Ridgefield Continuing Education

Courses Start on a Rolling Basis ~ Spring into Summer 2024

Photo in memory of Sylvia Pinchbeck Sturges who shared this and many other photos with Ridgefield Continuing Education over the years.

Join us In-Person or on Zoom! Class sizes are limited.

Phone: (203) 431-2812 Email: ridgefieldcontinuingeducation@gmail.com

Schedule updates and new courses added are at https://www.ridgefieldschools.org

Please keep this brochure handy as a course reference. More Summer dates will be added to the website!

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Location Key - all in Ridgefield, Directions at https://ridgefieldschools.org/directions.html

Annex, ERMS (East Ridge Middle School) = in person.
VPSch (Veterans Park School) = in person.
Zoom = live, online class.
+Z = Zoom for class weather backup.
= class is on Zoom AND in person - Hybrid!

Registration / Contact is Easy - Ways to Register - Details and Updates at https://ridgefieldschools.org

Phone: (203) 431-2812
Pay by Visa or MasterCard over the phone. If we do not answer, please leave a detailed message.

Mail: ridgefieldcontinuingeducation@gmail.com
Please list a number of desired courses and your phone number. We will contact you to arrange payment.

Admission: These classes are for people age 18 years or older. Non-residents are welcome. Senior Citizens and Disabled (Ridgefield Sr./Disab.) means discounted fee for senior citizens age 62 and older and people with disabilities who live in Ridgefield, provided that the course the they want has sufficient enrollment to sustain the discount. More details regarding the Senior Discount are at https://ridgefieldschools.org/seniorsonly.html

Registration Deadline and Payment: You may register by mail or phone. Payment in full must accompany your registration, which must be paid in advance. We decide whether or not to run a class at least 3 days before the first class (some teachers need a decision sooner) based on the number of people who have paid their tuition. Don’t let a class be cancelled due to participant procrastination. Checks (preferred to keep costs down), money orders, Visa and MasterCard are accepted. A non-refundable service / convenience fee for Visa or MasterCard payment will be added to your charge total as follows: $2.95 (subtotal thru $97), 2.99% (subtotal from $98 up) per person, per order. There is a $20 service fee for returned checks.

Confirmation and Cancellation: No news is good news. If you have paid your tuition, assume you are enrolled. When you register, we assume that you have put the course date, time, and location on your calendar and have reconciled potential conflicts before you register. Please include an accurate and legible phone number and email address so that we can contact you if a course is canceled, full, or relocated. An email address is necessary to enable us to send you your Zoom link the night before class.

Weather / Power Postponement: If regular school classes are canceled due to weather/power issues, in person Continuing Education classes are postponed. See www.ridgefield.org or look for an email with information. Zoom and Hybrid courses and classes with Zoom backup may continue on Zoom if possible. If school has “early dismissal”, Continuing Education classes that start at 1:00 p.m. or later are postponed to the next class. If school has a “delayed opening”, classes that start before 9:30 a.m. are postponed to next class. Classes that start at 9:30 a.m. or later will proceed as scheduled. Make-ups due to weather / power postponement, are normally added to the end of the session or an open date in the schedule; check the web site and your email for details.

Refunds: You will obtain a full tuition refund when Ridgefield Continuing Education cancels a class or the class is full. If you are requesting a tuition refund, we must receive your request in writing (letter or email) five days before a class starts and we will withhold a $15 withdrawal fee per class from the amount refunded. Students assume all risk of changes in their personal schedules. Absence from the class does not reduce the cost of operating our programs. Class sessions may be rescheduled due to unexpected circumstances; refunds will not be issued to students unable to attend a rescheduled make-up class (including makeup classes online). Refunds will not be issued to students who do not want to comply with public health requirements, when needed. Medical refunds only (less a $15 withdrawal fee) will be pro-rated for the remainder of the session when verified by a physician’s note. The tuition refund is calculated on the date a written cancellation notice is provided, not on the date of the last class attended or missed. Refunds are not available to people who register less than 5 days before a class starts. Refunds take 4 to 6 weeks to process.

