

June 23, 2011 – Ridgefield Events

Messiah Lutheran Church—North County Campus, 2 South 56th Place, Suite 203, Ridgefield is hosting LMNOP! **Let Mom have a Night Out, Please!**, tomorrow, Friday, June 24 from 7-9 pm. Free snacks will be provided and the movie, **BABIES**, will be shown. All moms, grandmothers and moms-to-be are invited. No child care will be provided. Please call the church office for more information: 574-7081. Contact: Lynda Laird, Outreach Coordinator.

Ridgefield Community Education will present a program tonight, Thursday, June 23, on **living trusts and other topics**, presented by Liz Perry. Register at 619-1303 or 816-2485. Time is 6:30 to 8:15 pm and the cost is \$15.

The **Ridgefield Business Association**'s June 28th meeting will be a Business After-Hours at **Corwin Beverage** from 5 to 7 pm. The public is invited to this event, which is sponsored by the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. Please come 'dressed to impress' in apparel from your favorite generation. The best outfit wins a vintage vending machine. Information: 694-2588.

This meeting takes the place of the formerly scheduled RBA meeting at Pacific Northwest Best Fish.

Summer Pottery Sale at **Earth Elements Pottery**:

Robin Hominiuk is hosting a summer **studio and garden sale** at her home studio, 27000 NE Bjur Road, on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26. There will be a great selection of wood fired pots from the spring firing season.

Robin is an active member of **Alcove Art Gallery**, and will have items displayed both inside and out her studio. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm both days. Information: 887-5120.

The **fireworks booth** next to the Country Café at the junction is now open, 9 am to 9 pm. All proceeds benefit the Ridgefield High School **2012 Grad night**. Support your friends and neighbors and help the kids have a great party after they graduate. It's a way to keep them from driving that evening.

Contact Diana Locken, Volunteer Coordinator, email:
LOCKEN02@Yahoo.com

Congratulations to **Cody Barton** of Ridgefield who won his first marathon at the first-ever Vancouver USA Marathon. Cody graduated in 2008 from Ridgefield High School and now attends Eastern Washington University, where he is a steeplechase runner.

Shannon Meade teaches **infant sign language classes** and **parent workshops** as an independent certified instructor through Baby Signs® International.

This summer she is offering classes through Ridgefield Community Education at the school libraries and at Four Rivers Yoga studio in downtown Ridgefield. For the July First Friday event, she will offer a short demo class at Four Rivers Yoga studio for interested parents. She'll give a \$10 product credit to any family who signs up for a July Parent Workshop or Sign, Say & Play Class that evening. She will also have products for sale during the event. Below is a description of her classes.

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BABY SIGNS® Parent Workshop is a one-time class especially designed for parents of children from birth to 24 months. You will learn all you need to know to begin signing with your baby at home. Early childhood educators, parent educators, social workers and health specialists are also welcome. The

required materials fee pays for the Baby Signs® Complete Starter Kit, to help you incorporate what you learn in class into your daily routines with your baby. (Workshop fee is \$15 per individual or \$25 per couple, Materials fee is \$45 plus tax per family)

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Sign, Say, & Play™ Class is a six-week series offering parents & babies a fun environment for learning all the basics of signing! The combination of rich classroom experience and the proper tools for learning at home give you & your baby a great start in a loving and supportive way. This class is for children ages six months to three years and the parents/caregivers who love them.

This summer, you can sign up for just three weeks or all six. **Series A** features the signs for Mealtime, Bedtime, and Bath Time. **Series B** features the signs for Getting Dressed, My Pets, and At the Park. The required materials fee pays for the Sign, Say & Play™ Kit, which includes 8 Baby Signs® Resources to make signing at home fun and easy! (Class fee is \$50 per family for 3 weeks or \$90 per family for 6 weeks, Materials fee is \$55 plus tax)

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My Baby & Me Sibling Class is a one-time class designed to give children fun, developmentally appropriate activities that they can do with the new baby at home. During the class itself, children will play games, sing songs, learn a few signs, read a story, and make a special craft. In addition, parents will receive simple tips to help them promote positive sibling relations when they return home. The required materials fee pays for the Baby Signs® Favorites board book you or your older child can use to teach your baby some signs at home. (Class fee is \$10 per family, Materials fee is \$10 plus tax)

To find out about upcoming classes, contact:
Shannon Meade, Certified Baby Signs® Instructor
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www.babysignsprogram.com/withshannon

Linda McCanta won the **gift certificate** for a free pizza from **Vinnie's Pizza** at June's First Friday celebration. Congratulations Linda! Vinnie's may be reached at 887-7200.

