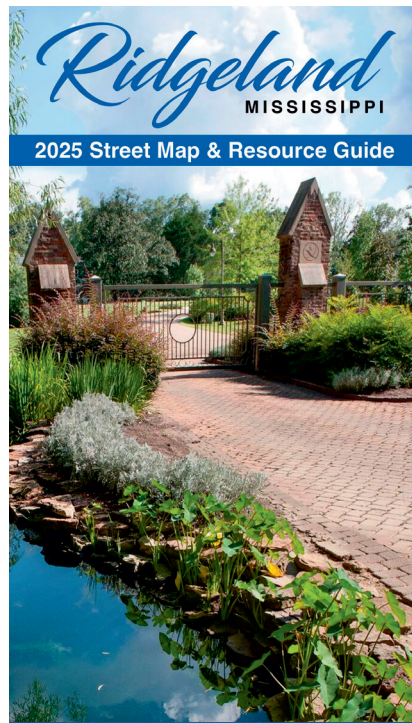
Tuesday, December 9, 2025  
 7:00 a.m.  
 Colonial Heights Baptist Church  
 444 Northpark Drive, Ridgeland, MS

**NEWS FLASH!**

**Hot Off The Press**

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**City of Ridgeland  
 Chamber of Commerce**

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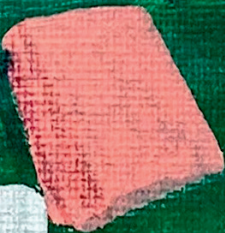
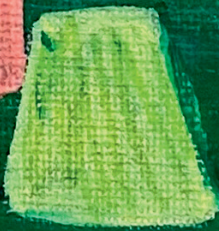
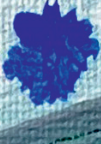
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PEPSI POPPS



# ANN SMITH ELEMENTARY

## School Highlights

RIDGELAND  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### *Ann Smith Elementary Teacher Spotlight*

“ We are proud to celebrate two of our amazing kindergarten teachers’ incredible achievement of earning National Board Certification, the gold standard in teaching excellence. This recognition reflects their dedication, expertise, and commitment to providing the very best for their students every day. ”

Delila Vance,  
Librarian/Media Specialist



# HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## *Pathways Program is Next Level!*

By Serenity Lockett

**At Highland Elementary, the PATHways program is bringing next-level teaching not only to its gifted students but also to the whole school. Since taking the lead of the program in 2022, PATHways teacher Jennifer Edwards has been aiming to provide her students with unique learning opportunities that they can share with the entire school. This year's Highland Hoax did just that.**

In September, students entered the building to find their beloved school had been vandalized by a horrendous prankster. The hallways were trashed with toilet paper in a senseless act of crime. As this was the start of their semester-long Forensic Science Unit, the 5th-grade PATHways class quickly jumped on the case and found the culprit behind this.

They worked hard to examine the crime scene and collect evidence. Over several weeks, students listened to suspect testimonies and conducted numerous science experiments to narrow in on the culprit of the "Highland Hoax." The school was updated on the investigation and suspect elimination each week when passing the "Suspect Wall" along the main hallway. The PATHways students provided evidence as to why each suspect was eliminated from suspicion based on the experiments conducted in class that week.

When the class was confident they had enough evidence to send a suspect to



trial, they worked together to compose a mock trial skit that they acted out for the entire school. This skit allowed students to see first-hand how each suspect was eliminated. Students in the audience were also chosen as jurors, made notes throughout the trial, and determined the suspect's outcome based on evidence presented at trial.



After the unit, the 5th grade class visited the Thad Cochran United States Courthouse in Jackson. Clerk Arthur Johnston led students on a guided tour and discussed court proceedings with students, comparing it to their recent experience in the mock trial.



# OLD TOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Old Town Middle School Highlights

By Dr. Natasha May

### Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to our very own Akilah Potee for being selected as Madison County Schools Teacher of the Year! This remarkable achievement reflects her hard work, dedication, and the profound impact she has had on her students. With over 18 years of teaching experience, including 13 years in the Madison County School district, Mrs. Potee has been instrumental in shaping her students' future through her Cyber Foundations II class. We are incredibly proud of her and can't wait to see all the wonderful things she will continue to accomplish.



### Parent of the Year

Congratulations to Chandra Foster-Burrell on receiving the OTMS Parent of the Year award. Mrs. Foster-Burrell's dedication and commitment truly shine through in everything she does. Her tireless efforts in volunteering, organizing events, and supporting teachers uplift our school community and foster a warm and inspiring environment for students, staff, and families alike. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to her hard work and passion. We are grateful for all that you do, Mrs. Foster-Burrell.

### Old Town Pathways Students Shine at MCSD Middle Schools Pathways Chess Tournament

We are thrilled that Old Town Pathways students recently participated in the MCSD Middle Schools Pathways Chess Tournament. This event highlighted the analytical skills and strategic thinking of our district's brightest young minds.

The tournament brought together talented players from various middle schools, showcasing incredible strategy, focus, and sportsmanship. Among our outstanding students, we proudly congratulate Jasper Edwards for securing 3rd place in the chess tournament. His achievement reflects the dedication and hard work that all our Pathway students have demonstrated.