Disabled Access: Buildings have disability access. Ridgefield Public Schools Nondiscrimination Statement

Statement is on page 7 and https://ridgefieldschools.org

Bridge: Total Beginner
Bridge is a wonderful social game that can be played on many levels, each of them providing a good mental workout. This class’ goal will be to learn the basics of bridge bidding and playing. This class is for beginners and those who are returning to the game after being away for decades, as well as those of no need of refreshing their basic bridge skills. Taught by Mary Watson-Stribula, an enthusiastic and patient bridge teacher, who has been teaching for over 7 years and is working towards her Life Master designation. Class size limited.
7 Sessions (14 hours) $178 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $151) Mon., 4/8, 29, 5/6, 13, 20, 6/3, 10 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Annex

Bridge: Intermediate - Play of the Hand
This class is for bridge players who completed the fall class “doubles and more doubles” and others who would like to join. Focus will be on play of the hand - developing plan and considering alternatives that can lead to success. Using promotion and length, finesse and ruffing and discarding, declarers will improve their chances for success. Instructor: Mary Watson-Stribula (bio above). Class size limited.
7 Sessions (14 hours) $178 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $151) Thurs., 4/4, 11, 25, 5/2, 9, 16, 30 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Annex

Mah Jongg for Beginners
Syl Falik, experienced Mah Jongg teacher and passionate Mah Jongg player, will teach you what is sometimes referred to as “One bam . . . two crack!” means, as you discover an exciting game, learn the very basics from square one and be playing in no time. Attendance at the first class is a must. You will learn rules of the game as sanctioned by the National Mah Jongg League (NMJL). For info about the required NMJL card, visit https://ridgefieldschools.org
6 Sessions (12 hours) $153 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $130) Class in progress. Available next fall.
Careers, Elder Law, Mushrooms, Interiors, Organizing, Knitting, Art, Cartoons

THE INSTRUCTORS:
See ridgefieldschools.org for more bio information and summer dates!
- Michele F. Murphy, JD, RN, MSN and Thomas E. Murphy, JD are Veterans Affairs accredited Attorneys. Bio at www.ridgefieldschools.org/business.html
- Laura McCormick is a teacher and artist specializing in charcoal and pastel portraiture. She delights in cultivating the creative side of her students.
- Michael Canavan studied art at the Art Students League and the NYU School of Visual Arts. He is a writer, illustrator and graphic artist and teaches each.
- Lizabeth Doty, a professional educator for over 45 years, has taught some of her hobbies, knitting and calligraphy to students of all ages for years.
- Linda Keefer has a BA in history and education, has taught many interior design classes and has 44,000 followers on her Pinterest design boards.
- Karen Pierce is a professional organizer and photo preservation specialist and Yoga teacher. She is founder and owner of InnerSpaces by Karen, LLC.
- Zaac Chaves, a mycologist, works on species surveys and has also led walks for NY Botanical Gardens and the National Park Service.

Careers, Job Search

1 Hour Session $ 60 per 1 on 1 session Fri., 1 to 2 p.m.
See ridgefieldschools.org/business.html for dates, time options

Resume Assistance ~ 1 on 1
More on page 7 and website.

Job Search and Interview Techniques ~ 1 on 1
More on page 7 and website.

Introduction to LinkedIn ~ 1 on 1
More on page 7 and website.

Tech and PC Tutorials

Microsoft Office ~ Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Word, Windows ~ 1 on 1
Set up a 1 on 1 or bring 1 or 2 friends and have your own class. More on page 7 and website.

Elder Law

Protect Yourself with Trusts! Asset Protection Trusts and Revocable Living Trusts
Protect your assets, avoid probate and taxes, and preserve your quality of life. Asset Protection Trusts protect your resources from long term care. Revocable Living Trusts avoid probate and conservatorship.
Retirement Plan Trusts protect your children if they get divorced or sued. Trusts give you protection and control. You say what goes in, what comes out, and who does what. Topics include, but are not limited to: comparison of Revocable Living Trusts and Irrevocable Trusts, pros and cons of probate, Medicaid and VA Aid & Attendance payment of long term care, the mechanics of how trusts work, and new laws regarding Powers of Attorney. Instructors: Attorney’s Thomas E Murphy, JD and Michele F. Murphy, JD.
1 Session $29 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $25)
Wed., 5/8 6:30 to 8 p.m. Zoom

Mushroom Walk

Spring Mushroom Walk
Grab a notebook and join Zaac Chaves on a mycologically focused ecological tour. We will identify seasonal mushrooms. You will help us catalog species (including possibly rare sightings) and help document increasing evidence of climate change locally. No experience required.
1 Session $29 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $25)
Sun., 5/19 3:30 to 5 p.m. Ridgefield location to be provided.

