

Ridgefield Continuing Education

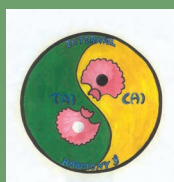
Please keep
this brochure
handy as a course
reference. More Sum-
mer dates will be added
to the website!
SAT Prep info - see
page 9
Updated 3/8/24

Courses Start on a Rolling Basis ~ Now through Spring and 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>

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2 Welcome to 2024!

For nearly 50 years, Ridgefield Continuing Education, a self-sustaining course program of Ridgefield Public Schools has offered EXPERIENCES through over 200 dynamic courses each year that help area residents, age 18 and up, enhance their employment and career opportunities, as well as provide knowledge and professional guidance in the arts, crafts, technology, nature walks, creative writing, language, fitness, interior decor, games, and popular hobbies. Please take some time to EXPLORE something you are interested in, and in which you can CONNECT with other community members.

- Courses in person, on Zoom and both (hybrid) start now through summer!
- Class sizes are limited in order to provide Q & A and a personalized experience.
- Thank you to the Continuing Ed. instructors who offer classes in a variety of formats.
- Thank you to Ridgefield Public Schools and the Town of Ridgefield for facility use.
- Special thanks for the cover photos shared by Sylvia Sturges (front) and Tom Bruno (back).

Please keep in mind:

- Register early to increase your course choices. There are 4 easy ways to register.
- Please mark dates and time on your calendar. The Zoom link is usually emailed the evening before class. Date and time changes will be updated on the web site and students who have provided us with legibly written phone and/or email will be notified.
- We follow the public health requirements of the Ridgefield Public Schools, which are subject to change depending on public health conditions.
- Ridgefield Public Schools prohibit alcohol, nuts, nut products, or other food in class.

Thank you for your participation and see you soon in person or on zoom!

Peggy Bruno
Director of Adult Education

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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.
+Z = 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.

eMail: ridgefieldcontinuingeducation@gmail.com

Please email a list of classes desired and your phone number. We will contact you to arrange payment.

Mail

Please send registration form and payment (check preferred; Visa and MasterCard accepted) to:

Ridgefield Public Schools - Continuing Ed.

Attn: Peggy Bruno

90 East Ridge Road

Ridgefield, CT 06877

*Please mail early as all
Ridgefield mail goes
through Danbury and takes
3-5 business days to arrive.*

Office Location

Registration drop off at the office, located at the Town Hall Annex, 1st floor. 66 Prospect St., left of Yanity Gym, behind the Playhouse. Building is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Directions on web at <https://ridgefieldschools.org>

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 they want has sufficient enrollment to sustain the discount. More details regarding the Senior Discount are at <https://ridgefieldschools.org/senioronly.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 and look for an email with information. Zoom and Hybrid classes 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



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 of those in 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, finesses, and ruffing and discarding, declarers will improve their chances for success. Instructor: Mary Watson-Stribula (bio above). Class size limited.

8 Sessions (16 hours) \$ 200 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 170) Thur., 4/4, 11, 25; 5/2, 9, 16, 30 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Annex

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg for Beginners

Sybl Falik, experienced Mah Jongg teacher and passionate player, will teach you what "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)
 Mon., 4/29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3, 10 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Annex
 Tue., 4/30; 5/7, 14, 21, 28; 6/4 6 to 8 p.m. Veterans Park School



THE INSTRUCTORS:

- 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.
- Eileen Burton, a long term gardening instructor, is a former Horticultural Manager for a large non-profit and also had a garden design business.
- Zaac Chaves, a mycologist, works on species surveys and has also led walks for NY Botanical Gardens and the National Park Service.

See ridgefieldschools.org for more bio information and summer dates!

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.

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 even 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

Need help understanding how to use your DSLR camera? Is the instruction manual that came with it almost impossible to understand? 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 \$ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 87)
Mon., 4/29; 5/6, 13, 20 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS

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 Lizabeth 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.



