

Last week we discussed walking to help the Women's Center on their Safe Walk event on October 1st at the Danbury Mall. Last night we continued walking as our speaker was Charlie Taney, Executive Director of the Norwalk River Valley Trail. The Trail is a major project impacting five towns: Norwalk, Wilton, Ridgefield, Redding & Danbury, starting at the Long Island Sound and ending at Rogers Park in Danbury ... 38 miles of accessible trails for everyone. Making it accessible dramatically increases the cost but insures everyone will be able to use it, walkers, runners, bikers and those less mobile in wheelchairs. Our grant is part of the \$20,000 needed to begin the feasibility study for the **Ridgefield Ramble**. Currently large portions are completed in Wilton and highly used. Ridgefield is next. We can help make it happen!

## \$20,000 IS A LOT OF GREEN.

### HELP US RAISE \$20,000 FOR THE RIDGEFIELD RAMBLE

#### What's the Ridgefield Ramble?

A two-mile section of the NRV Trail running north from the intersection of Simpaug Turnpike and Route 7, to Bobby's Court on the Ridgefield/Redding line.

This section offers beautiful vistas along the Norwalk River, a combination of State and Conservation property allowing construction of the NRV Trail.

#### What's the \$20,000 Trail Plan?

A comprehensive plan for this two-mile section, prepared by Timber & Stone, NRV's trail builder.

The plan will include mapping of the trail route, construction standards and designs, lists of materials, permitting requirements and a construction cost estimate.

#### What's the timeline?

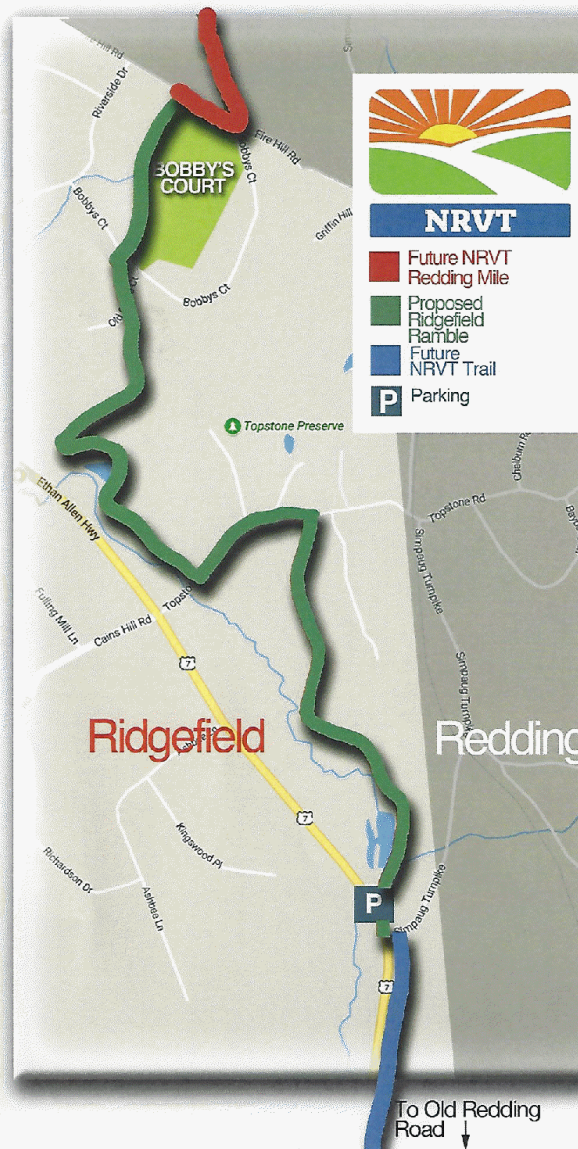
The NRV Trail aims to raise the \$20,000 and complete the Trail Plan in 2017, with further fundraising and trail construction beginning in 2018.

#### How to Give:

Use the address below for your tax deductible contribution.  
Or go to [www.nrv-trail.com/donate](http://www.nrv-trail.com/donate)

Email questions to  
Charlie Taney, [ctaney@nrv-trail.com](mailto:ctaney@nrv-trail.com)

Please Contribute:  
Mail your tax deductible donation to:  
Friends of the NRV Trail, Inc  
PO Box 174  
Georgetown, CT 06829



Joe Cleary continues the streak of informative and enjoyable Trivias!  
"Cars and Where You Can Go"

It is always amazing how much information our members have on such diverse subjects!  
Who knew that Rolls Royce had a plant in America!



