



Ridgefield Prevention Council

AGENDA

Date

August 3, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

RESCHEDULED FROM 7/27/2026

SPECIAL MEETING

Location: ZOOM

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t42a_z7YRWa9yaOhfxCxIQ

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RPC Mission Statement

The Ridgefield Prevention Council supports a safe and healthy environment for all Ridgefield families through awareness, education and positive alternatives to alcohol and other substance use and to reduce high-risk youth behaviors

"Ridgefield Prevention Council meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility."

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at: _____

Attendance

Denise Santangelo
Karen Facini
Kim Carone
Will Knispel
Sarah Lorenzini
Sara Myjak
Jennifer Englert
Blake Santangelo Rodriguez
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Approval Items

A. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve/amend agenda of July 27, 2026
- Motion status:

B. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve June 26, 2026 meeting minutes
- Motion status:

Treasurer's Report

- Presented by: Karen Facini
- **Action:** Approve / Discuss budget status
- Motion status:
- LPC Funds used by June 15? Confirm...

Chairperson Report – Denise Santangelo

Updates (Informational)

- Final LPC report submitted (6/15/26)
- LPC funds – status update
- Board member outreach → inactive members removed; openings available – student openings – Welcome Blake R.
- New appointment: Sara Myjak - Secretary - gave docs to start sending own reports - agenda, minutes, and zoom credentialing for each mtg; Jennifer Englert also now a board member
- Website & social media - Siera

Key Initiatives (Discussion + Action Needed)

SpireBALL (SpireTHERAPY created and sponsored, also RPC Sponsored?)

POINT PERSON: DENISE

- Status of sign-ups
- Insurance needs?
- PTA collaboration w/Mike Bonheim
- **Action:** Point person assigned: Denise + confirm next steps

Annual Community Survey;

POINT PERSON: Kim?

- Should this be distributed annually?
- **Action:** Decide + assign lead

Event Calendar & Budget (2025–2026) - GOOGLE SHEET SHARED

- Review all planned events
 - Identify gaps
 - Review the Google Sheet and select **the two events EACH MEMBER would like to lead and one additional event EACH MEMBER would like to assist with.**
 - **Action: Assign owners + confirm budget alignment**
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Event Reports & Ownership

UPCOMING Events (next 2 months)

Each event must have:

- Budget status
 - Next action step
 - POINT PERSON ASSIGNED TO EACH UPCOMING EVENT
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SpireBALL League

POINT PERSON: DENISE

- Status update
 - Locations (summer/fall/winter)
 - Team formation + uniforms
 - **Action:** Confirm timeline + secure locations
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Pizza Box Campaign (988 Awareness)

POINT PERSON: Kim C.

- STATUS?
 - Sticker progress
 - Lounsbury collaboration
 - **Action:** Finalize production + rollout
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Pizza & Prevention in the Park (Sept 2026)

POINT PERSON: DENISE

- Event concept approved
 - **Action Needed:**
 - Assign full event team
 - Confirm location
 - Begin sponsor outreach
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Suicide Prevention Week (Sept 6–12, 2026)

POINT PERSON:

- Partnership with PRIDE
 - Visibility campaign (banners, press, signage)
 - **Action:** Confirm collaboration + assign media lead
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New Business (Discussion + Assignment Required)

New Hire (Community Collaboration Role) JAMEIS ...

- What should this role accomplish?
 - **Action:** Define responsibilities
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Superintendent & PTA Collaboration

POINT PERSON: DENISE

- Status update
 - **Action:** Assign liaison - Mike Bonheim?
 - HOW CAN WE MAXIMIZE THIS RLSHP TO GET OUR EVENT INFO OUT THERE IN THE SCHOOLS?
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Upcoming Deadlines (Awareness Only)

- June 15: LPC Funds must be used - CONFIRMED?
- July 15: Final report due - SENT.

Future Event Planning

SEE - Event Calendar & Budget (2025–2026)

Open Floor

- Additional ideas / comments

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
- Meeting adjourned at: _____