We are immensely proud of our students' performances and can't wait to see what the next showcase has in store. Keep up the great work, Pathway students.

### In The Classroom

Mrs. Gibbens and Mrs. McKenzie are doing a wonderful job engaging their students in healthy living through the Happy Healthy Mississippi Program through Mississippi State University's Extension Service! The collaboration with Mr. Corey Ray to discuss healthy eating and the "My Plate" guidelines is a great way to educate the students about nutrition. Understanding the three power nutrients, the five food groups, and the difference between nutrient-dense foods and empty calories is essential for developing lifelong healthy habits.

The upcoming spring garden planting with Mr. Corey Ray will be an exciting hands-on experience for the 6th graders. Not only will they learn about where food comes from and how to cultivate it, but they will also get the chance to enjoy the fruits (and vegetables!) of their labor. It's a fantastic way to reinforce their learning and inspire them to choose healthier food. Wishing you all a successful gardening session and continued engagement with healthy eating.

# RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL

## *Ridgeland High School Highlights*

By Abbie Marbury

There's always something going on at Ridgeland High School. The last few months have been especially busy for the students involved in the fine arts programs at RHS, and their pace won't be slowing down any time soon. The band, choir, and theater department often involve the same students in at least two (or sometimes all three) of these activities. Their talent, dedication, long hours, and perseverance shine bright.

RHS Band starts its whirlwind year in the summer, preparing for football season, the homecoming parade, and competitions. In September 2024, the RHS Band competed in its first competition of the year, hosting the Titan Marching Band Invitational. A few weeks later, they competed at their state evaluation in Pearl, MS. A week later, the RHS Band traveled to Hoover, AL, to compete in the Hoover Marching Invitational, where they received all superiors, best in class percussion, best in class soloist, and first-class band. The Christmas season means the RHS Band marches in the annual parade and presents its Christmas concert. And spring brings...you guessed it, more competitions.

RHS Choir is also comprised of several band members. Summer included a performance at convocation before the start of school. In October, the choir teamed up with the theater department to present a three-day run of "Little Shop of Horrors," complete with set design and some pretty impressive puppeteering



skills. Then, RHS Singers and the Ladies Ensemble were off and running again to earn all superiors at the Riverland Choral Festival in November. Christmas isn't only busy for the band and the choir, with the annual Ridgeland Christmas Tree Lighting, community caroling, and the annual Festival of Carols. Somewhere in all of that, members managed to audition for and earn spots in the Mississippi High



School Honor Choir at the University of Southern Mississippi in January 2025. And spring will mean...more performances and competitions.

The wealth of talent at RHS never ends. Keep your eye out for a chance to see the band, choir, and theater departments at RHS do what they do best – perform. It's well worth your time.



# HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*Plans underway for new Allied Health Facility on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus*



By Mary Margaret Busby



**Holmes Community College will soon have a brand-new building on the Ridgeland Campus – plans are underway for the Allied Health Facility. This new building will house the Ridgeland Campus' Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant and Surgical Technology programs.**

"Madison County has grown 14.6 percent in the past 10 years; therefore, the addition of this new space has poised Holmes for future growth in our allied health programs," said Holmes Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Bronwyn Martin. "The facility's location alongside I-55 will increase our visibility, emphasizing our footprint in Madison County. Watching projects of this magnitude come to fruition fills me with pride for Holmes and excitement for our future students and constituents."

Thrash Commercial Contractors, JH&H Architects Planners Interiors, Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC, and Smithers Engineers + Consultants will make up the team designing and building the new facility. In addition to the classrooms and offices for the various health science programs, the new facility will also provide a large multipurpose space to be used as a shared resource. With banquet seating for 350 and lecture-style seating for 530, Holmes will be able to accommodate more group events for the local community.

"The Health Science Building will allow the Health Science Programs on the Ridgeland Campus to continue to grow and expand our Health Science offerings. The building has been a vision for several years. I am excited to see the vision become a reality,"

said Director of Health Sciences Allison DeWeese.

Construction is expected to begin soon, and contractors anticipate beginning mobilizing on the site in late January or early February.

"The Career Technical Education department at Holmes is so excited to see this vision for our growing Health Sciences division become a reality. Years of planning and hard work have been put into this project, and the growth of Health Sciences at Holmes has proven to be a successful investment for the college and communities it serves," said Vice President of Career Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington.

### *Holmes welcomes alumna Monica McDonald as the New OTA Fieldwork Coordinator/Instructor*

**Holmes Community College is proud to announce the addition of alumna Monica McDonald as the fieldwork coordinator/instructor for the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program on the Ridgeland Campus.**

McDonald brings valuable experience to the role, having worked at St. Dominic's Outpatient Rehab (SCV) in Madison from 2021-2025. She completed the Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology Program at Holmes in 2017 after earning her bachelor's degree in clinical exercise physiology from Mississippi State University in 2012.



*IN THIS PHOTO: Pictured is the new alumna, Monica McDonald, as the new OTA Fieldwork Coordinator/Instructor.*

A dedicated community member, McDonald is actively involved in the Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association and Pinelake Church. She has also volunteered with the Madison Ridgeland Youth Softball Club (recreational league softball),

demonstrating her commitment to making a positive impact beyond the classroom.