7 Sessions \$ 178 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 151)
Mon., 4/1, 8, 29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3 2 to 4 p.m. Annex
Mon., 6/10, 17; 7/8, 15, 22, 29; 8/5 2 to 4 p.m. Annex
Mon., 8/12, 19, 26; 9/9, 16, 23, 30 2 to 4 p.m. Annex
7 Sessions \$ 178 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 151)
Tue., 3/19, 26; 4/2, 9, 23, 30; 5/7 6 to 8 p.m. VP Sch
Tue., 5/14, 21, 28; 6/4, 11, 18; 7/9 6 to 8 p.m. VP Sch/Annex
Tue., 7/16, 23, 30; 8/6, 13, 20, 27 6 to 8 p.m. Annex
Tue., September dates on website 6 to 8 p.m. Annex

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

Interior Design 101

Participants will learn basic design principals for all rooms (living, dining, foyer, bedrooms, family rooms). Designers' tips will also be discussed. This class is designed to be lively and fun and responsive to class members' design interests. Instructor: Linda Keefer.



2 Sessions \$ 39 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 33)
Thur., 4/25 & 5/2 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Zoom

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 7 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 \$ 29 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 25)
Thur., 5/16 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Zoom

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DRAW, CARTOON, PAINT

Creating Cartoons and Comic Strips

By exploring a variety of drawing styles and techniques, different styles of humor, and single panel vs. comic strip formats, students will develop their own cartoon creations showcasing their individual ideas and look. This class focuses on the story idea as much as the art and covers: Words and pictures, and how they work together in a cartoon; characters; conflict; setting, and tone. More at www.ridgefieldschools.org/otherart.html Instructor Michael Canavan provides all materials; a supply fee of \$20 is payable at first class.

Class in progress. Next class available Fall 2024.

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) + mtl.
Wed., 4/3, 10, 24; 5/1, 8, 15 7 to 9 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: <https://ridgefieldschools.org/drawpaint.html>



5 Sessions \$ 135 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 115)
Tue., 3/19, 26; 4/2, 9, 23 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex
Tue., 4/30; 5/7, 14, 21; 6/4 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex
6 Sessions \$ 162 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 138)
Thur., 3/7, 14, 21, 28; 4/4, 11 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex
Thur., 4/25; 5/2, 9, 16, 30; 6/6 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex

GARDENING

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 \$ 39 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 33)
Mon., 4/29 and 5/6 6:30 to 8 p.m. ERMS

THE INSTRUCTORS:See ridgefieldschools.org for what to wear / bring to class, more yoga and summer dates!

- Miriam Zernis is an internationally certified Sivananda Yoga Master with over 20 years of experience teaching yoga.
- Julie Shaw is an IAYT-Certified Yoga Therapist who specializes in adapting yoga practice to meet the individual's need.
- Erin Lutz is a Registered Yoga Teacher (200 hr. RYT) who teaches in this area. She is certified through InnerSpace with Karen Pierce at Yoga Space in Bethel.
- Gwen Roman has taught Tai Chi here for over 16 years. She has trained with Myles MacVane, Alex Dong, Master Bing, and Wang Feng-Ming.
- Rod Barfield, a former NYC teacher, started doing Tai Chi exercises in 1994, has studied under Gwen Roman since Fall 2013 and has taught 5+ years.
- Patricia Anikewich has many group exercise certifications and has taught at many Westchester and Connecticut fitness centers for over 20 years.
- Denise D'Arbonne Nethercott combined her passions for ballroom dance and physical fitness and became certified in LaBlast® Fitness in 2019.
- Ellen Russow and Steve Parker have been line dancing for over 27 years and teaching for over 15.
- Natalie Mazzola, former amateur 10 dance champion and long term teacher at Vitti's School of Dance in Danbury, has a fun, no stress class.

YOGA ~ DAY & EVENING

Bring mat, towel or blanket, and water bottle.

Morning Yoga Kickstart with Miriam Zernis

Get your day started with a positive, calm mental attitude and a un-kinked body in this class based on the undiluted, classical and holistic approach to yoga as a complete healing system. Students will move systematically through warmups, sun salutations and a short sequence of powerful poses to tone and strengthen all the muscle groups of the body. A deep and healing guided relaxation at the end of practice leaves you feeling relaxed and rejuvenated.