DSLR Photography

Basic Digital Camera Operation
Bring your DSLR or mirrorless camera and manual to this class. This course will guide you to knowing how to take pictures you can be proud of and having a good knowledge of photography in general. All relevant buttons and switches will be explained so that your picture will come out well exposed and sharply focused. You will learn how to freeze the action in sports; create beautiful portraits with that blurry background, and use your flash as professional fashion and wedding photographers do. You’ll become truly confident in your picture taking abilities. Instructor John Zappala has a degree in fine arts and many years of experience as a photographer and photography instructor.
4 Sessions $ 103 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 87)
Mon., 5/16, 13; 20; 6/3 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. EMRS

Interior Decor, Organizing

Fool-Proof Organizing to Eliminate Clutter
Are you overwhelmed by clutter but unsure how to organize it? Have you made past attempts to declutter and get organized only to be disappointed? This class shows you step-by-step how to clear the clutter. More than just information, you will put into action the best organizing solution. Organizing is a skill that can be learned and this class is the first step. Please bring a purse/handbag/backpack to class (do NOT pre-organize). Taught by Karen Pierce.
1 Session $31 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 26)
Tue., 5/14 7 to 9 p.m. Veterans Park School

Home Safety Class: Aging in Place
Led by Occupational Therapists, Sinead Harrington and Tripta Velamoor, founders of Ideal Home Innovations Inc., with expertise in home design and modifications, the class will review simple solutions and strategies to ensure your safety at home, room by room, including fall prevention solutions. The class will also provide recommendations of aesthetically pleasing equipment that will match your homes decor. You will leave the class with a list of recommendations that you can easily implement when you return home . . . more on website.
Instructor Tripta Velamoor holds a doctoral degree in occupational therapy from Boston University and advanced certification as an Assistive Technology Practitioner. She has over 20 years of clinical experience and is also a Clinical Assistant Professor in the OT Department at NYU. Instructor Sinead Harrington has been practicing as an occupational therapist from Boston University and has extensive training and specialized certification in Aging in Place (CAPS). Sinead is an Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy at the New York-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences in Bronxville, NY.
1 Session $29 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $25)
Wed., 6/12 5:30 to 7 p.m. EMRS

Accessories, Art and Window Treatments
Finishing touches such as accessories, art, and window treatments create personality and make rooms come alive. In this interactive workshop we’ll see and discuss how top designers use and arrange accessories, learn their design tips, and see how they personalize their own homes. The most popular window treatments will also be featured along with designer tips and some ideas on how to use art in rooms.
Instructor Linda Keefer.
1 Session $39 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 33)
Thu., call (203) 431-2812 for dates 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Zoom

Knitted Wet Felting
Designed for Beginner - students (ability to knit and purl required), this two-session course will describe the various felting techniques: wet, needle, and Nuno. Participants will prepare a knitted project and finish it by using the wet felting technique. In the first session, after having a brief history of felting, participants will select a project. Project ideas include handbags, slippers, tote bags, hats, pouches, and gift bags. In the second class, the instructors will present specific guidelines for felting each completed individual project. Instructor Lizabeth Doty.
2 Sessions $54 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 46)
Thu., 7/9 and 8/6 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex

Drawing and Painting

Life Drawing – Evening
For beginners who want to learn the basics of drawing from life - creating the illusion of depth and complex shapes on a two-dimensional surface. Using several different types of pencils and paper, students will draw from still life and photographs (chiefly the human form), learning to observe the structure of what they are drawing. Topics include composition, proportion, perspective, value and edge relationships, foreshortening and light/shade. Instructor Michael Canavan provides all materials; a supply fee of $25 is payable at the first class.
Class size limited.
6 Sessions $162 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 138) + mts.
Wed., 4/10, 24; 5/21, 8; 5/28, 15; 6/25 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS
Drawing and Painting