Holmes is thrilled to have McDonald join the team and looks forward to the expertise and enthusiasm she brings to the OTA Program.

"I am so excited to bring on Monica McDonald, COTA/L, as the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator of the OTA Program. Through previous work experiences, I have witnessed Monica's expertise and enthusiasm for occupational therapy and teaching, and I know she will be a great addition. I look forward to seeing the positive impact she will make here within the program," said OTA Program Director, Erica Fitzhugh, COTA/L.

### *Celebrating Dr. Fells And Mr. Quinn's Graduation*

**Holmes Community College Academic Counselor Dr. Pamela Fells was not the only one celebrating when she earned her PhD this past fall. Fells graduated alongside one of her former students, Randall Quinn of Jackson. The dual graduation was a testament to the mentorship and academic excellence fostered at Holmes.**

During the Jackson State University commencement ceremony on December 6, Dr. Fells earned her Executive Ph.D. (EPHD) in Urban Higher Education, while Quinn earned the Specialist in Education degree. The EPHD Program in Urban Higher Education at Jackson State prepares students for senior leadership roles in post-secondary institutions and related organizations. The Specialist in Education degree is designed for educators who have already obtained a Master's and wish to further their leadership abilities and advance their careers. Dr. Fells' dissertation, titled "An Examination of Persistence of First-Generation African American Female



*IN THIS PHOTO: Pictured is Dr. Pamela Fells and her former student Randall Quinn.*

College Students at a PWI through the Lens of Tinto's Model of Attrition," explored factors contributing to the persistence of first-generation African American female college students (FGAMFCS) at predominantly white institutions (PWI). Through the lens of Tinto's 1993 Student Integration Model, which includes social and academic integration and institutional attributes, she examined FGAMFCS's challenges and the factors influencing their success. Before earning her PhD, Dr. Fells earned a master's in guidance and

counseling and a bachelor's in educational psychology from Alcorn State University. Additionally, she is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the Mississippi Counselors Association, and the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists.

Quinn graduated from Holmes in May of 2016 with an Associate of Arts degree and has since achieved multiple academic milestones, including a Bachelor of Arts in 2018, a Master of Arts in 2022, and an Education Specialist degree in 2024, all from Jackson State University. Post graduation, Quinn spent six years teaching at Wingfield High School, where he shared his passion for English in English I and English II classes. Although Wingfield closed its doors last spring, Quinn didn't skip a beat. Now in his seventh year with Jackson Public Schools, he's thrilled to be at Provine High School, where he's diving into his first year teaching English II.

# LIBRARY HAPPENINGS THIS SPRING

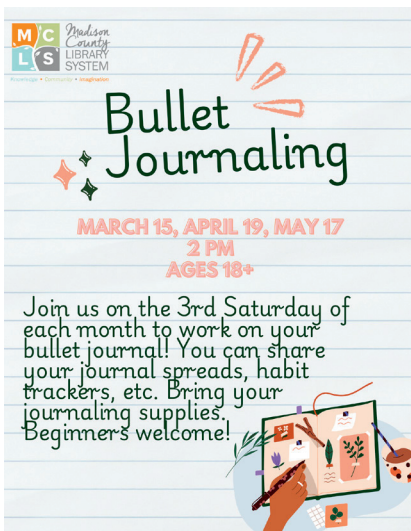


*The Ridgeland Public Library has so much to offer our community.*

## Page Turners

RIDGELAND  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Evanne Flanders,  
Branch Librarian



Spring has arrived, and the library is excited to announce the reopening of the seed library on March 27th. Patrons can stop by the branch and visit our seed library located in the lobby. There will be a variety of seeds to choose from. Each packet will have instructions for the growth and care of the seeds. The reopening of the seed library will also feature a garden talk.


So many fun and exciting programs are happening at the library for all ages. Here is a sampling of the programs we offer for all ages. For ages 0-2, we have Sensory Play for Littles. At this program, parents/caregivers and their children can play with various sensory materials such as a ball pit, musical instruments, soft books, puppets, and more, which aid in developing physical, sensory, and emotional learning skills. It's a great time for everyone and a fun opportunity to make new friends!

For ages 3-5, we have story times every week. Children and their parents/caregivers listen to stories, engage in movement and songs, and make fun crafts at storytime. Another story time we offer is Tiempo de Cuentos, our monthly Spanish story time for ages 0-5. Children and their parents/caregivers listen to stories in Spanish, engage in movement and songs, and make fun crafts. We also have programs for ages 6-11. One of our newer programs for this

age group is Paws to Read. Paws to Read is a program where kids can choose a book or a chapter for therapy dogs. We have programs for ages 10-18, such as our monthly Super Smash Bros tournament and Otaku Club.

