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Ridgewood Water Receives Leadership Award

Yolanda McCollom of Ridgewood Water (second from left) recently attended the American Water Works Association's Annual Conference & Exposition in Washington, D.C., for the Lead Service Line Collaborative's Honoring Excellence in Lead Service Line Replacement Initiative awards ceremony. Sixteen individuals and/or groups from around the country received awards. The Jersey Water Works Lead Service Line Implementation Workgroup received the **Policy Innovation and Leadership Award**. Ridgewood Water was a founding member of the JWW LSL Implementation Workgroup, with Director Richard Calbi Jr. initially serving as co-chair. McCollom has served as co-chair since 2025, participating in monthly workgroup meetings and water industry conferences to share LSL Replacement Program strategies.

Ridgewood Water Offices Closed on July 3

In observance of Independence Day, Ridgewood Water offices will be closed on Friday, July 3. Please note that our water system operators are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week and remain available for water-related emergencies. If you experience a water emergency, please **call 201-670-5520, extension 8**.

Raise Your Mower Blade to 3 Inches or Higher

Raising your mower blade to at least 3 inches can significantly improve your lawn's ability to retain moisture, helping you maintain a healthy lawn while reducing outdoor water use.

Longer grass blades:

- Reduce evaporation
- Promote deeper roots
- Improve drought tolerance
- Suppress weeds
- Reduce heat stress

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Ridgewood Water Hosts NJDEP

Ridgewood Water was pleased to welcome representatives from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to the **Ames PFAS Treatment Facility in Wyckoff** for an educational tour led by Director Richard Calbi.

During the visit, Calbi provided an overview of the facility's granular activated carbon treatment process and Ridgewood Water's proactive efforts to reduce regulated PFAS compounds in treated drinking water to undetectable levels by the first quarter of 2027.

PFAS Treatment Partnership

NJIT's Center for Translational Research facilitated an introduction between Ridgewood Water and **PFASolve** this past year. "PFASolve is developing a testing method that delivers results in just 24 hours, compared to our current turnaround time of two weeks or more," said Richard Calbi, director of Ridgewood Water. In addition, PFASolve is exploring ways to extend the life of the granular activated carbon filters used in Ridgewood Water's PFAS Treatment Facilities. "Having access to the latest technology for PFAS remediation is critical to serving our communities' need for safe water," Calbi continued. "Collaborating with PFASolve can help us become a model for other utilities and providers."

Is Your Rain Sensor Working?

Did you know that all automatic irrigation systems are required by ordinance to have a functioning rain sensor? A properly working rain sensor automatically shuts off your sprinkler system when it rains, preventing unnecessary watering and helping to conserve our water supply. Please take a few minutes to **inspect your rain sensor** and make sure it's operating correctly.

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New Well Drilled and Online

It may look unassuming, but this is a powerful addition to Ridgewood Water's system. We're pleased to announce that **Marr Well in Wyckoff is online**.

With the addition of Marr Well, Ridgewood Water operates 53 groundwater wells. The new well is capable of producing more than **500,000 gallons of water per day**, or approximately 15 million gallons each month, helping strengthen the reliability and resilience of our water supply for the communities we serve.

PFAS Free by First Quarter of 2027

Ridgewood Water continues to make significant progress in our effort to remove PFAS from the drinking water supply. **Eleven of Ridgewood Water's 12 new PFAS treatment facilities will be fully operational by the end of 2026.**

Seven treatment facilities are already online, and four more are on track for completion by the end of this year. The final facility, delayed due to an NJDEP-required archaeological study, is expected to become operational in the first quarter of 2027.

When the system-wide project is complete, all regulated **PFAS compounds in Ridgewood Water's treated water will be reduced to undetectable levels**, surpassing the EPA's drinking water standard of 4 parts per trillion.

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Hydrant Inspections Are Underway

Hydrant inspections are underway across the Ridgewood Water service area. Every year, Ridgewood Water inspects all **1,767 fire hydrants** to ensure they are in proper working condition and ready when firefighters need them most.