Studio Art – Day
An open studio art class for beginning and continuing students. New students start with drawing basics, from contour through composition, using charcoal pencils. Continuing students work in the medium of their choice and receive individual instruction. Instructor: Laura McCormick. Max 8 Supply list: ridgefieldschools.org/drawpaint.html
4 Sessions $112 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 97)
Thu., 9/6, 16; 30; 6/6 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex
3 Sessions $58 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 52)
Thu., 6/3, 20; 27 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex

Contact Information: Phone: (203) 431-2812
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Drawing and Painting
Yoga ~ Day & Evening

Bring mat, towel or blanket, and water bottle.

Yoga Stretching with Julie Shaw

Breathe fully, release tension, build strength and balance, improve your body’s functions, and enjoy the feeling of calm energy in this Vinyasa class. Vinyasa is an authentic lineage of yoga based on the teachings of T. Krishnamacharya. Its primary hallmark is adaptation - selecting postures and breath exercises to meet specific needs. Everyone can benefit from this extraordinary yoga tradition - once you try it, you’ll understand! The class is suitable for all, from beginner to yoga veteran. Make-up, if needed is 2/6/19.

7 Sessions $ 89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 76)
Wed., 4/10, 5/8, 15, 22, 29, 6/12 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. VP Sch.

10 Sessions $ 128 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 109)
Wed., 7/10, 17, 24, 31; 8/7, 14, 21, 28; 9/4, 11
5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Annex

7 Sessions $ 89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 76)
Mon., 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3, 10, 17, 24 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Annex

8 Sessions $ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 87)
Mon., 7/15, 22, 29; 8/5, 12, 19, 26; 9/6 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Annex

Gentle Flow Yoga with Erin Lutz

For beginner/intermediate students looking to deepen their yoga practice. Explore the fundamentals of a flowing yoga practice (vinyasa) and traditional poses and end with a deep relaxation (Savasana). Benefits include increased strength, mobility, flexibility along with improved circulation and stress reduction. Modifications are provided to allow all students to find their own combination of challenge and balance. Make-up, if needed, is added to the end.

8 Sessions $ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 87)
Mon., 4/9, 23, 30; 5/7, 14, 21, 28 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. ERMS

Teachers Wanted

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Ballroom & Event Dance

Event Dance Bootcamp: Beginner/Brush Up
Natalie Mazzola teaches a FUN, no stress social dance class to a variety of music to learn how to move on the dance floor for parties, weddings, cruises, dance events...Includes basic Rumba, Cha-Cha, East Coast Swing and some club style dances. For beginners and for those who have been away from dance for awhile.

5 Sessions $ 128 per couple
Wed., 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
7:15 to 8 p.m.
Veterans Park School

Event Dance

Ballroom Dance: Advanced Beginner
Natalie Mazzola teaches a continuation of Ballroom, Rumba, Cha-Cha, East Coast Swing and club style dances to couples that know ballroom basics.

5 Sessions $ 128 per couple
Wed., 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
8:05 to 8:50 p.m.
Veterans Park School

Tai Chi

Tai Chi, the gentle form of exercise often called meditation in motion, has been practiced in China for hundreds of years and is a discipline used for health, relaxation, and meditation. This ancient art helps relieve stress, increase strength and flexibility, improve balance, coordination and circulation and overall physical and mental health. Its slow and graceful movements make it accessible to anyone, regardless of age or fitness level. While Tai Chi is considered a healing exercise, it is also an effective martial art.

Beginning Tai Chi (Yang Long Form)
Participants learn the first 21 moves. Instructor: Gwen Roman (Wed., 6 p.m.) and Rod Barfield (Fri., 11 a.m.).

8 Sessions $ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 87)
Wed., 4/24, 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12 5 to 6:30 p.m. ERMS

Tai Chi Intermediate (Continuing)
For students who have mastered the first level class above. Instructor: Gwen Roman (Wed., 5 p.m.) and Rod Barfield (Fri., 10 a.m.).