We have since added new programs for adults to our monthly lineup. Once a month, we offer a class on using the makerspace's Cricut machine and its design software, DesignSpace. Recent classes have included the basics of DesignSpace and how to cut vinyl with the Cricut machine. For those who love bullet journaling, we have a monthly program where you can share journal spreads, talk about bullet journaling, or for those wanting to start their journal. The newest program to our monthly line-up is the Artists' Salon. At this program, patrons are welcome to come and share their creative projects and exchange feedback and encouragement with a like-minded group of supportive artists. It can be a novel in the works, a quick sketch drawn during lunch, or even a scribble of ideas and thoughts that the artist is curious to explore further. In the salon, we'll also discuss topics such as artistic process, craft, and day-to-day experiences in our creative practices.

For more information on programs and upcoming events, visit [mclsms.org](http://mclsms.org), like us on Facebook, or call the Ridgeland Library at (601) 856-4536.



**Madison County Household Hazardous Waste Day**


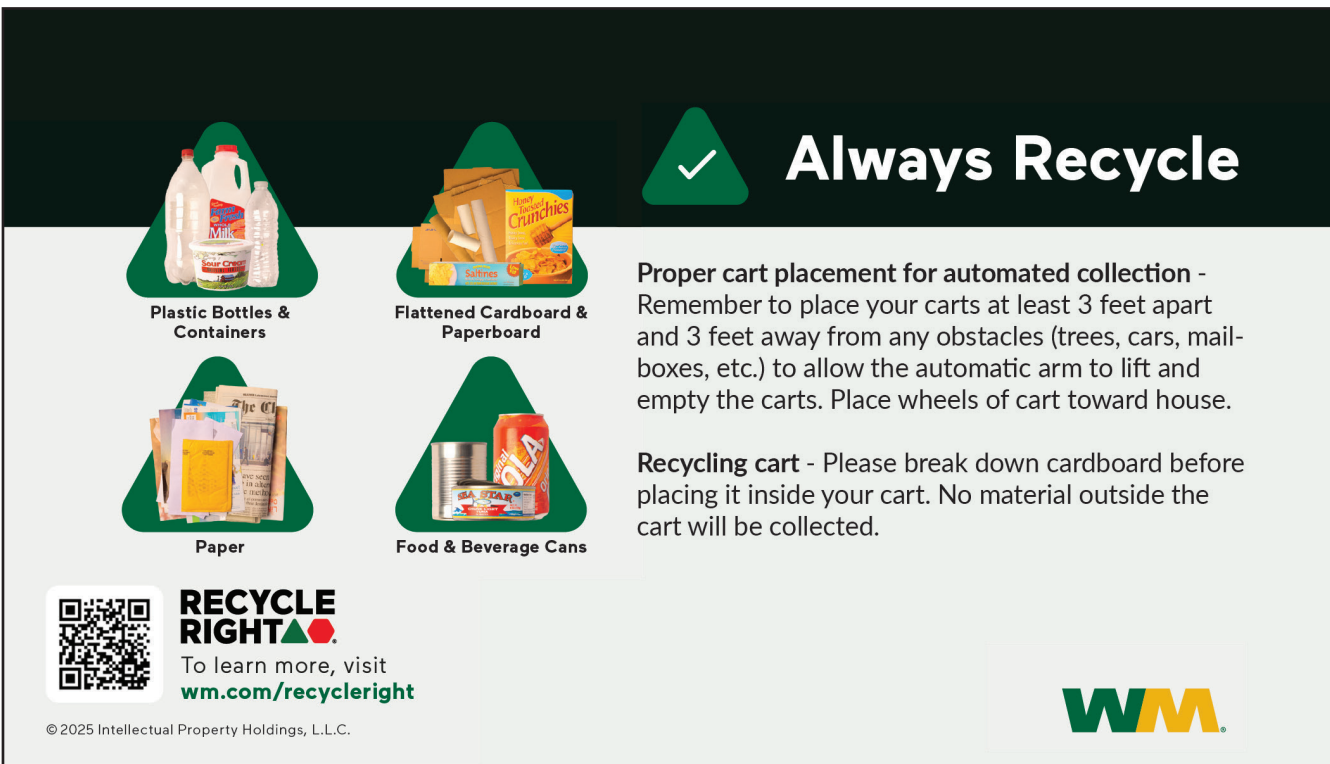
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Ring Road • Ridgeland, MS 39157

**March 15, 2025**  
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# CITY NOTIFICATIONS & TIPS



The City of Ridgeland is pleased to announce that we have completed the advanced water meter improvement project.

- These improvements enable access to EyeOnWater, a FREE tool for you to monitor water usage and provide leak detection. It is accessible via browser or app.
- A better understanding of your usage can help you make decisions that could lower your water bill.
- Its quick and customizable leak alerts could save you hundreds to thousands of dollars.
- We will no longer mail courtesy leak letters, and leak alerts must come from EyeOnWater.

**CREATE AN ACCOUNT TODAY BY VISITING**  
[www.Eyeonwater.Com/signup](http://www.Eyeonwater.Com/signup)  
 or  
 downloading the app.