6 Sessions \$ 77 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 65)
Mon., 3/11, 18, 25; 4/1, 8, 22 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Annex

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 Viniyoga class. Viniyoga is an authentic lineage of yoga based on the teachings of T. Krishnamācārya. 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. Makeup, if needed is 4/10 or 6/5.

7 Sessions \$ 89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 76)
Wed., 2/7, 14, 28; 3/6, 20, 27; 4/3 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. VPSch
Wed., 4/24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/12 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. VPSch
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

Summer dates to be determined.

Gentle Flow Yoga with Erin Lutz

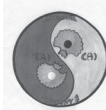
For beginner/intermediate students looking to deepen their yoga practice. Explore the fundamentals of a flowing yoga practice (vinyasa) and traditional poses and end with a deep relaxation (Savasana). Benefits include increased strength, mobility, flexibility along with improved circulation and stress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

8 Sessions \$ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 87)
Mon., 4/8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3, 10 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. ERMS

TEACHERS WANTED - call (203) 431-2812 or email: ridgefieldcontinuingeducation@gmail.com

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., 1/31; 2/7, 14, 28; 3/6, 20, 27; 4/3 6 to 6:50 p.m. ERMS
Wed., 4/24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12 6 to 6:50 p.m. ERMS

8 Sessions \$ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 87)
Fri., 3/1, 8, 15, 22; 4/5, 12, 26; 5/3 11 a.m. to 12 noon Annex
Fri., 5/10, 17, 31; 6/7, 14; 7/12, 19, 26 11 a.m. to 12 noon Annex

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.).

8 Sessions \$ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 87)
Wed., 1/31; 2/7, 14, 28; 3/6, 20, 27; 4/3 5 to 5:50 p.m. ERMS
Wed., 4/24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12 5 to 5:50 p.m. ERMS
Fri., 3/1, 8, 15, 22; 4/5, 12, 26; 5/3 10 to 11 a.m. Annex
Fri., 5/10, 17, 31; 6/7, 14; 7/12, 19, 26 10 to 11 a.m. Annex

Tai Chi Exercises (Beginner):**the Natural Way to Promote Health**

Learn 35 basic Tai Chi exercises that promote health, stress relief, concentration, balance, coordination and internal organ massage. Based on *Step by Step Tai Chi: the Natural Way to Strength and Healing* by Master Lam Kam Chuen. Bring two 2-3 pound weights. Rod Barfield.

7 Sessions \$ 89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 76)
Tue., 1/30; 2/6, 13, 27; 3/5, 12, 19 10 to 11 a.m. Zoom
Tue., 3/26; 4/2, 9, 23, 30; 5/7, 14 10 to 11 a.m. Zoom
Tue., 5/21, 28; 6/4, 11, 18, 25; 7/9 10 to 11 a.m. Zoom
Tue., 7/16, 23, 30; 8/6, 13, 20, 27 10 to 11 a.m. Zoom

8 Sessions \$ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 87)
Wed., 1/30; 2/7, 14, 28; 3/6, 13, 20, 27 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. ERMS
Wed., 4/3, 10, 24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. ERMS
Wed., 6/12, 26; 7/10, 17, 24, 31; 8/7, 14 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. ERMS

7 Sessions \$ 89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 76)
Thur., 2/8, 15, 29; 3/7, 14, 21, 28 10 to 11 a.m. Annex
Thur., 4/4, 11, 25; 5/2, 9, 16, 30 10 to 11 a.m. Annex
Thur., 6/6, 13, 20; 7/11, 18, 25; 8/1 10 to 11 a.m. Annex
Thur., 8/8, 15, 22, 29; 9/12, 19, 26 10 to 11 a.m. Annex

CHAKRAS - See page 5 for New Class!

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., 3/13, 20, 27; 4/3, 10 7:15 to 8 p.m. Veterans Park Sch
Wed., 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7:15 to 8 p.m. Veterans Park Sch

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., 3/13, 20, 27; 4/3, 10 8:05 to 8:50 p.m. Vet. Park Sch
Wed., 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 8:05 to 8:50 p.m. Vet. Park Sch

**COMPLETE WORKOUTS****Total Body Reset**

Learn to exercise smarter, not harder with this all in one workout to tone and tighten your body. Weights 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.
7 Sessions \$ 89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 76)
Tue., 2/13, 27; 3/5, 12, 19, 26; 4/2 5:45 to 6:35 p.m. VP Sch.
Tue., 4/9, 23, 30; 5/7, 14, 21, 28 5:45 to 6:35 p.m. VP Sch.
Summer dates to be determined.