7 Sessions $ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 87)
Wed., 4/24, 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12 5 to 6:30 p.m. ERMS

T’ai Chi Exercises (Beginner): the Natural Way to Promote Health
Learn 35 basic T'ai Chi exercises that promote health, stress relief, concentration, balance, coordination and internal organ massage. Based on Step by Step T'ai Chi: the Natural Way to Stress and Healing by Master Lam Kam Chuen. Bring two 2-3 pound weights. Rod Barfield.

7 Sessions $ 89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 76)
Tue., 4/2, 9, 23, 30; 5/7, 14, 21
10 to 11 a.m. Zoom

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Tue., 5/7, 14, 21, 28, 5/31; 6/10 10 to 11 a.m. Zoom

7 Sessions $ 89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 76)
Tue., 7/12, 19, 26, 7/27; 8/3 10 to 11 a.m. Zoom

Teaching From Home

Complete Workouts

Total Body Reset
Learn to exercise smarter, not harder with this all in one workout to tone and strengthen. Beginners are encouraged to attend. It will be used to help increase bone density, tighten flab, and increase metabolism. Always a warm up and a cool down. All levels are welcome; modifications are available. Zoom available.
Instructor: Pat Anikewich. Bring light weights, mat, towel, water. Makeup date is added to the end.

5 Sessions $ 89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 76)
Tue., 4/9, 23, 30; 5/7, 14, 21 6:45 to 7:35 p.m. VP Sch.
Summer dates to be determined. Hybrid starting in August.

Barre Fusion with Pat Anikewich
Spring into spring / summer with this low impact strength workout that enhances your muscle tone, posture, flexibility and confidence in a class that blends ballet, dance, functional strength and mind-body inspired movement. Light weights or no weights are required. Chairs will be provided to act as a barre. All fitness levels welcome. Zoom available.
Instructor: Pat Anikewich. Bring a light weights, mat, towel, water. Makeup added to the end.

8 Sessions $ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 87)
Thur., 4/25; 5/2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 6/6, 13 6 to 7 p.m. VP Sch.

LaBlast® Fitness® Dance Workout
Created by Louis Van Amstel of Dancing with the Stars, LaBlast® is a partner-free, simple, low impact, safe ballroom dance workout for everybody. It’s fun and calories and calories are burned. Beginners are encouraged to attend. Wear sneakers and bring light hand weights (if you have them) and a water bottle. Taught by Denise D’Arbonne Nethercott. More at ridgefieldschools.org/cardio.html Makeup date is added to the end.

4 Sessions $ 48 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 41)
Mon., 5/13, 20, 6/3, 10 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. ERMS

2 Sessions $ 24 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 21)
Mon., 6/3, 10 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. ERMS

Line Dance

Line Dance for Beginners
The ideal workout. Burn fats and calories while you’re having fun! Do you know your right from your left, can you count to 8? Then you can line dance! We’ll start with the basics and build from there. If you’ve been to this course before, come on back; we have new dances lined up. Please bring a water bottle and wear leather or suede soled shoes. Instructors: Steve Parker and Ellen Russow.

6 Sessions $ 77 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 65)
Wed., 6/24; 5/1, 8, 22, 29; 6/5 (not 5/15) 7 to 8 p.m. ERMS
**Archaeology - Meso America**

The Rise of Civilization in Meso America - the Teotihuacan, Mayans, Toltecs, Aztecs

This course follows the people of Teotihuacan, the Mayans, the Toltecs, and the Aztecs from their beginnings to the formation of their cities, states and empires. They spoke different languages, but produced the same wonderful art, played the same ballgame, established extensive trade routes, built monumental cultural centers, practiced human sacrifice, and had similar pantheons of gods. The builders of these civilizations were an artistic, passionate, fierce people, who will fire your imagination.

Instructor: Lynn-Marie Wieland.

3 Sessions  $ 77 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 65)

Wed., 5/1, 8, 15 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  Annex + Zoom (hybrid)

**Voice-Overs - Such A Voice**

Voice-Overs...NOW is YOUR Time!

In what could be the most enlightening 2 hours you have ever spent, this class will show you how you can actually begin using your speaking voice for commercials, films, videos, and more. Most people go about it the wrong way. In this introductory class, you will learn about a unique, outside the box way to break into this creative, fulfilling, and potentially lucrative industry.