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## CITY OF RIDGELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# YOUR DEDICATED CITY AT WORK

*The City of Ridgeland has achieved remarkable milestones over the past few years, showcasing its commitment to innovation, infrastructure, and community well-being. With strategic partnerships at the local, state, and federal levels, Ridgeland has secured significant investments, launched transformative projects, and enhanced the quality of life for its residents.*



“ From welcoming Amazon Web Services and Topgolf to the preliminary planning of the Performing Arts Center, Ridgeland sets a standard for economic development and urban planning. Major initiatives such as the annexation of new areas, groundbreaking drainage and water system improvements, and award-winning community projects highlight the City’s forward-thinking approach. ”

Mayor Gene McGee

## Highlights Include:

### AMAZON WEB SERVICES:

A new data center is under construction in the City of Ridgeland. The City of Ridgeland partnered with the Madison County Board of Supervisors, Madison County Economic Development Authority, the State of Mississippi, the Mississippi Development Authority, and Entergy to land this incredible investment. This development will significantly boost the Ridgeland economy in the near term.

### TOPGOLF RIDGELAND AT PRADO VISTA:

This exciting new development opened on December 20, 2024, and offers an exciting form of dining and entertainment to Ridgeland. The City of Ridgeland partnered with PraCon Development and the State of Mississippi to attract this prospect. Additional facilities within the Prado Vista Development will be announced in 2025. Expected additions include offices, medical offices, hotels, a grocery store, additional entertainment venues, retail shops, and a residential section with single-family homes and townhomes.

### FREEDOM RIDGE PARK AND RIDGEWOOD ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS:

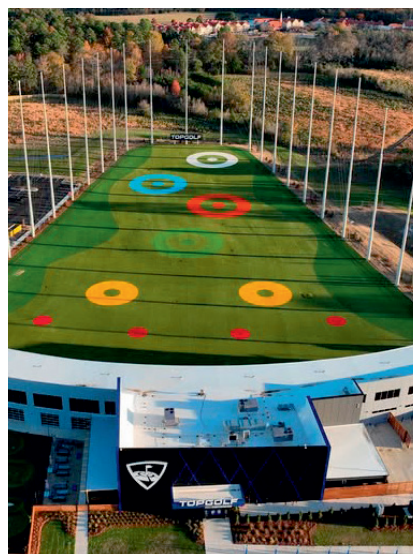
The City of Ridgeland began working on restoring the detention capacity of the Freedom Ridge pond several years ago. The City grew the \$500,000 locally funded project into a much bigger one using less local funds. Madison County Supervisors granted the City of Ridgeland \$2 Million in federal ARPA funds, and the City of Ridgeland matched those funds with \$1.83 Million in MCWI funds for use on drainage improvements. The City also secured \$1 Million from the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to enhance the wildlife habitat, adding trails, native plant species, and interpretive signage. The innovative funding strategy eliminated the use of local funds from the project. It expanded the project from a simple

drainage improvement to include an Ecotourism Park addition to Freedom Ridge Park.

### SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN:

Following the successful annexation of westernmost Ridgeland, the City prepared and adopted a Solid Waste Master Plan to establish policies for the collection and disposal of solid waste (trash) and forever control the future of landfills in Ridgeland.

Crossing. In addition to already providing water to the area, the City immediately became the first responder for Fire and Police. The City has performed overlays on some streets, updated street signage, and installed street lights at most intersections to improve visibility and safety. The City continues roadside maintenance, litter control, and hazard tree removal as often as possible.



### ANNEXATION:

The City of Ridgeland completed another annexation that expanded the City limits to North County Line Road between West County Line Road and Greens

### SOUTH HIGHLAND COLONY PARKWAY TANK AND WELL:

The City of Ridgeland broke ground on a new \$11,000,000 water tank and groundwater supply well. Leaders worked to leverage a local share of a little over \$500,000 by obtaining nearly \$10,500,000 in federal funding through ARPA, MCWI, and EPA program funding. The grant awards are important to protect the balance of the funds for the water and sewer fund so that water rates remain low.

### ADVANCED WATER METER PROJECT:

Ridgeland's water meters have been converted to cellular communication with the exception of two trailer parks. These two areas will soon become private. The project was 100% funded by federal ARPA and MCWI funding. The upgrades include customer access to the EyeOnWater App. All water account

holders are encouraged to download the App to their smartphones to learn about their water usage and set up leak notifications. Quick notifications about a leak can save customers hundreds to thousands of dollars.

#### LIQUOR STORE ZONING:

Ridgeland leadership worked with the Mississippi Legislature to pass a Bill that allowed municipalities to pass regulations governing the placement of liquor stores. Ridgeland was experiencing an oversaturation of liquor stores and was able to pass zoning regulations that established buffers to avoid incompatible land use adjacencies.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Ridgeland continues to excel and be recognized for outstanding professionals and accomplishments. The South Highland Colony Parkway Rebuild Project was awarded MML's top award, the Award of Excellence, which aided in attracting Southern Beverage and AWS Data Center projects. The Jackson Street Master Plan was awarded Best Small Area Project from the MS Chapter of the American Planning Association. Keep Ridgeland Beautiful won multiple first-place awards and Circle of Excellence Awards from Keep Mississippi Beautiful for the Committee's outstanding work. Because of the successful recycling programs, the City of Ridgeland has won the Enhance Award from MEDQ multiple times. The City of Ridgeland was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Impression by America in Bloom. Mayor McGee was awarded the MCBL&F Visionary Award and the STS Tourism Award. The City of Ridgeland was chosen as one of the National League of Cities 100 Cities. Most recently, we celebrated the 17th year as a Tree City USA and 2nd time Bronze Level recognition as a Bicycle Friendly Community.