**Barre - Lates with Pat Anikewich**

A fusion of Barre work and classical Pilates. Lengthen, tone and condition your core using light weights. All fitness levels welcome. Bring water and 2 pound weights. Zoom available.
7 Sessions \$ 83 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 71)
Tue., 4/2, 9, 23, 30; 5/7, 14, 21 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. VP Sch.

Full Body Strength and Cardio Workout

A classic workout for all levels to get or keep you in shape. Strength and conditioning exercises help you shed excess fat as you build strength, endurance, and balance. Cardio exercises will promote lean muscle and maintain caloric burn during and after workout. Modifications provided. Zoom available. Instructor: Patricia Anikewich. Bring a light weights, mat, towel, water. Makeup added to the end.
8 Sessions \$ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 87)
Thur., 2/8, 15, 29; 3/7, 14, 21; 4/4, 11 6 to 7 p.m. VP Sch.
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 energizing. 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.

7 Sessions \$ 83 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 71)
Mon., 1/29; 2/5, 12, 26; 3/4, 11, 18 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. ERMS
Mon., 3/25; 4/1, 8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. ERMS

LINE DANCE**Line Dance for Beginners**

The ideal workout. Burn fat 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., 2/28; 3/6, 13, 20, 27; 4/3 7 to 8 p.m. ERMS
Wed., 4/24; 5/1, 8, 22, 29; 6/5 (not 5/15) 7 to 8 p.m. ERMS

Contact Information: Phone: (203) 431-2812
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THE INSTRUCTORS:

See ridgefieldschools.org for more bio information and summer dates!

- Lynn-Marie Wieland is a lithic (stone tools) archaeologist specializing in southern New England prehistory with an emphasis on the Indians of the Ridgefield area. She minored in Meso American Archaeology and has traveled extensively in Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras.
- Nancy Maxwell, a Cornell graduate and history teacher for over 30 years, shares many anecdotes that give humanity and life to the historical figures.
- Tom Elliott, a long term guitar teacher to participants of all ages; more bio at www.ridgefieldschools.org/music.html
- Michael Canavan is the author of 2 novels, a collection of short stories, and nearly a dozen nonfiction books. He has taught writing many times.
- Justine Reiss is an experienced Voice Over Coach from Such a Voice. She enjoys sharing all that she has learned with others.

ARCHAEOLOGY - MESO AMERICA

The Rise of Civilization in Meso America ~ the Olmecs and the Zapotecs

Before pyramids appeared in Egypt, they were being built in Mexico, by people who had no written language, and used only stone tools. One by one, civilizations in Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, and Belize rose and fell. In this course, we will look at hunter gatherers, the beginning of agriculture and small farming communities, and how they morphed into the first cities of the Olmecs, and the empire of the Zapotecs. Instructor: Lynn-Marie Wieland.



3 Sessions \$ 77 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 65)
Wed., 3/6, 13, 20 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Annex + Zoom (hybrid)

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

This course follows the people of Teotihuacan, the Mayans, the Toltec, 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. Instructor: Justine Reiss.

1 Session \$ 31 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 26)
Mon., 5/13 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS

♫ GUITAR - ACOUSTIC ♪

Introduction to Acoustic Guitar

This beginners class will assist you in acquiring the technique you'll need to deal with the melodic, harmonic and rhythmic possibilities of this most widely played instrument. How to get those favorite tunes from your ears to your fingers is the question we'll try to answer for you. Participants need a playable acoustic guitar and you'll receive guidance as to how to make your instrument easier to play. Other materials needed are on the web site ridgefieldschools.org/music.html. Also, a materials fee of \$15-17 is payable to the instructor at the first class. Instructor: Tom Elliott.



8 Sessions \$171 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$152) +\$mtls.
Wed., 4/24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12 7 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS

HISTORY

The Creation of Italy

Florence, Naples, Rome and Venice did not all join Italy willingly! It took a combination of the wily statesman Camillo Cavour, the political activism of the secret revolutionary Giuseppe Mazzini, and the romantic nationalism of Giuseppe Garibaldi – none of whom wanted to work together, plus Napoleon III and Bismarck had something to add. Nancy Maxwell will discuss the personalities and events that led to a unified Italy in 1871.