Voice-Overs can be managed on your own terms, on your own turf, in your own time, and with minimal overhead! Whether you choose to pursue voice-overs part-time or full-time, this could be the game-changer you have been looking for. Taught by a Voice Coach from Such a Voice.

Instructor: Lynn-Marie Wieland.

1 Session  $ 69 (includes materials, follow up lessons)

Tue., 6/25 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  Zoom

**PIANO**

Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People

In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment. Learn to play piano the way professionals do—using chords. The chord method is LOTS of fun and dramatically easier to learn than reading notes. Fee includes the online book, online follow up lessons, a recording of the class and also an optional periodic question and answer session. Class is held online using zoom and is partly hands on instruction and partly lecture demonstration.

Instructor: Craig Coffman.

1 Session  $ 178 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 151)

Mon., 4/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20, 27; 6/3, 10 3 to 5 p.m.  Annex

Knitting

Studio Knitting for Beginners & Continuing

This open knitting format is for both beginners and those who want to continue furthering their knitting skills. New participants will learn the basic stitches and develop skills in maintaining an even tension in the piece. Instructor Elizabeth Doty will provide practice needles and practice yarn until the participant determines a project. After the selection of a project, the participant will purchase the necessary supplies. Projects have included knitting a scarf, sweater, blanket, and handbag. Class size limited. Call if you want to join a class early.

7 Sessions  $ 178 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 151)

Mon., 4/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3, 10 3 to 5 p.m.  Annex

Mon., 6/10, 17, 7/8, 15, 22, 29; 8/5 3 to 5 p.m.  Annex

Mon., 8/5, 12, 19, 26; 9/9, 16, 23 3 to 5 p.m.  Annex

Mon., 5/21, 28; 6/4, 11, 18, 25, 32, 6/9, 16, 23, 6/30 6 to 8 p.m.  Annex

Tue., 7/5, 12, 19, 26, 7/3, 10, 17 6 to 8 p.m.  Annex

**Writing**

Vegetable Gardening - Organic

How to grow organically a wide variety of vegetables suitable for our climate. This course will cover everything you need to know about organic vegetable gardening - from purchasing seeds or plants, growing on, fertilizing, controlling pests to harvesting.

Instructor: Eileen Burton.

2 Sessions  $ 99 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 91)

Mon., 4/29 and 5/6 6:30 to 8 p.m.  Annex

**Online Courses Via ed2go**

Visit www.ridgefieldschools.org and click on-line courses or visit ed2go.com/ridgefield

Class is 6 weeks long, 2 lessons a week. New sessions start monthly. Instructor-lead and 3 month self-directed options. Most cost $99 to $115.

Software:
- QuickBooks
- Web Design
- Graphics
- Certification Prep
- Python
- C++, Visual Basic
- Database and Project Management
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and more)

Certification Test Prep:
- from Comp TIA A+ to Security, Project Management . . .

Test Prep and more:
- SAT/ACT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, GED
- Publishing, Writing
- Grant Writing, Nonprofit
- Health Care
- Languages
Text and more info at https://ridgefieldschools.org/french.html

French: Beginner, Part 1 - Day on Zoom
For people with no French experience. We start from scratch to build a foundation and become familiar with practical, everyday usage. We also explore French culture and history to tantalize those considering a visit to France. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

6 Sessions (9 hours) $128 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $114)
6:30 to 7:45 p.m. ERMS

Please call or email to be added to notification list.

French: Beginner, Part 1b - Evening
For people continuing from this past winter or those with a little knowledge of French who would like to build a solid learning foundation of the language for travel, business, culture. Instructor: Elhem Lansberg.

6 Sessions (10.5 hours) $150 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $133)
Mon., 4/29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3, 10 7 to 8 p.m. Zoom

Instructor: Sabine Dolo.

6 Sessions (9 hours) $128 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $114)
Mon., 3/25; 4/1, 8, 22; 5/6, 13 5:30 to 7 p.m. Zoom

French: Intermediate - Evening
This class is for people with the equivalent of 3 years of learning French for Basic Users or people who had an exposure to French but need refreshing. We will explore some aspects of French culture and work on pronunciation, speaking, and comprehension.