#### RIDGELAND CITY HALL:

On February 14, 2021, the City of

Ridgeland cut the ribbon on the new City Hall at 100 West School Street. This day marked the beginning of a new image of the City of Ridgeland, an image of excellence. On December 17, 2024, the Board of Aldermen officially named the Gene F. McGee City Hall building in honor of his outstanding dedication to the community.

#### MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL:

The Mayor's Youth Council was launched in 2024. The council provides students with a learning experience of the inner workings of city government and public service. The inaugural class includes 28 students from various public and private schools around the community. Members attend Mayor and Board of Aldermen meetings, monthly council meetings, and volunteer in the community.



#### EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:

The City of Ridgeland partnered with the City of Jackson to replace the traffic signal technology and repave County Line Road from South Wheatley Street to Old Canton Road. The two entities were awarded \$1,840,000 in Federal STBG funding. Ridgeland and Jackson each contributed a 10% cost share. The project was completed in 2024.

#### LAKE HARBOUR DRIVE REHABILITATION PROJECT:

The City of Ridgeland was awarded \$3,910,000 in federal funds with a 20% match requirement. A portion of the match requirement will be paid by \$500,000 in funds received from the State of Mississippi. The project will replace sunken curb sections, remove the dips in the road caused

by settlement, and overlay the entire road from Christine Drive to Northpark Drive. The project is expected to begin in 2026.

#### I-55 LED LIGHTING UPGRADES AND TRAFFIC MONITORING SYSTEM PROJECT:

The City of Ridgeland was awarded \$575,000 in federal STGB funds with a 20% match requirement. The project will replace the light fixtures from Old Agency Road to the northern city limits with new LED fixtures and add PTZ cameras for traffic monitoring. The project is expected to begin in the summer of 2025.

#### HIGHLAND COMMERCE DRIVE:

The City of Ridgeland continues to work on this long-range project. The total project costs are approximately \$40 Million, which \$10.7 Million has been secured to date. The project team is preparing for environmental review and property acquisition as leadership continues to secure state and federal funding. Once complete, the road will serve as a 2-way frontage road along I-55 and I-220 that connects Lake Harbour Drive to Highland Colony Parkway. The road will serve as a valuable truck route, creating hundreds of developable properties in the technical industrial park.

#### PURPLE CREEK AND FREEDOM RIDGE DRAINAGE PROJECT:

This \$6.5 Million project is a multi-phased project funded by ARPA, MCWI, and MOSTF funding. The City of Ridgeland is utilizing a portion of its federal ARPA funds, and Madison County awarded \$2 Million of its ARPA funds to the City. The City matched those funds with MCWI federal funding. The City was also awarded \$1 Million from the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to enhance the drainage project. In the end, the City will improve the detention capacity in the purple creek basin to reduce downstream flooding. The MOSTF funds will add an eco-tourism feature to Freedom Ridge Park, which will include trails, native landscaping, bridges,





and interpretive signage. Additional phases of work include flood mitigation projects along a Purple Creek tributary along Ridgewood Road.

**WHEATLEY STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:**

Madison County awarded the City of Ridgeland \$3,487,000 in county bond funds and ARPA funds for improvements to Wheatley Street. The project will include repairs to the drainage and sewer systems under the road and rehabilitation of the road. The project will likely be

divided into phases, with the first South Wheatley Street phase beginning in the fall of 2025.

**US HIGHWAY 51 / LAKE HARBOUR DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS:**

Construction on the intersection project is expected to be completed in the spring of 2025. Once complete, the project will improve the dual left turn stacking for westbound traffic and add an important pedestrian sidewalk along the south side of the street. The construction is funded

by a \$1,035,000 federal STBG grant with a 20% match requirement.

**WEST JACKSON STREET CORRIDOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT:**

The City of Ridgeland was awarded \$1,948,800 by the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal grant program through FHWA. These funds will be used to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed improvements presented in the Jackson Street Master Plan. The concepts include creating on-street parking, reducing lane widths to slow traffic, adding a traffic signal at Perkins Street, improving sidewalk conditions, safer crosswalks, site furnishings, and landscaping. Engineers will collect utilization data before and after the demonstration project to support an SS4A implementation grant. City Leaders will continue to seek additional funding to implement the final improvements once the demonstration project and data collection are complete.

**STEED ROAD MULTI-USE PATH:**

The City of Ridgeland was awarded



\$894,425 in federal TA funds to extend a trail that completes a multiuse path from Old Agency Village to Sunnybrook Road and a connection north along Highland Colony Parkway to Township at Colony Park. The City has a 30% match requirement for the construction effort. The project is expected to begin late 2025.

#### EPA STAG GRANT PROJECTS:

The City of Ridgeland was awarded \$3,500,000 in federal EPA STAG grant funding for water-related projects. A portion of the funds was earmarked for the South Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project. The remainder is used for water line extensions in various locations throughout the City of Ridgeland, including West County Line Road and Colony Park Boulevard.