## Hurricane Harvey Hits Home

### DGE Larry Gardner's In-Laws live in Rockport, TX

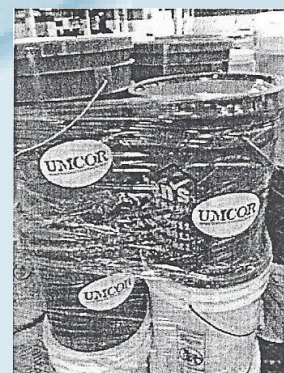
*We all have been listening to the news coming out of Texas regarding the devastation that Hurricane Harvey has caused and continues to wreak havoc throughout the area. As it turns out Larry's in-laws live in Rockport, Texas which is one of the communities that was among those most affected. He has visited the Rotary club there and knows several members. He reached out to them regarding how we might be of assistance. They are still in a state of upheaval and many are actually living in other cities and will be for the foreseeable future. He is connecting with the club member there who will be coordinating relief efforts and we will work through the Rotary Club of Rockport. (We should help Larry with this initiative. Editor's opinion)*

*In the meantime, clubs or individuals wishing to make a donation can send it to the District 7980 Rotary Foundation, c/o Paul Mangels PO Box 408. Milford, CT 06460. Please note - Texas relief in the notation line on the check. As public concern is so great, this might be a good opportunity to do a small fundraiser that will allow the community to participate in our efforts - and show how much we are "Rotary - Making a Difference".*

Thanks so much. YiRS, DG Trish



Meanwhile, Kathy Graham, in conjunction with Ridgefield Hardware, has put together a Texas clean-up program. A 5 gallon container will be filled with at least 15 cleaning products that will be greatly needed when the water subsides. Unless you've experienced flooding you cannot imaging the difficulty in cleaning up.



The Club voted last night to divide Happy Dollars & 50/50 proceeds between the Clean-up project and Larry's Rockport initiative.

Sue Manning advised that the Thrift Shop has a lot of good clothes that it's willing to donate if they can find a shipping solution.



### Meals on Wheels "thank you"

August 24, 2017

Robert Herber, President  
Rotary Club of Ridgefield  
P.O. Box 41  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Dear Robert:

On behalf of the Meals on Wheels of Ridgefield Board of Directors, our volunteers and our clients, I'd like to thank you for your generous \$1,500 contribution from the Rotary Club. We greatly appreciate the support we get from organizations such as yours, which allow us to continue our program and provide over 20,000 meals to those in need in our community.

Your contribution will cover the cost of the complimentary holiday meal that we provide to all clients, as well as help subsidize the cost of meals we provide to the most needy in our community.

Also, many thanks to Bill Wyman who took the time to come to our August board meeting and hand deliver our award. We were very happy to hear that the Rotary Club would like to deliver the holiday meal again this year. Our clients will be thrilled - your team made such a wonderful impression last time!

If you would like any other information on our organization or if you'd like to arrange a tour of our facilities for your members, please don't hesitate to let me know. I can be reached at 203-733-1847 or [appel.phyllis@gmail.com](mailto:appel.phyllis@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

*Phyllis Appel*  
Phyllis Appel  
Chairman, Development  
Meals on Wheels of Ridgefield



**Rotary**  
Club of Ridgefield



**Supporting  
Ridgefield's Food Pantry**

**Thank you for your donation!**

**The Stop &  
Shop Banner  
courtesy of Chris  
Hammershoy of**



32 Portland Avenue  
Redding, CT 06896

and the creativity of Jim Koch

## We Do Make a Difference!

Stay connected at [ridgefieldrotary.org](http://ridgefieldrotary.org)



# Speakers & Events

What We Do Does Matter!!

## Speaker/Trivia Responsibility & Events

Fri Sept 1	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Sat Sep 2	9:30 - 4	Food Drive—Barbara Lane <a href="mailto:barbara.lane7@gmail.com">barbara.lane7@gmail.com</a> WE NEED VOLUNTEERS	Stop & Shop
Sun Sep 3	3pm	Rotary Picnic	Bodner's
Mon Sep 4	NEWTOWN LABOR DAY PARADE		
Wed Sep 6	6:30pm	Terri Eickel, CT Cancer F /Joel	121
Sun Sep 10	9:30am	Alzheimer Walk—West Conn West Track	
Mon Sept 11	6:30pm	Board Meeting	Lounsbury
Wed Sep 13	6:30pm	Ron The Great Magician/Eileen	TBD
Fri Sep 15	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Wed Sep 20	6:30pm	Kimberly Beck, Asst Supt, Rgfld Sch/Kristina	TBD
Wed Sep 27	6:30pm	Paul/Ralph	TBD
Sun Oct 1	8:30-10:30am	Women's Center Safe Walk	Danbury Mall



## August Birthdays

Paul Fitzpatrick 3rd

## August Wedding Anniversaries

Mike & Kerri Austin 17

Rainer & Roxana 19

## August Membership Anniversaries

Pat Cooney 7

Kathy Graham 4

Joe Cleary 3

Robert Herber 3 our Club