The course will also emphasize basic communication, and focus on grammar to develop skills for reading and writing. Text and other materials will be downloadable. Instructor: Elhem Lansburg.

6 Sessions (6 hours) $86 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $77)
Mon., 4/22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. ERMS

French: Advanced - Evening
This class is an advanced course. We will work on the expression and develop the comprehension aspect of the language. The class will feature a discussion/communication workshop using different tools and a reading/writing workshop using a variety of genres of books and articles. Text and other materials will be downloadable. Instructor: Elhem Lansburg. This class is at capacity. Please call or email to be added to notification list.

8 Sessions (8 hours) $114 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $101)
Wed., 4/24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. ERMS

Italian: Beginner, Part 1
Sylvana Serravezza’s course, for people new to Italian, focuses on practical conversation and basic language structure. A must for people traveling to Italy. Text is Italian Made Simple by C. Mazzoni.

7 Sessions (10.5 hours) $150 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $133)
Mon., 4/1, 8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20 7 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS

We are putting together a new class. Please call or email to be added to notification list.

Italian: Beginner, Part 2
A continuation of part 1 from this past winter. Newcomers with some background are welcome.

Text above. Instructor: Sylvana Serravezza.

7 Sessions (10.5 hours) $150 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $133)
Mon., 4/29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3 7 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS

German: Beginner, Part 1
German and English are closely related and the English language shares 25% of its vocabulary with German. The course will focus on speaking skills, pronunciation and basic grammar. Participants will learn and practice the language needed for greetings, introductions, travel, business, and family.

Text at https://ridgefieldschools.org/german.html

Instructor: Sabine Dolo.

6 Sessions (6 hours) $86 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $77)
Mon., 4/29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3, 10 7 to 8:30 p.m. Zoom

German: Beginner, Part 2
A continuation of Beginner 2, Part 1 from Fall 2023. Newcomers with equivalent experience are welcome. Text at https://ridgeworkschools.org/german.html

Instructor: Karen Wolfinger.

6 Sessions (9 hours) $128 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $114)
Tue., next session to start 6/27 call to be on notification list
6:30 to 7:40 p.m. Zoom
ESL, CDP & GED Registration
Residents of Ridgefield, Danbury, Bethel, Brookfield, New Fairfield, or Newtown may take ESL, Citizenship, CDP, and GED classes free through this program. Class registration is in Danbury in August and January. Call WERACE Community Resource Center in Danbury from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (203) 501-4216 for ESL and (203) 797-4731 for GED and CDP information.

Interesting in Teaching?
If you can communicate the complexities of your area of expertise to others in a fun and easy to understand manner, email ridgefieldcontinuineducation@gmail.com or phone (203) 431-2812 for information.

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Office Software
Excel 2021 / 365 for Windows - Fast Paced Intro Create and format worksheets and charts. Enter basic formulas; cut, copy, paste, move, drag and fill, delete. Number formatting, fonts, borders, shading... P. Bruno. 4 hours $ 80 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 71) + 5-6 mths. 4 days Tue/ Thurs, 7/16 & 18 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex + 2

Excel 2021 / 365 for Windows - Intermediate Prerequisite: Intro to Excel or equivalent. More formulas, math and functions; linking sheets and workbooks; relative, absolute, and mixed cell references; more charts, cell protection... P. Bruno. 4 hours $ 80 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 71) + 5-6 mths. 4 days Tue/ Thurs, 7/23 & 25 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex + 2

Excel 2021 / 365 for Windows - Advanced Prerequisite: Intro to Excel or equivalent. Includes pivot tables and charts; V Lookup; advanced sorts, filters, subtotals; IF statements, CountIf, SumIf, splitting data and more... P. Bruno. 4 hours $ 80 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 71) + 5-6 mths. 4 days Tue/ Thu, 7/30 & 8/1 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex + 2

PowerPoint 2021 / 365 - Fast Paced Intro Prerequisite: Basic word skills. Learn to modify an existing presentation and create a presentation from scratch. Change text, color schemes, background, fonts, layout, and slide order. Insert and modify images, pictures, charts, and tables in slides. Add animation, transition movement, and sound. Set up slide show timing. Instructor: P. Bruno. 4 hours $ 80 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 71) + 5-6 mths. 4 days Wed, 7/17 & 24 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Annex + 2