1 Session \$ 29 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$25)
Tue., 3/12 1:30 to 3 p.m. Zoom

The Creation of Germany

Germany's path to unification in 1871 was blocked by many small holdings ruled by independent noble families and surrounded by the powerful states of Austria and France. It took the rise of Otto von Bismarck, with his cunning, wisdom, and political acuity, to overcome these obstacles. This class considers the events and personalities that led to Germany's creation. Instructor: N. Maxwell.

1 Session \$ 29 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$25)
Tue., 3/19 1:30 to 3 p.m. Zoom

Franz Joseph: the Last Habsburg Emperor

Born into a dynasty steeped in centuries of power and tradition but also teetering on the brink of collapse, Franz Joseph inherited and managed to hold together a sprawling, disparate empire that cried for reform and a dysfunctional family that suffered from the effects of intrigue and inbreeding, but the end of his long reign saw the destruction of everything. His life is a gripping tale of duty, power, politics, love, and loss, all played out on the world stage. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

1 Session \$ 29 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$25)
Tue., 3/26 1:30 to 3 p.m. Zoom

World War I, Versailles, and Aftermath

The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria in June of 1914 triggered a chain of events that culminated in a 4 year global war. By its end, three empires had collapsed, European society had been irrevocably changed, and a new map was drawn. When hostilities ended in 1918, the peacemakers faced enormous challenges. The geopolitical face of Europe been irrevocably changed by the war; there were cries for revenge and retribution; and a delicate new balance of power had to be established. How World War I come about? Was it inevitable? What were the primary goals of "the big 3" - Georges Clemenceau, Lloyd George, and Woodrow Wilson at Versailles? Were the seeds of World War II indeed planted in the ensuing peace treaties? This course will cover the alliances, personalities, and political ideals that shaped the course of events of World War I and its aftermath. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

3 Sessions \$ 77
(Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 65)
Tue., 4/2, 9, 23 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Zoom

The Mitford Family and War II ~ a Tale of Passion and Pathos

The socially prominent Mitford sisters broke rank with their class and became, individually, fervent communists, fascists, Nazis, plus a duchess, and a writer. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

1 Session \$ 31 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 26)
Tue., 4/30 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Zoom

HISTORY ~ WORLD WAR II

World War II and the Cold War

Only twenty years after the horrors and devastation of World War I, and the lessons learned from it, the world went to war again. Did the terms of the Treaty of Versailles provoke this? What was the appeasement policy of the 1930's? An examination of these events as well as the stages, operations, and theaters of the war will help us understand how the very alliance that secured victory over the Axis powers evolved into the deadly arms race and threats of the ensuing Cold War. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

3 Sessions \$ 77 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 65)
Tue., 5/7, 14, 21 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Zoom

WRITING

Writing a Novel or Short Story

Participants will learn how to successfully create, develop, or complete their novel or short story by focusing on the basics, such as development of major and minor character backgrounds, scene creation, and a fully developed plot of all the main conflicts and actions of your story, building scenes that move your story ahead through first, second, and final drafts. Instructor: Michael Canavan.

6 Sessions \$ 153 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 130)
Mon., 4/1, 8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13 7 to 9 p.m. ERMS

Online Courses Via



Visit www.ridgefieldschools.org and click online 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 from Python to QuickBooks to Web Design to Graphics . .

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

Test Prep: SAT/ACT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, GED

Courses Such As: ESL, Business, Accounting, Publishing, Health Care, Languages, Grant Writing

GOLF

Indoor Golf for Beginners

Visit ridgefieldschools.org/sports.html or phone (203) 431-2812 for dates and more info. Instructor RHS Coach Jo Rasmussen.



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THE INSTRUCTORS:See ridgefieldschools.org/language.html for more dates and information!

