



Ridgefield Prevention Council

Special Meeting

Date Jan 29, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time

Location

Topic: RPC MONTHLY MEETING

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AGENDA

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."

1. Call to Order @

2. Attendees:

- Name: DENISE SANTANGELO
- Name:
- Name:
- Name:
- Name:
- Name:

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to Approve or Amend the Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to Approve or Amend the November 2025 Meeting
- Minutes.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- currently have

6. Reports/Discussion:

- Chairperson's Report by Denise Santangelo
 - Pizza & Prevention Sept -ongoing event?
 - SpireBALL SignUps Live - RPC sponsorship-
 - Local Prevention Council Grant Final Report - completed and submitted by Kim Carone to Conor Burke @ cburke@wctcoalition.org
 - Quarterly Reoprt sent to Conor Burk - 1/27/26.
 - Grant for Vaping/Smoking Awareness
 - Survey Sent out to Town - Denise created new survey, approved by Karen F. and Kim C. and sent to Town - Gillian for dissemination.
 - Review Event Dates/Calendar Plan & Budget info for 25-26 - continue to review, assign volunteers, and budget;
 - Hired Siera to do website and Social Media presence.
 - WEBSITE LOOKS GREAT - CHANGING COLORS AND NEW LOGO POSSIBILTY...Siera to do options for us
- Events Upcoming - Reports & Budget by Each of the Coordinator's per their events:
 - Denise Santangelo -Chair
 - Ongoing SpireBALL - Wiffle Ball League
 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2025: Pizza & Prevention in the Park: Real Talk on Teens & Mental Health
 - February/March Movie Night - collab w/Playhouse?: A Beautiful Boy (2018) or Perka of Being a Wallflower - w/panel of therapists - SpireTHERAPY sponor
 - Sarah Lorenzini -
 - Karen Facini -
 - Kim Carone -
 - Siera Facini -
 - Tina Malhotra -
 - Bhargavi Ramamurthy - help liaison to Safe Rides?
 - Will Knispel (student liaison) -

Alisa T - CHAIR OF PRIDE - Sponsor suicide prevention week - PRESENTATION BY ALISA T.

- **Partnership with Ridgefield Pride - Effort to Hang "celebrate pride" signs for suicide prevention week - visibility saves lives - data shows. She drafted a press release that shows a graphic for this purpose - wants the endorsement of the prevention council. Banner at the town hall - the patch will do a feature article.**
- **VOTE ON ALLOWING - LOGO AND RESOURCE ON THE PRESS RELEASE - Post on our social media the prevention week awareness -**

she'll send media to us for this. We will hand out flyers at the pizza and prevention:

- - motion to approve the partnership of Ridgefield - second - passes.

7. New Business:

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- **SpireBALL:** Location - permanent location and pop up location; league sign ups and team creation and uniforms. Summer/Fall location - plan to start in September when all kids are home and play until mid-October-Nov (weather); Winter location..will reach out to options for November on for indoor play.
 - Superintendent and PTA
- **New Idea/Event** for August/September RECURRING? (Monthly Topics: Parents & Prevention / Recovery & Suicide) - September 2025: **Pizza & Prevention in the Park: Real Talk on Teens & Mental Health:**

An informal, community-building evening where parents and caregivers come together at SpireTHERAPY or Town Hall Annex for free pizza (SpireTHERAPY will pay for the therapists time to come and will seek to collab w/Planet Pizza for the food and soft drinks/water) Mission: Parents and caregivers come together and have a conversation with therapists from SpireTHERAPY about teen mental health, decision-making, and early signs of risk. It is - prevention-focused, no-pressure event that normalizes talking about mental health and gives parents the tools to see mental health concerns early and feel confident about talking to their kids about mental health.

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- **Who can attend? RSVP** - **Western CT Coalition's Annual Meeting** is Next Meeting in person in March?
 - For **FEBRUARY/March: Opioid/Prescription Drugs - Movie night: A Beautiful Boy (2018)** is raw, gut-wrenching, and essential viewing—especially for a parent-teen audience grappling with issues of addiction, relapse, and the relentless grip of love.
 - Option 2: ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*** - about coming of age, sexuality, bullying, peer pressure, drugs.
 - Tentative DATE:
 - Collab w/The Playhouse...
 - ***BATTLE OF THE BANDS*** - collab with CHIRP? End of Summer Event
 - **Safe Rides** - bringing this back under RPC purview! Collab with PTA - Bhargavi to lead?
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- ## 8. Adjournment
- Motion to adjourn
 - Officially adjourned @

Meeting ADJOURNED