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**Don't Let Your Data Get into the Wrong Hands:
Credit Card Receipts, Checks and Old Bills Are Full of Personal Information
That Cyber-Crooks & Thieves Want**

**Ridgewood Savings Bank partners with USA Shred to Safely Dispose of
Unwanted Papers**

RIDGEWOOD, N.Y. (May 16, 2019) – In its ongoing efforts to protect customers' private information and to help prevent identity theft, Ridgewood Savings Bank (Ridgewood) announced that free document shredding events are being offered at many of its branches throughout the New York metropolitan area over the next five months.

On Saturdays beginning in May and continuing through October, Ridgewood, the largest mutual savings bank in New York State, is partnering with USA Shred to offer this service at no cost to members of the local community. As part of this initiative, participants are encouraged to bring up to five boxes of sensitive documents (*i.e.* paper files, old bills, and cancelled checks) to any of the Ridgewood branches listed in the schedule shown later in this news release so that they can be shred and disposed of securely.

"Identity theft and fraud are serious concerns for everyone," says Leonard Stekol, Ridgewood Savings Bank President, CEO, and Chairman. "As a community bank, we are always excited to offer programs such as these document shredding events that provide members of our local communities another layer of protection in the ongoing battle against identity theft and cyber-criminal activities."

The list of dates and locations for shredding documents are as follows:

May 25, 2019

Hollis Branch

205-11 Hillside Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423, (718) 776-9100, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

June 1, 2019

Bellmore Branch

2080 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710, (516) 785-0385, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

June 8, 2019

Clinton Hill Branch

1035 Fulton Street, Brooklyn NY 11238, (929) 666-4420, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

June 15, 2019

Main Branch

71-02 Forest Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385, (718) 240-4900, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

June 22, 2019

Lindenhurst Branch

317 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, (631) 225-6600, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bensonhurst Branch hosting at Il Centro

87-11 18th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11214, (718) 621-8480, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

June 29, 2019

McLean Branch

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

670 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704 (914) 964-9820

July 13, 2019

Breezy Point Branch

202-16 Rockaway Pt. Boulevard, Breezy Pt., NY 11697, (718) 634-3600, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

September 7, 2019

Garden City Park Branch

2435 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park, NY 11040, (516) 294-9090, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

September 14, 2019

Franklin Square Branch

1010 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, NY 11010, (516) 775-1010, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

September 21, 2019

Gun Hill Road Branch

1770 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, NY 10469, (718) 671-4600, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

September 28, 2019

New Rochelle Branch

382 Pelham Road, New Rochelle, NY 10805, (914) 576-3200, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

October 4, 2019

Whitestone Branch

25-29 Parsons Boulevard, Whitestone, NY 11354, (718) 961-6900, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

October 12, 2019

Yorkville Branch

1646 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10028, (212) 348-2200, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

These document shredding events complement other meaningful identity theft protections offered to its customers. Ridgewood checking customers can sign up for EZShield Identity Theft Protection® – the sophisticated platform that delivers immediate restoration assistance to fraud victims. Through its partnership with EZShield, Ridgewood provides all of its checking customers with free access to EZShield ID Restoration, which includes 24/7 live support with a US-based Certified Resolution Specialist to restore identity through a 32-step restoration process.

Ridgewood's Premier Checking customers also receive free access to EZShield ID Protection Plus—a powerful suite of protection services that include identity restoration, Dark web monitoring, and credit monitoring. EZShield ID Protection Plus also provides up to \$1 million in potential insurance reimbursement for identity theft-related expenses including lost wages incurred during the time period a customer is protected by EZShield.

To learn more about Ridgewood Savings Bank and for applicable terms and conditions, visit www.ridgewoodbank.com.

About Ridgewood Savings Bank

Founded in 1921, Ridgewood Savings Bank is the largest mutual savings bank in New York State, with over \$5.5 billion in assets and 35 branches located throughout the New York metropolitan area. Since inception, Ridgewood Savings Bank has remained true to its community bank roots and mission to provide its customers the best possible service and banking experience. As it continues to refine and enhance its services and delivery channels, Ridgewood Savings Bank will continuously strive to be the bank that offers “Traditional Values with Modern Solutions.”

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