Windows Basics Prerequisite: Basic computer skills. Bring your laptop or tablet (let us know if you need to use one of ours) and Lance Whitney will show you how to: customize your Start menu and desktop; use the Windows Edge browser; personalize Windows through its array of settings; speak to Windows using the Cortana voice assistant, and shop for apps at the Windows Store. 2 hours $ 40 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 36) Wed., 7/24 1 to 3 p.m. Annex + 2

Technology Tutorials
To schedule phone (203) 431-2812 or email ridgefieldcontinuieducation@gmail.com

Any class above can be scheduled for a one on one tutorial or small group. You may keep the lessons to yourself or bring 2 friends at your level and know who your classmates are! In person is 1.5 to 2 hour minimum, depending on topic.
SAT Prep with the PRINCETON REVIEW

Ridgefield Continuing Education has partnered with The Princeton Review to provide a selection of SAT, ACT, and AP Test Prep courses and tutoring. Student success is at the heart of everything we do at The Princeton Review. For more than 40 years, students and their families have trusted The Princeton Review to help them get into their dream schools.

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PRINCETON REVIEW
RIDGEFIELD SUMMER CLASS

at the Ridgefield Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect Street (left of Yanity Gym)
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Course Dates:

Suggested Test Day 1: Saturday, July 13, 2024**
Class 1: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Class 2: Thursday, July 18, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Suggested Test Day 2: Saturday, July 20, 2024**
Class 3: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Class 4: Thursday, July 25, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Suggested Test Day 3: Saturday, July 27th, 2024**
Class 5: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Class 6: Thursday, August 1, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

** Practice Test at Home - Saturdays, July 13, 20, and 27 are suggested dates, but you may opt for a different date. Saturday or Sunday is best so that your instructor has the information for the class the following week.

Families can register with this direct link to the schedule: https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/538134

Online SAT and/or ACT Test prep Courses with ed2go

Visit Ridgefield’s page at ed2go’s Online Instruction Center: www.ed2go.com/ridgefield
Then type SAT or ACT Test Prep in the search box. This takes you to a page with SAT Test Prep options. There is an option for a full series for $199 or Part 1 (mainly English, verbal and reading skills) and Part 2 (mainly quantitative skills) for $99 each.
Continuing Education Registration Application - Spring / Summer 2024

Name: ___________________________________________________________ Date: _______________________

Address: ______________________________________________________ Town: ______________________ State: _________ Zip: _____________

Contact Information Required in case we need to reach you: Phone (Home #): ______________________ (Work #): ____________________

(eMail): __________________________________________________________ eMail and/or phone numbers are necessary in case we need to contact you.

*Make Check (preferred payment method) payable to Ridgefield Continuing Education. Rate for Senior Citizens (age 62+) and people with disabilities apply only to Ridgefield residents. Please see page 2 for important registration information for terms and conditions.

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Donations to Ridgefield Continuing Education in any amount are gratefully appreciated. Receipt provided.

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Subtotal: __________________

A convenience/service fee for our Visa or MasterCard payment alternative will be added to your charge as below:

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Total: __________________

WAIVER OF TOWN LIABILITY: I recognize because of the nature of this activity, whether on Town of Ridgefield property or online via platforms such as Zoom on property of my own choice that an injury or illness might occur and/or the probability of contracting an illness might increase. In the event of an injury to myself or my family member, I give permission to the attending physician to render such treatment and agree to pay for the treatment. Ridgefield Continuing Education follows the Ridgefield Public Schools guidelines for COVID and other illnesses, which may change as public health conditions change, which may include wearing a mask. Even so, we cannot guarantee that you will be 100% safe from airborne illnesses including COVID-19. I release Ridgefield Adult and Continuing Education, Ridgefield Public Schools, the Town of Ridgefield, its employees and instructors. I understand that this release applies to any present or future injuries or illness (including, but not limited to, COVID-19). Participation is at my own risk. I have read this and sign it voluntarily.

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: ____________

REGISTER BY MAIL OR PHONE:

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Credit Card# _________________ Expiration Date: _______ 3 Digit Code: _______

Name As It Appears On Card: _____________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________________________

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