- Elhem Lansberg was born in and grew up in the French Alps. She holds degrees in French Literature and Law and has taught every level with Alliance Française.
- Jean Viannes is a native French speaker. He retired from IBM in France and the U.S. and is now sharing his knowledge by teaching and tutoring French.
- Nancy Maxwell was a teacher and school counselor in Switzerland for over 20 years and traveled extensively in Europe, particularly France.
- Sylvana Serravezza is a native of Venice and teacher of Italian for many years at local universities and in Ridgefield Continuing Education.
- Karen Wolfinger is a native of Germany and has worked in the U.S. for over 20 years. She teaches at the German School of CT, and also military personnel.
- Sabine Dolo is a native of Germany and has taught German in the U.S. for over 10 years. She also teaches at the German School of CT.
- Oscar Vargas, Colombia native, has lived here since 1969, worked in international business, traveled extensively, and taught Spanish for over 28 years.
- Robert Roehr lived in Spain for 5 years and has extensive experience teaching Spanish and ESL to adults and returned to Ridgefield CE last year.
- Michael Canavan is the author of 2 novels, a collection of short stories, and nearly a dozen nonfiction books. He has taught writing many times.

FRENCHText and more info at <https://ridgefieldschools.org/french.html>**French: Beginner 1, 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)
Please call or email to be added to notification list.

French: Beginner, Parts 1a and 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. . . The students will discover how English and French are similar in their structure and vocabulary. Text is *Learn French the Fast and Fun Way*. Focus will be on listening, written comprehension and short conversation related to everyday life situations with native speaker, Jean Vianes.

7 Sessions (10.5 hours) \$ 150 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 133)
Part 1b - Mon., 4/8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3 6 to 7:30 p.m. ERMS

French for Basic Users - Evening

A continuation of French for Basic Users from this past winter. This class is for students who have rudimentary knowledge of the language and want to consolidate and build on their foundation in an easy, relaxed environment. Through level appropriate reading and listening resources we built vocabulary, practice grammatical constructs, and develop French speaking skills, all while learning about the regions, history, and character of France. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

6 Sessions (9 hours) \$ 128 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 114)
Part b - Mon., 3/25; 4/1, 8, 29; 5/6, 13 5:30 to 7 p.m. Zoom

French: Intermediate, Part 1 - Evening

This class is for people with the equivalent of 3 years of high school French 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.

7 Sessions (7 hours) \$ 100 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 89)
Part 1b - Mon., 4/1, 8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20 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., 4/10, 24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. ERMS

ITALIANMore info at <https://ridgefieldschools.org/italian.html>**Italian: Beginner 1, 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)
Wed., 4/3, 10, 24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. ERMS

Italian: Beginner 1, 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., 4/1, 8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20 7 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS

Italian: Intermediate

Prerequisite Beginner, Parts 1 and 2. Newcomers with some background in the language's basic structure may join. Continue developing skills in listening, comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. Use text above. More at ridgefieldschools.org/italian.html Instructor: Sylvana Serravezza.

7 Sessions (10.5 hours) \$ 150 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 133)
Mon., 4/1, 8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. ERMS

Italian: Advanced Continued

Newcomers with background in the language's basic structure and comfortable with immersion may join. Expand vocabulary and grammar. Discuss culture, food, travel . . . Reading of a short story and independent weekly assignments to be presented and discussed by the class. Text is *Advanced Italian Step-by-Step* by Paola Nanni-Tate. Instructor: S. Serravezza.

7 Sessions (10.5 hours) \$ 150 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 133)
Wed., 4/3, 10, 24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22 7 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS

GERMANMore info and dates at <https://ridgefieldschools.org/german.html>**German: Beginner 1, Part 1**

German and English are closely related and the English language shares 25% of its vocabulary with German. The class 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.

7 Sessions (7 hours) \$ 100 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 89)
Mon., 4/1, 8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20 7 to 8 p.m. Zoom

German: Beginner 2, Part 2

A continuation of Beginner 2, Part 1 from Fall 2023. Newcomers with equivalent experience are welcome. Text at <https://ridgefieldschools.org/german.html> Instructor: Karen Wolfinger.

