

CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS CONTINUED

RIDGELY LIONS PREPARE FOR 39TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (Ridgely, MD, May 2018) –On Sunday May 27, 2018

The Ridgely Lions Club will host the 39th Annual Strawberry Festival at Martin Sutton Memorial Park in Ridgely MD from 8am to 5pm. This annual event is the largest fundraiser for the Ridgely Lions Club. The Lions partner with many of the community's volunteer and service organizations to make it one of Caroline County's premier events. All proceeds raised by the Lions Club through the festival are used to support community service projects and local charities.

Activities get started early when the 8th Annual Strawberry Chase 5K Fun Run and Walk gets underway at 8am. Sponsored this year by the Ridgely Lions Club with support and sponsorship from the Caroline County Department of Recreation & Parks, American Legion Caroline Post #29, Tents 4 Rent, Advantage Rehab, Inc., the Meoli Companies, Chincoteague Pony Rescue, Delmarva Business Network, Farmer John's Produce, Ridgely Elementary School PTA, Joanne Shipley Designs, the Lions Clubs of Caroline County and the Kent Island & Queenstown Lions Clubs. All proceeds from the Strawberry Chase are donated to support the Maryland Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Caroline County Super Summer Day Camp Scholarships. For more information go to www.ridgelylions.org or contact Lion Dave Davis at 443-786-2547 or email to the ridgelylions@verizon.net.

You can pre-register on-line at www.carolinerecreation.org for the Strawberry Chase 5K Run/Walk for \$20 until May 25. After May 25 fees for all runners and walkers will be \$25.00. Kids age 12 yrs and younger can register for \$10. You can also register as a sleepwalker for \$25 and support the Ronald McDonald House and Caroline Super Sumer Camp from the comfort of your bed.

The Strawberry Festival kicks off at 9am with a non-denominational church service led by the Fish Locker Ministries. At 10am the festival gets into full swing with musical entertainment, food and craft vendors open for business and the children's entertainment area opens. Musical entertainment scheduled for this year will include "Bowers and Stramella (60's, 70's & 80's Greats Hits) Sponsored by Sandwood Corporation of Ridgely, "The Fabulous Stickmen" - Classic Rock & Power Pop Sponsored By Brightview Electrical of Severn, Md. "Choptank River Big Band" sponsored by Steve Roberson Plumbing – Queens-town, Md, and rounding out the day will be "Flatland Drive" - (The Finest Bluegrass in the Area) sponsored by Bill Towers Concrete of Denton, Md. For more info on the festival schedule go to www.ridgelylions.org or Ridgely Lions Club on Face book.

At noon the Strawberry Festival Parade kicks off on Bell St. and ends at Martin Sutton Park. If you'd like to participate in the parade contact Lion Jerry Sutton at 410-634-2129 or at ridgelylions@verizon.net. The afternoon continues with raffle drawings, awards for the best parade entries, and presentation of the 2018 Ridgely Lions scholarships. If you're looking for a day filled with good wholesome fun, delicious food and entertainment, then the Ridgely Lions Club's 39th Annual Strawberry Festival is the place to be.

Lions clubs are groups of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Ridgely Lions Club, please contact Lion John Voshell at 410-634-2214 or [jevoshell@comcast.net](mailto:jvoshell@comcast.net) or at ridgelylions@verizon.net.