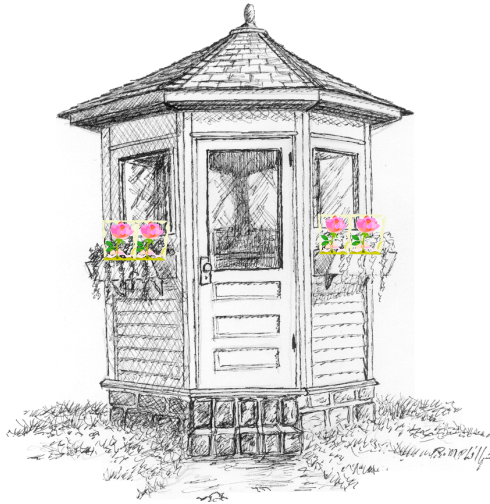


# THE RIDLEY PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The *Ridley Park Historical Society* was founded in 2000 to collect, exhibit, and preserve historical artifacts related to the history of Ridley Park. We are entrusted to safeguard and protect these resources while offering the community an opportunity to participate in events that heighten awareness of local history.

Our vision is to continue to offer programs and social events that educate and encourage the preservation of Ridley Park's historical assets and resources.

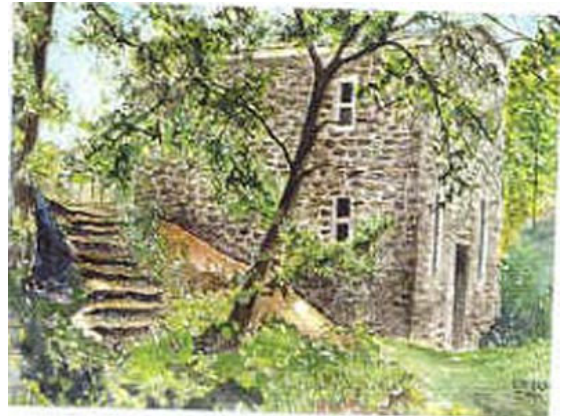
Since we organized in 2000, we have collected artifacts and memorabilia from early Ridley Park. Ridley Park Historical Society is working on securing a dedicated office at Borough Hall. This is the beginning of a new adventure for a group of old souls.

Ridley Park Historical Society  
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Spring, 2023  
News of the Ridley Park Historical Society

## Calendar



*Boathouse by Ursula Ippoliti*

**Stay tuned for upcoming events as the Ridley Park Historical Society reconvenes from a COVID impacted sabbatical.**

**NEW RIDLEY PARK BANK  
WILL OPEN TOMORROW**

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2000 Invitations Issued for Housewarming Reception—William G. Halkett Made President

July 23, 1916

*The Philadelphia Inquirer* Vol. 175, Iss. 23 Pg. 4

**RIDLEY PARK HOTEL**  
RIDLEY PARK, DELAWARE COUNTY, PA.  
Opens June 2<sup>d</sup>, 1888.

Thoroughly renovated and refurnished throughout. Location delightful. Table and accommodation first class. Fast trains and low fares. Within twenty minutes ride of Broad Street Station.

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## RIDLEY PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND LEVELS

We need your help to join our efforts and collaborate with other historical organizations and local government to bring the preservation efforts to the forefront.

Don't put this off another minute—join us today by visiting our webpage [www.ridleyparkhistorical.org](http://www.ridleyparkhistorical.org).

### Individual or Student \$20/year

- First invitation to events
- Access to quarterly newsletter
- Access to annual business meeting

### Household \$40/year

- First invitation to events
- Access to quarterly newsletter
- Access to annual business meeting

### John Morton \$50/year

- First invitation to events
- Free event (1) *educational series*
- Access to quarterly newsletter
- Access to annual business meeting

### Robert Morris Copeland \$100/year

- First invitation to events
- Free events (3) *educational series*
- Access to quarterly newsletter
- Access to annual business meeting

### Theophilus Chandler \$250/year

- First invitation to events
- Free events (all) *educational series*
- Access to quarterly newsletter
- Access to annual business meeting
- Research/ Ridley Park Resident
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### Business/ Corporate \$500/year

- First invitation to events
- Free events (all) for two individuals *educational series*
- Access to quarterly newsletter
- Access to annual business meeting
- Business publication (social media/ ad in newsletter)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT . . .

**May 19th— “Ridley Park Photographic History Tour,”** presented by Delaware County Historian **Keith Lockhart**.

Thank you to everyone who came out. Congratulations to our winners of the raffle and door prizes. We also would like to thank Nicholas Furman, Rich Tutak and all our board members for their contributions in making this event a success. We also want to send a special thank you to our presenter Keith, for sharing his knowledge and photos of Ridley Park History.



Ridley Park Historical Society

PRESENTS

A PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY  
OF RIDLEY PARK

BY DELAWARE COUNTY HISTORIAN  
KEITH LOCKHART

May 18, 2023, at 7 pm  
at Borough Hall

\$5 admission; free for members

The attendees showed so much interest in this event that we are investigating other speakers to join us in the future.

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**Annual Member's Meeting** and according to our By-Laws, the Board of Directors were voted in on staggered three year terms.

They are:

**Ellie Hays**, President

**Jeff Moffo**, Vice President & Social Media Director

**Trish Holtzinger**, Secretary

**Karen Hays**, Treasurer/Secretary

**Gary Csanady**, Board of Advisors/ Membership Director

**Joseph Yorke**, Board of Advisors/ Membership Director

**Dora Kyriakopoulos**, Recreation Board Liaison



## CENTURY HOUSE PLAQUE- RIDLEY PARK LANDMARK PROPERTY

Want a *Century House Plaque* but are confused about the verification process? Are you interested in finding out the basic history of your house? Well, it's a simple task that can be performed right at your computer. Delaware County has made the process painless through the access of their website.

Delaware County's Recorder of Deeds processes and preserves records relating to real property dating back to the year 1789, the year Delaware County was founded. Documents processed include Deeds, Mortgages, Satisfactions of Mortgage, Financial Statements, Veterans Discharge Papers, Notary Publics, Police Commissions, Highway Plans, Subdivision Plans, Powers of Attorney, Assignments of Mortgage, and Releases of Mortgage.

In January 1987, the Recorder of Deeds office converted to an on-line computer system with the Data Processing department. The new system provides the residents of Delaware County, title companies and attorneys an up-dated system of retrieving real estate data from January 1982 to date.

Delaware County government's web site can be easily accessed at [www.co.delaware.pa.us/](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/)

The *Century House* Plaque program recognizes Ridley Park homeowners and their 100 year-old house with a bronze plaque. The 6 inch by 6 inch square bronze plaque is affixed to the property and identifies it as a "Ridley Park Landmark Property" and the year it was erected. The *Century House* plaque is available to Ridley Park Historical Society members \$250.00. Non-RPHS members \$275.00.

If you've been considering adorning your home with a Century House plaque, now is the time. You can download an application form on our website [www.ridleyparkhistorical.org](http://www.ridleyparkhistorical.org). A member of the Ridley Park Historical Society will confirm the date the property was erected and order the plaque. The turnaround time is normally 6-8 weeks.

## 100 YEAR RIDLEY PARK RESIDENT PROGRAM

Ridley Park is full of history with great people and lifelong families. The RPHS rolled our new program to highlight families who have lived in the borough for 100 years continuously. Generations of families have been raised in our great little town and we want to acknowledge these families.

Audrey Stevens was the first recipient of our resident recognition program. It was a great evening as we presented her as an honorary member into the Ridley Park Historical Society as well as a framed sketching of the only house she has ever known. The sweetest bonus was a gift card to the Brickhaus.

Thank you to **Borough Council** and **Mayor Hank** for having us at the council meeting in December to honor Audrey. We also want to thank all her friends that came out tonight to support her.

If you know any families that fit our recognition program please reach out to us through our Facebook page or our website [www.ridleyparkhistorical.org](http://www.ridleyparkhistorical.org).

