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**RIDGEWOOD SAVINGS BANK CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF
COMMUNITY BANKING IN BENSONHURST**

***Monthlong Celebration Honors a Quarter-Century
of Serving the Neighborhood***

BENSONHURST, N.Y. (September 15, 2026) — For a quarter-century, Ridgewood Savings Bank has been part of the fabric of Bensonhurst, serving generations of families, businesses and neighbors while remaining committed to the community banking values that have defined the Bank for more than a century.

This October, Ridgewood, New York's largest mutual savings bank, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its Bensonhurst branch at 7124 18th Avenue with a month of community events, activities and giveaways designed to do something the Bank has been doing since the branch first opened its doors: bring neighbors together.

"Twenty-five years in Bensonhurst represents much more than a milestone for Ridgewood. It represents the relationships we have built with generations of customers and neighbors who have welcomed us into this community," said **Leonard Stekol, chairman, president and CEO of Ridgewood Savings Bank**. "As a mutual savings bank, our success has always been closely tied to the success of the communities we serve. We are incredibly proud to be part of Bensonhurst and look forward to continuing to serve this great neighborhood for many years to come."

Founded in 1921, Ridgewood has grown to 36 branches across the New York metropolitan area offering consumers a variety of robust deposit, lending, and digital banking services while maintaining the neighborhood-focused approach that has been central to its mission. From supporting local organizations and small businesses to providing financial education and helping families pursue their financial goals, Ridgewood's branches remain deeply connected to the communities they serve.

Ridgewood's community spirit will be on full display throughout October in Bensonhurst. The celebration kicks off Oct. 3 with a Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring refreshments, fall-themed crafts, prizes and activities for the community. Additional anniversary events include:

- **Oct. 3: Fall Festival** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free refreshments, spin the prize wheel, visit the craft table and grab yourself some great giveaways.
- **Oct. 10: Columbus Day Parade** with popcorn, flags and festive accessories.
- **Oct. 17: Community Free Shred Day** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., giving residents an opportunity to safely dispose of sensitive documents. Up to 5 boxes per household.
- **Oct. 24: 25th Anniversary Birthday Bash** featuring shaved ice from the Kona Ice Truck, a balloon artist and prize wheel.
- **Oct. 31: Halloween Celebration** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Neighbors are invited to stop by in costume, receive a sweet treat and visit the craft table.
- Throughout October, customers and community members can also enter the **Bensonhurst 25th Anniversary Sweepstakes** for a chance to win a \$250 gift card. Entries close on Oct. 31 at 5 p.m.

All giveaways are available while supplies last. Official sweepstakes rules are available at the Bensonhurst branch. Member FDIC

About Ridgewood Savings Bank

About Ridgewood Savings Bank Founded in 1921, Ridgewood Savings Bank is a strong, stable mutual savings bank with over \$7.5 billion in assets and 36 branches across the New York metropolitan area. Recognized by Newsweek as one of America's Greatest Midsize Workplaces (2025, 2026) for excellence in employee experience, the Bank has also been ranked a Best Regional Bank by Newsweek (2024-2026) and Bankrate (2024), and named a Best Bank by Money (2023, 2024). Since its inception, Ridgewood has stayed true to its community bank roots and mission to deliver exceptional service and trusted financial guidance. As it continues to evolve, the Bank remains committed to combining award-winning customer care with highly rated, user-friendly digital banking solutions and financial education and advice— providing a modern and personalized experience for every customer. Ridgewood Savings Bank continually strives to be the bank that delivers "Time Honored Values with Modern Solutions." Do you want to experience Ridgewood? Learn more at [ridgewoodbank.com](https://www.ridgewoodbank.com).

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