Some of the items checked during the inspection include:

- Obstructions that could interfere with hydrant operation
- Cracked or missing caps
- Leaky or broken nozzles, gaskets and valves
- Main valve leaks
- Water flow

These inspections help identify maintenance needs before they become problems, ensuring our hydrants remain reliable for emergency response and protecting the long-term integrity of the water distribution system.

Sign Up for WaterSmart!

Want to better understand how your household uses water? WaterSmart gives you powerful tools to monitor your water use, detect leaks and manage your account, all at no cost.

1. Track your water use with detailed insights into when and where you're using the most water. (Many customers are surprised the first time they see their daily water use in gallons!)
2. Get personalized water-saving tips tailored to your household.
3. Set a goal to reduce your water use by 20% and track your progress.
4. Receive alerts about possible leaks so you can catch problems early.
5. View and pay your bill safely and securely through the easy-to-use online portal or mobile app.
6. It's free! **Sign up at: https://ridgewoodnj.watersmart.com/index.php/welcome**

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Lead Service Line Policy Innovation Award

The Jersey Water Works Lead Service Line Implementation Work Group has received an official resolution from the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly recognizing the group's pioneering policy innovation and leadership in water infrastructure safety.

The **Lead Service Line Replacement Policy Innovation Award** recognizes policy changes that help advance lead service line replacement and address critical implementation challenges, including securing funding, engaging absentee landlords and developing innovative payment options for homeowners.

Ridgewood Water Engineer Yolanda McCollom (second from left) serves as co-chair of the work group, helping to guide this important statewide effort. She is pictured with (left to right) Assemblyman Gary Schaer; Mike Furrey, Jersey Water Works; and Deandrah Cameron, New Jersey Future.

628 Lead Service Lines Replaced

From July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, Ridgewood Water has replaced **628 lead service lines**. Does yours need to be replaced? We are now enrolling customers in Phase 2 of our Lead Service Line Replacement Program, with approximately 300 spots currently available. Learn more about the program at **leadreplacement.ridgewoodnj.net**.

Upcoming Roadwork

Next week, weather permitting, milling will begin on the streets in **Midland Park** where raw water mains were recently installed. Please refer to the schedule shown and plan accordingly.

In early to mid-September, Ridgewood Water will be upgrading critical water main infrastructure along Glen Avenue in **Midland Park and Ridgewood** to improve water flow from the new pump station on East Glen Avenue. Stay tuned for more details!

ROADS AFFECTED	MILLING	PAVING
Waldo Avenue • Fairhaven Drive • Highwood Avenue	8/17	8/24
Vreeland Avenue • Payne Avenue • Prospect Street	8/18	8/25
Center Street • Chestnut Street • Witte Drive • Greenwood Avenue • Birch Street	8/19	8/26
Godwin Avenue	8/20	8/27

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Employee Spotlight

Vincent DiLieto recently joined Ridgewood Water as Superintendent, bringing more than 15 years of experience in the water industry. A Rutgers University graduate, he previously served as a utility foreman for Monroe Township, where he earned his T4 and W4 licenses and gained extensive experience in water treatment, distribution and collection systems.

In his new role, Vincent oversees Ridgewood Water's distribution and treatment divisions, which encompass 53 wells and 31 treatment facilities currently being consolidated into 12 state-of-the-art facilities by the first quarter of 2027.

A public servant at heart, he has volunteered as a firefighter for more than 20 years and is also a water and wastewater course instructor at a local community college.

Vincent looks forward to leading a talented team, supporting operational excellence and helping to protect public health for the communities that Ridgewood Water serves. Congratulations to Vincent on his new role, and welcome to the Ridgewood Water team!

Are You Ready to Go Native?

Choosing native plants instead of grass is a smart way to create a healthier, more sustainable yard. Consider this:

1. Native plants are adapted to our local climate and soil, so they need less watering, fertilizer, pesticides and maintenance once established.

2. They provide essential food and shelter for pollinators, birds and other wildlife.

3. Their roots help reduce erosion, absorb rainwater and filter pollutants, while the reduced need for fertilizers and pesticides helps keep waterways cleaner.

4. Native plants aren't just for wildflower meadows. They can work well in foundation beds, borders, ground covers, woodland gardens and more.

