



The 2010 Chestnut Ridge Centennial

Come celebrate the centennial of Glassboro's first planned development! In the early 1900s, developers purchased land west of the West Jersey & Seashore Line and planned Glassboro's first residential subdivision on acres cleared to provide firewood for the town's glass furnaces. In 1910, advertisements appeared in Philadelphia newspapers touting building lots for large, multi-story homes on "The Chestnut Ridge Estates" in Glassboro. South Jersey's newest neighborhood was conveniently located within walking distance of the railway station with trains serving Philadelphia daily. Subsequent development in the 1920's and 1950's added to the architectural variety and diversity of the 32-block neighborhood, but most of the original homes are still in use today.

Centennial events

Sat., Feb. 20, 8:30 – noon. "The People and Places of Glassboro: The Chestnut Ridge," an educational symposium on the geology, geography, and history of Glassboro. Free. Sponsored by Rowan University. Student Center, Room 221. — Mary Lee Donahue, chair.

Mon., May 31, 12:30 – 5 p.m. Neighborhood Block Party, Rodgers School grounds (after the borough Memorial Day parade). Food and fun for all. — Nick Mitcho, chair.

Sat., Sept. 11, 10 – 3 p.m. — Walking tours of the Ridge. Admission fee. — