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Ridgewood Savings Bank to Offer Free Tax Preparation in the Bronx in March

Eligible Taxpayers Are Encouraged to Call Now to Make an Appointment

Professional Tax Preparation Services Will Be Provided by Ariva

RIDGEWOOD, N.Y. (February 14, 2020) – Ridgewood Savings Bank, dedicated to multiplying the good in the community, is partnering with Ariva, a not-for-profit financial counseling organization, to provide free professional tax preparation services to eligible low-income Bronx residents in March. Ridgewood has sponsored free tax preparation in the Bronx for several years, and many people depend on this free service to file their taxes safely, conveniently, and quickly.

“We’re pleased to again partner with Ariva in providing this valuable service to residents who might be unable to find affordable professional tax help themselves,” says Leonard Stekol, Chairman, President and CEO of Ridgewood Savings Bank. “As a community bank, we’re here to help our neighbors reach their financial goals.”

“Because of Ridgewood Savings Bank’s sponsorship, Ariva has been able to help so many people file their taxes and, in many cases, obtain a refund,” says Irene Baldwin, Executive Director of Ariva. “It says a lot about a bank when it makes sure the community has access to high-quality tax services such as Ariva’s, which are as good or better than what paid preparers provide.” She adds that Ariva files taxes electronically, so taxpayers who are owed refunds receive them quickly.

Tax preparation services will be offered on two days at two different locations:

Saturday, March 14, 2020

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hosted by the White Plains Road Branch, Ridgewood Savings Bank, at
Community Board 12, 4101 White Plains Road, Bronx N.Y. 10466

Saturday, March 21, 2020

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Eligible taxpayers should bring:

- Photo ID;
- Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for everyone on the tax return;
- W-2 and/or 1099 statements for all jobs held in 2019;
- Last year's income tax return;
- 1095-A from the health insurance marketplace;
- Documentation for child care payments and care provider tax ID number;
- Other relevant tax information (receipts for charitable deductions, for example)
- A checking or savings account number and the bank's routing number for direct deposit of any refund. (If taxpayers do not have an account, they can apply for a Ridgewood account.)

Appointments are limited and eligibility requirements apply. For information, including eligibility requirements, or to make an appointment, call **917-509-4609** or email **vkancler@ridgewoodbank.com**.

About Ridgewood Savings Bank

Founded in 1921, Ridgewood Savings Bank is a community bank in New York State, with over \$5.8 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."