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Ridgewood Savings Bank Offering Free Tax Preparation

Community Bank to partner with ARIVA to Provide Convenient Services at Bronx Branches

RIDGEMOOD, N.Y. (February xx, 2019) – Ridgewood Savings Bank, the largest mutual savings bank in New York State, will partner with Ariva, a not-for-profit that helps low income New Yorkers with financial counseling and coaching, to provide free professional tax preparation services at several of its Bronx branches, Ridgewood Savings Bank President, CEO, and Chairman Leonard Stekol, announced today.

In providing this valuable service at no cost to eligible Bronx residents, Ridgewood and Ariva will deliver high quality professional tax preparation services safely, conveniently and quickly. As most returns can be filed electronically within hours of completion, people can receive tax refunds faster. Ariva’s free income tax preparation program is an IRS-certified and supervised program.

To be eligible, a person must be single with no dependents and earning less than \$30,000 annually. Anyone with dependents is eligible if they earn less than \$55,000 a year.

“We’re pleased to be partnering with Ariva in providing this valuable service to residents or our local communities,” Mr. Stekol stated. “As a community bank, we’re mindful of working closely with the people in the neighborhoods we serve so that we can help them reach their financial goals.”

Tax preparation services will be provided at the following locations:

Saturday, February 9 & Sunday, February 10, 2019

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ridgewood Savings Bank, 3445 Jerome Avenue, Bronx N.Y. 10467

Saturday, March 9, 2019

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Community Board 12, 4101 White Plains Road, Bronx N.Y. 10466

Saturday, March 16, 2019

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ridgewood Savings Bank, 711 Allerton Avenue, Bronx N.Y. 10467

Ariva operates 12 tax sites in the Bronx and one in Manhattan. The NYC Department of Consumer Affairs oversees the initiative.

“Ariva is again thrilled to partner with Ridgewood as the bank has been hosting this program for many years, and it is very popular with neighborhood residents,” said Irene Baldwin, executive director of Ariva. “It is all the more important this year with all of the changes in the tax law to have high quality professional tax assistance and we really encourage folks living or working near a Ridgewood branch in the Bronx to take advantage of this service.”

Eligible residents should bring a photo ID, social security card, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) card, and income statements or tax forms, such as W-2, 1099, W-2G, SSA-1099, 1098, among others, as well as any documentation for child care payments, record of charitable donations, and a checking or savings account number routing number for direct deposit of any refund.

Space is limited. For information or to reserve a space, call **917-509-4609** or email **vkancler@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. With 35 branches in the New York area, Ridgewood Savings Bank continues to serve its community as it did in 1921, with their continued focus always on their customers.