#### COLONY PARK BOULEVARD AREA INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS:

The City of Ridgeland is adding a new water line along a portion of Colony Park Boulevard and a new sanitary sewer interceptor to serve the area. The project is funded with \$2 Million in County-transferred federal ARPA funds and a \$2 Million grant from the State of Mississippi. In addition to the water and sewer improvements, the City expects to add traffic signals to improve safety and access to the Prado Vista (Topgolf area)

development and Ridgeland High School.

#### PURPLE CREEK AND EMCSDS SEWER INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION:

The City of Ridgeland used 100% of the ARPA and MCWI federal funds to rehab sewer interceptors. The total project cost was \$1.3 Million. The rehabilitated sections will reduce failed areas and stormwater inflow and infiltration, reducing the long-term cost of paying for sewer treatment.

#### HAZARD TREE REMOVAL:

On January 6, 2025, the City of Ridgeland began removing 1,342 hazard trees and limbs throughout the City. The project is expected to take 6 months to complete. The City hired an arborist to identify the trees, primarily those that died from drought and pine beetles. The City awarded the contract to Deep Roots Construction for \$975,000.

#### LANDSCAPE MATERIAL REPLACEMENT:

The City of Ridgeland has budgeted \$500,000 to repair irrigation systems and replace dead plant material throughout the City. Work began earlier this year and will continue through the winter of 2025-2026.

#### AUTOMATED SIDE LOAD RECYCLING:

The City of Ridgeland requested proposals for recycling services and awarded the contract to Waste Management. The new Automated Side-Load trucks help reduce the overall cost of recycling by eliminating personnel and improving safety. Waste Management continues to work to educate on proper can placement and orientation. The City encourages you to utilize the Recycling Rewards program. Further information is available on the City's website.

#### CITY-WIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT:

The City completed the city-wide traffic signal replacement project. The project included adding battery backup systems, camera detection, and hardware upgrades in the cabinet. The result is better monitoring, better detection, and a better ability to adjust nearly every traffic signal in Ridgeland. Many of the signals are now compatible with the Travel Safely App.

#### LITTER CONTROL:

The City of Ridgeland uses personnel and inmates to collect litter from the City's right-of-ways, including the interstate. Thousands of bags are collected and disposed of every year. The cost of litter control is nearly

\$100,000 annually. Encourage your friends not to litter. Your tax dollars can go to better services.

### WELL REPLACEMENTS AND TANK MAINTENANCE:

The City of Ridgeland fully rehabilitated the Western well and the School Street Well. The City is partnered with Southern Corrosion for regular tank maintenance, which includes cleaning and painting the tanks inside and out to keep the system in its best condition.

### RESIDENTIAL RENTAL INSPECTION CODE:

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopted a Residential Rental Inspection Code to provide a process to ensure quality housing for renters. The Code requires annual registration and inspections between vacancies. It applies to all rental property, including single-family homes, townhomes, duplexes, and apartments.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY:

Annually, the City of Ridgeland partners with Madison County and the City of Madison to host Household Hazardous Waste Day at alternating sites. The event will be held on March 15, 2025, in the City of Ridgeland at Northpark. It supports and encourages the safe disposal of paints, chemicals, tires, batteries, electronics, etc.

### MOSQUITO CONTROL:

The City of Ridgeland selected Vector Disease Control, Inc. to provide the service for an integrated mosquito management program. The program includes education, surveillance, treatment, Chemical and Disease Testing, and Emergency Response.

The goal is to chemically treat areas that need to be treated using the right treatment. The City used social media and public notices to promote best practices for mosquito bite prevention and protection.



### DIRECTIONAL BORING ORDINANCE:

The City of Ridgeland implemented a new order to reduce the impact boring crews were having on the community. Access to the fiber network remains a priority for Ridgeland, but boring crews were moving faster than our water repair crews could manage. The ordinance placed restrictions on hours of installation and length of boring.

### FREEDOM RIDGE PHASE 2 PARK EXPANSION:

The City of Ridgeland continues to seek funding for the expansion of Freedom Ridge Park. The hospitality industry must remain relevant in recreation and travel sports. Ridgeland has long been known for its quality fields, but other communities have advanced in the number of fields and are better equipped to host tournaments. The City plans to add ball fields, pickleball courts, and more to improve our ability to host tournaments.

### RIDGELAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER:

This arts facility has been in the Ridgeland plans since 2008. The time is now! Ridgeland has retained Dean

Architecture to design the facility, and leadership is actively seeking naming rights sponsors. Officials hope to launch a capital campaign in 2025 after naming the sponsors. The facility will include a 1,200-seat theater, a black box theater, a conference space, and several art galleries. Please contact the City of Ridgeland for more information regarding naming rights opportunities.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Over the last 4 years, the City of Ridgeland has successfully recruited and retained businesses. The new retail shops, offices, restaurants, hotels, etc. are too many to name. Ridgeland's leadership continues to focus on sustainability through proper land use planning, funding acquisition, and outstanding leadership. Ridgeland has long been successful in this area and has avoided a tax millage increase in 35 years. Many more exciting projects are in the planning stages and will be announced as soon as possible.