For more information about plants native to New Jersey, visit **jerseyyards.org** or **npsnj.org.**

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Ensuring Safety and Trust

Ridgewood Water is committed to the safety and trust of the customers we serve. All Ridgewood Water employees carry **photo ID cards** and drive vehicles clearly marked with our logo, making it easy to identify legitimate personnel whether they are performing routine maintenance, responding to service calls or working on an infrastructure project. If you have any doubts, simply ask to see the employee's Ridgewood Water ID. A legitimate employee will be happy to show it.

Water Conservation Reminder

Summer may be winding down, but water conservation is still important. A statewide drought warning remains in effect, and continued conservation is essential as we head into September.

Please continue to follow Ridgewood Water's two-day watering schedule:

- Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesdays and Saturdays
- Even-numbered addresses: Wednesdays and Sundays
- No automatic lawn watering: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays
- Automatic irrigation hours: 3:00 to 7:00 am

Thank you for continuing to use water wisely. Every gallon saved makes a difference!

Is Your Toilet a Water Thief?

Did you know that a leaking toilet can waste **200 gallons of water a day**? Be sure to check your toilets for leaks and make repairs promptly. One simple way to test for a leak is to place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color appears in the bowl without flushing, you likely have a leak. Free leak-detection tablets are also available from Ridgewood Water. Call 201-670-5520 to request yours.

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Glen Avenue Water Main Project Coming Up

As part of Ridgewood Water's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality drinking water and maintaining reliable infrastructure, we will soon begin a major water main improvement project along Glen Avenue, from Highwood Avenue in Midland Park to Oak Street in Ridgewood.

The project will include replacing and upsizing aging water mains, as well as replacing water service connections, all within the public right-of-way. Homes within the construction area will be connected to a temporary above-ground water system while work is underway. Montana Construction, Inc., the project contractor, will notify affected homeowners in advance before their water service is transferred to the temporary system.

Construction is scheduled to begin on or about **Monday, September 21, 2026**, starting in Midland Park, and is expected to be completed in four to six months. Work will take place on weekdays between **7:00 am and 6:00 pm**.

Traffic delays, detours and periodic road closures are expected. **Please plan ahead, allow extra travel time and use alternate routes when possible.** Residents who live within the active construction area will continue to have access to their homes, and streets will reopen at the end of each workday.

Once the new water mains are installed, Montana will contact individual homeowners before replacing the Ridgewood Water-owned portion of the water service line serving their property. The contractor also will restore driveways, sidewalks, lawn areas and other features disturbed by the construction. Final roadway paving is expected to take place in spring or summer 2027.

We recognize that a project of this size will cause temporary inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation while these important improvements are completed.

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NJ Drinking Water Quality Institute Visits

Ridgewood Water was pleased to host a meeting of the **New Jersey Drinking Water Quality Institute** yesterday. Under the purview of the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Institute members study, evaluate and recommend Maximum Contaminant Levels, or standards, for hazardous contaminants in drinking water.

Ridgewood Water Director Richard Calbi (left) has been an active member of the Institute since 2020 and serves on its Treatment Subcommittee.

Following the meeting, members toured Ridgewood Water headquarters and the Ames PFAS Treatment Facility, where they had an opportunity to see Ridgewood Water's state-of-the-art PFAS treatment program firsthand.

Eastside Nears the Finish Line

The Salem Well was recently connected to the **Eastside PFAS Treatment Facility**, marking the final well connection and one of the last major steps toward bringing the facility online.

Ridgewood Water expects the facility to be operational by the end of 2026, providing an additional **720,000 gallons per day** of PFAS-free water to the communities we serve.

Glen Avenue Booster Station Update

The Glen Avenue Booster Station Project is entering its final phase. On or about **Monday, September 28**, Ridgewood Water will begin replacing the 100-year-old water mains beneath Glen Avenue - from Highwood Avenue in Midland Park to Oak Street in Ridgewood - and connecting them to the new system already in place. Work will begin in Midland Park and take place on **weekdays between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm**. Sections of Glen Avenue will need to be fully or partially closed throughout the project. Police officers will be on site to assist with traffic control and detours. Please plan ahead and allow extra travel time. Thank you for your patience as we complete this critical infrastructure project.

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