6 Sessions (9 hours) \$ 128 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 114)
Part 2a - Tue., 2/27; 3/5, 12, 19, 26; 4/2 6:10 to 7:40 p.m. Zoom
Part 2b - Tue., 4/23, 30; 5/7, 14, 21, 28 6:10 to 7:40 p.m. Zoom

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SPANISHText info and dates at <https://ridgefieldschools.org/spanish.html>
Please check website in late March for possible new classes.**Spanish: Beginner, Part 1**

For students new to Spanish. Covers pronunciation, basic vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure and conversation using the present and past tenses. Text is *Easy Spanish Step-by-Step* (McGraw-Hill, 1st or 2nd Edition by Bregstein). Instructor: Robert Roehr.

8 Sessions (12 hours) \$ 171 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 152)
We are putting together a new class. Please call or email to be added to notification list.

Spanish: Beginner, Part 2

A continuation of Beginner, Part 1 (see above). Newcomers with equivalent experience are welcome. Text above. Instructor: Robert Roehr.

8 Sessions (12 hours) \$ 171 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 152)
Wed., 2/7, 14, 28; 3/6, 13, 20, 27; 4/3 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. VP/ERMS
Wed., 4/10, 24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5 7 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS

Spanish: Beginner, Part 3

Continues Part 2 above. Newcomers with equivalent experience are welcome. Text above. Handouts provided. Class discussions and conversations will be emphasized. Instructor Robert Roehr.

8 Sessions (12 hours) \$ 171 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 152)
Wed., 4/10, 24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. ERMS

Spanish: Advanced, Part 2

Continues Advanced, Part 1 from fall. Newcomers with equivalent experience are welcome. Continue focus on pronunciation and vocabulary, and introduce new grammar concepts. Supplementary articles provided based upon class readiness. Class discussions and conversations will be emphasized. Handouts emailed. Instructor: Oscar Vargas.

5 Sessions (10 hours) \$ 143 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 127)
Part 2: Mon., 3/11, 18, 25; 4/1, 8 7 to 9 p.m. Zoom

Spanish: Advanced, Part 3

Continues Advanced, Part 2 from winter. Newcomers with equivalent experience are welcome. Continue focus on pronunciation and vocabulary, and introduce new grammar concepts. Supplementary articles provided based upon class readiness. Class discussions and conversations will be emphasized. Handouts emailed. Instructor: Oscar Vargas.

6 Sessions (12 hours) \$ 171 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 152)
Part 3: Mon., 4/29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3, 10 7 to 9 p.m. Zoom

Spanish: Advanced Conversation

For people who can maintain a conversation in Spanish. Class will be conducted in Spanish and will include review of grammar concepts (as needed), vocabulary, reading and class discussion of current events, articles, and discussion of an assigned movie. Instructor: Oscar Vargas.

6 Sessions (12 hours) \$ 171 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 152)
Thur., 3/7, 14, 21, 28; 4/4, 11 7 to 9 p.m. Zoom
Thur., 4/25; 5/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 7 to 9 p.m. Zoom

THE INSTRUCTORS:

 See ridgefieldschools.org/computer.html for more dates and information!

- Lance Whitney, systems administrator, trainer, technology journalist and author of "Teach Yourself Visually LinkedIn" has also written books on Windows.
- Peggy Bruno has developed computer courses and trained adults in business office software, such as Excel, Access, and PowerPoint for many years.
- Glenna McNally has over 30 years experience in Executive Recruiting and Human Resources Consulting and is owner of GM Career.

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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. Numberformatting, fonts, borders, shading... P. Bruno.

4 hours \$ 80 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 71) (+ \$ 5-6 mtl.)
 Thur., 3/14 & 21 6 to 8 p.m. VP Sch + Z
 Wed/Fri., 4/24 & 26 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Annex + Z
 Tue/Thur., 7/16 & 18 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex + Z

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 mtl.)
 Thur., 4/4 & 11 6 to 8 p.m. VP Sch + Z
 Wed/Fri., 5/1 & 3 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Annex + Z
 Tue/Thur., 7/23 & 25 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex + Z

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, scenarios and more... P. Bruno.