By Alan Hart

# RIDGELAND RECREATION AND PARKS

## INSTALLS NEW OVERHEAD NETS AT FREEDOM RIDGE PARK BASEBALL FIELDS

*The City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department is proud to announce the installation of new overhead protective nets at the baseball fields in Freedom Ridge Park. This significant upgrade underscores the City's commitment to enhancing the safety and enjoyment of players, spectators, and visitors at one of the region's premier recreational facilities.*



The new overhead nets provide expanded protection from foul balls and errant throws, ensuring a safer experience for families and fans watching the games. Designed with high-quality materials, the nets are built to withstand the elements and meet modern safety standards while maintaining unobstructed views of the fields.

“We are dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming environment for our

community to enjoy America's favorite pastime,” said John Sidney North, Director of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks. “This enhancement to Freedom Ridge Park represents our ongoing efforts to provide high-quality recreational facilities for our residents and visitors.”

Freedom Ridge Park, renowned for its state-of-the-art sports amenities, attracts hundreds of athletes and spectators annually for tournaments, league play,

and community events. Installing the overhead nets is part of a broader initiative to maintain the park's status as a top destination for recreation in Ridgeland.

The City of Ridgeland invites the community to experience the improved facilities during the upcoming spring season.

# CITY OF RIDGELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

## ANNOUNCES NEW LIFE-SAVING VEHICLE

*The City of Ridgeland Fire Department is proud to announce the acquisition of a 2024 Wildland Extreme Type 6 brush/rescue truck. This state-of-the-art vehicle, purchased from Emergency Equipment Professionals (EEP) and built by Boise Mobile Equipment (BME), will enhance the department's emergency response capabilities.*



The new brush/rescue truck replaces a 20-year-old Rescue 4 at Station Four. It is equipped with advanced features, including a 300-gallon water tank, a separate diesel engine to power the pump, a 10-gallon Class A foam tank, and off-road firefighting capabilities.

Designed to meet the needs of the annexed rural area on Ridgeland's west side, the truck will respond to all EMS calls—such as medical emergencies and

motor vehicle accidents—in District Four. It will also support brush fire responses across the entire City of Ridgeland Fire Department service area.

“This new brush/rescue truck is a critical addition to our fleet, ensuring we can effectively serve the expanding needs of our community,” said Fire Chief Matt Bailey. “With its advanced capabilities, this vehicle will allow us to respond more efficiently to emergencies in rural areas

and beyond. The safety of our residents is always our top priority, and this investment reflects our commitment to providing the highest level of service.”

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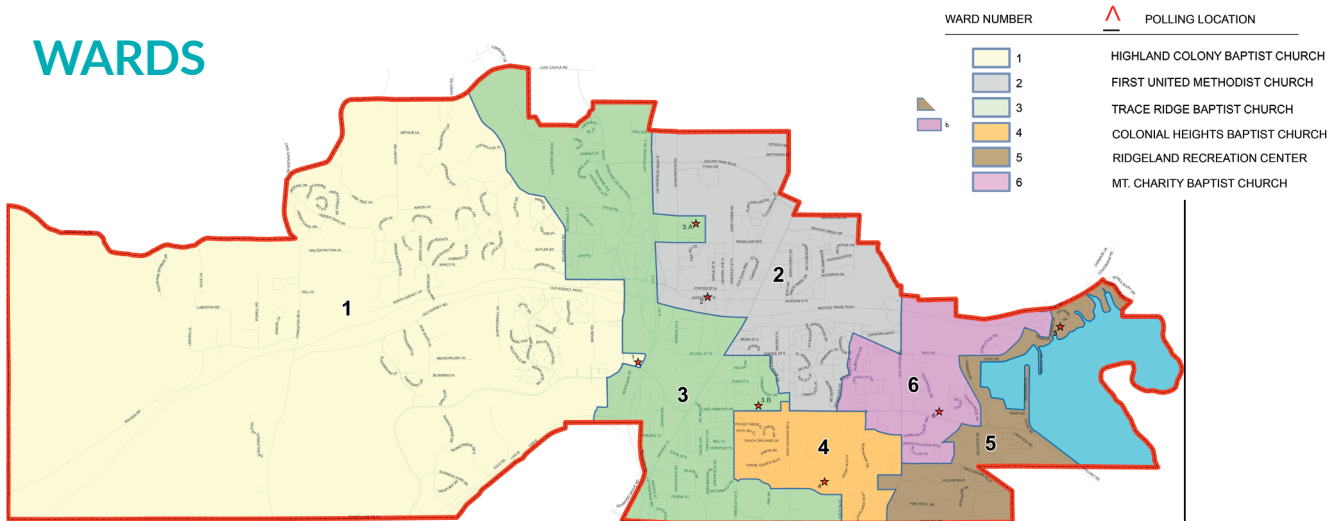


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## CITY MEETINGS

**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
 1st & 3rd Tuesday - 6 p.m.  
 Work sessions are 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

**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.  
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