News from Bob Mayfield about the **Ridgefield Farmer's Market**:

The Co-Op table is rocking! We've got honey, tomato and pepper starts, plantable cards, coffee from the Old Liberty Theater for only \$1 a cup, bread from Pioneer St. Cafe, and sometimes hanging plants. And who knows what else may show up this week...probably strawberries (our logo in action!). We're gonna need two Co-Op tables pretty soon. And that's a good thing.

It appears as though we'll have a strong selection of fresh produce: lettuce, spinach, sugar snap peas, asparagus, onions, garlic, basil, broccoli, and red potatoes.

We're also getting a couple new craft vendors this week, which is great, because we need a strong showing after last week. Yikes. Five hours of a steady rain, from drizzle to downpour. I want to thank the twelve hearty vendors who toughed it out, and especially our loyal customers who braved the weather to join us. Let's hope for better weather this week.

The winner of last week's give-away, a pair of man hand-warmers from our ace Info Booth operator, Dolores Dougherty, and a bottle of locally produced Syrah, was Susan Murken. This week's giveaway will be a selection of produce from Maryhill Orchards (I hope they still have asparagus).

Pioneer St. Cafe prepares a Farmers Market Lunch Special every Saturday. Ingredients are culled from the fresh goodies purchased at the market. Last week it was a BLT. We'll post this week's special at our Info table. Pioneer St. Cafe is only a two minute walk from the market.

The Ridgefield Farmers Market runs every Saturday, 9 am – 2 pm, at Davis Park in downtown Ridgefield. Check us out on FaceBook at Ridgefield Farmers Market, and on the web at ridgefieldmarket.com.

Did you attend the Clark College graduation ceremony? The flowers were prepared by **Ridgefield Floral** and were beautiful, thanks to Tammy and her crew of designers. Ridgefield Floral may be contacted at 887-4054.

Congratulations to **Brett Johnson**, a junior from Ridgefield who won the Class 1A State golf championship by four strokes. "Practicing every day is what helps me do that," said Brett. Several Division I college golf programs have already contacted him.

I am so pleased to announce the results of my request for donations to **Oncology Youth Connections**, which works with teenagers after they are 'cured' of cancer.

On Saturday my daughter Sue and I took **checks totaling \$4750** to Sue Roesling of OYC. Over 100 people contributed in honor of her son Erik. I was stunned and proud to see how much money a small group of people can raise, and I want to thank each and every one of you for your donation. The money will be used to create a video to be shown to teenagers about the after-effects of cancer and how friends can help during this difficult time.

And the checks are still coming in! I have another \$100 donation to send to OYC. If you would like to donate and it's slipped your mind, you may still do so. Please make out the check to Oncology Youth Connections and mail it to me at 6500 NW 287th Street, Ridgefield 98642. I will forward it on to OYC for The Erik Project.

What a wonderful town we live in!

LOOKING AHEAD

Next week is **First Friday** throughout downtown Ridgefield. The prize this month is a **basket from First Independent**, with a bunch of goodies to be used at the beach. Come on down and see what your local merchants have to offer. It runs from 4 to 8 pm on Friday, July 1.

And of course you'll want to be here for the **4th of July Parade**. Theme this year is American Movies, and there will be all kinds of fun things to do all day.

National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday August 2 at Davis Park in Ridgefield from 6 to 8 pm. If you've never gone - it's fun. There's a free barbeque and games, reps from many organizations in Ridgefield will have booths. If you would like to have a booth at the event please contact Kay Kammer at the City of Ridgefield - 887-3557.

Messiah Lutheran Church is sponsoring the second annual **Tee 'n' Tea**, a benefit golf tournament and afternoon tea, on July 30 at **Tri-Mountain Golf Course**. Proceeds from the event will benefit Ridgefield's Neighbors Helping Neighbors and the Lewis River Mobile Food Bank. For more information, please call the church office at 574-7081 or check out the website for registration forms at www.messiahvancouver.org.

A FREEBIE

Attached is a coupon for a **day on the river at 10% off**, courtesy of Gail Alexander from **Ridgefield Kayak**. Please call to reserve a space: 727-4520 or [503-319-1146](tel:503-319-1146). Ridgefield Kayak is the featured business at First Independent through the end of July.

Sorry I couldn't import the coupon into the body of this newsletter - need to figure out how to do that. I don't really like to add attachments, because lots of people won't open them. You can pick up a coupon at First Indy if you can't print out this one.