4 hours \$ 80 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 71) (+ \$ 5-6 mtl.)
 Wed., 5/8 & 15 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Annex + Z
 Tue/Thur., 7/30 & 8/1 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex + Z

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 mtl.)
 Thur., 4/25 & 5/2 6 to 8 p.m. VP Sch + Z
 Wed., 7/17 & 24 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Annex + Z

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)
 Fri., 5/17 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex + Z
 Wed., 7/24 1 to 3 p.m. Annex + Z

TECHNOLOGY TUTORIALS

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AI, IPHONE, EBAY, SECURITY, GOOGLE
Artificial Intelligence - AI for Everyone

Tech journalist Lance Whitney will show you the major AI sites — ChatGPT, Bing AI, and Google Bard — and describe how to use them. He'll also provide an overview of AI, explain what it means, and show you how AI can benefit you at work and at home.

2 hours \$ 40 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 36)
 Fri., 4/5 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex + Z
 Wed., 7/10 1 to 3 p.m. Annex + Z

Get the Most Out of Your iPhone

Bring your iPhone (model X and higher), Apple ID, password and charger to class and Lance Whitney will show you how to use e-mail, calendar, maps, and other basic programs. Learn how to take photos and videos, listen to music and podcasts, and organize your apps. We'll also visit Apple's App Store where you can download many free and paid apps.

2 hours \$ 40 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 36)
 Thur., 7/11 1 to 3 p.m. Annex + Z


How to Sell Items on eBay

Prerequisite: Basic computer and Internet skills. eBay seller L. Whitney will show you how to sell used or collectible items successfully on eBay. You'll learn how to: set up accounts with eBay and PayPal; price and prepare the right items for sale; list your items to increase saleability; work with buyers; ship your items, and deal with any issues that arise.

2 hours \$ 40 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 36)
 Thur., 4/25 1 to 3 p.m. Annex + Z
 Fri., 7/19 10 a.m. to 12 noon Annex + Z

Protect Yourself Online ~ CyberSecurity

You can take specific precautions to protect your personal and financial information from exposure as you shop, bank, search, and share online. Learn how to better safeguard your identity, your personal information, and your computer and mobile devices when going online. Instructor: Lance Whitney.

2 hours \$ 40 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 36)
 Thur., 3/14 1 to 3 p.m. Annex + Z
 Wed., 7/31 1 to 3 p.m. Annex + Z

Google Docs

Prerequisite: Basic Internet and Windows skills. L. Whitney shows you how to use Google docs' free, "cloud"-based platform to edit, create and share word processing documents, spreadsheets, and presentations compatible with Microsoft Office. Have your Google account and password ready for class.

2 hours \$ 40 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 36)
 Wed., 4/3 1 to 3 p.m. Annex + Z
 Thur., 7/25 1 to 3 p.m. Annex + Z

PHOTOGRAPHY
iPhone Photography

Want to learn how to take great photos and videos with your iPhone? Lance Whitney will show you how to use all the iPhone's camera features and modes, how to compose and capture the right shots, and how to use certain effects to enhance your photos. We'll also look at the Photos tool on the iPhone to teach you how to edit and organize your photos. Please have your iPhone at class so you can try out the different tools and tricks that we cover.

2 hours \$ 40 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 36)
 Fri., 2/9 10 a.m. to 12 noon Hybrid = Annex + Z
 Wed., 3/13 1 to 3 p.m. Hybrid = Annex + Z
 Thur., 5/9 1 to 3 p.m. Hybrid = Annex + Z
 Thur., 7/18 1 to 3 p.m. Hybrid = Annex + Z

Basic Digital Camera Operation

Need help understanding how to use your DSLR camera? Is the instruction manual that came with it almost impossible to understand? Bring your DSLR or mirrorless camera and manual to this class. See page 5 for more details. Instructor John Zappala has a degree in fine arts and many years of experience as a photographer and photography instructor.

4 Sessions \$ 102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. \$ 87)
 Mon., 4/29; 5/6, 13, 20 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS

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

Glenna McNally helps you analyze your background and job history to improve / target your resume.

Job Search and Interview Techniques ~ 1 on 1

Glenna McNally covers topics such as: Identifying your target job market; contact and followup; cover letters; networking; interviewing skills (including one on one practice).

Introduction to LinkedIn ~ 1 on 1

Lance Whitney shows you how to create or finish your LinkedIn profile to promote achievements, build your network, post updates, ask for recommendations, follow others, and join groups.

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Class 3: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

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