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RIDGEWOOD SAVINGS BANK HELPS GREEN AMERICA WITH 1,800 TREES

*Free Green Checking – Launched Last Earth Day – Proves to be a “Force for Good”
Similar to ‘It’s A Wonderful Life,’ ‘For Every Account Opened, Another Tree is Planted*

Ridgewood to Also Take Part in Community Cleanup

RIDGEWOOD, NY: April 19, 2023—On Saturday, as millions of individuals across the globe celebrate Earth Day, **Ridgewood Savings Bank** (Ridgewood) is doing its part to help green the planet by continuing to grow its eco-conscious “Free Green Checking” product that has resulted in the planting of 1,800 trees across America by the global reforestation organization, **One Tree Planted**.

“We all have a role to play in protecting the environment and combating climate change, and we admire Ridgewood Savings Bank's dedication to being a force for good,” says **Matt Hill, Founder & Chief Environmental Optimist at One Tree Planted**. “With Ridgewood Savings Bank's commitment to giving back to the environment by planting 1,800 trees to date through their Green Checking account program, we are restoring forests, creating habitat for biodiversity, and making a positive social impact in the United States.”

“Ridgewood’s success is driven by our core values of focusing on our customers evolving financial needs and ‘multiplying the good’ in our communities,” remarks **Leonard Stekol, President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Ridgewood Savings Bank**. “We are so pleased that our customers help support the environment by opening Free Green Checking accounts. By taking part, it’s reminiscent of the holiday film ‘It’s a Wonderful Life,’ where for every bell that’s rung, an angel receives its wings. Here, every time a Free Green Checking account is opened, another tree is planted. And that goal is something very special.”

Ridgewood will also be taking part in an Earth Day-related community cleanup at **Kennedy Park in Hicksville on Saturday, April 29**. Bank volunteers will work alongside residents and **Nassau County Legislators Rose Marie Walker (17th District) and Laura Schaefer (14th District)** to help beautify the local park, located on Jerusalem Avenue and Broadway.

Details about Free Green Checking

A thoroughly “green” way to bank, Free Green Checking is an eco-conscious account with ZERO monthly fees that gives the consumer total control with free eStatements, access to 90,000 surcharge-free ATMs, 24/7 digital banking, bill pay + Zelle®, and much more. Additionally, for every new Free Green Checking account opened in 2023, Ridgewood will donate to ‘One Tree Planted’ to have a tree planted within a U.S. National Forest.

Ridgewood’s products and services are part of its mission to constantly update and improve the customer banking experience. Driven by the goal to “multiply the good,” Ridgewood remains focused on what has made the bank successful – its customers. Ridgewood’s effort on Earth Day of going green and planting trees through ‘One Tree Planted’ is another way the bank gives back. In 2022 Ridgewood Savings Bank made over \$1 million in contributions through corporate giving in the form of community reinvestment, employee charitable donations, donations, community outreach, and bank-matched donations.

About Ridgewood Savings Bank

Founded in 1921, Ridgewood Savings Bank continues to serve the community as a strong and stable mutual savings bank with over \$6.8 billion in assets and 36 branches located throughout the New York metropolitan area. It has ranked as one of the top two banks on the prestigious Forbes America’s ‘Best-in-State Banks’ list in New York State for three consecutive years. Additionally, Bankrate—long regarded as a trusted name in personal finance—named Ridgewood in 2022 and 2023 as a “Top Regional Bank.” 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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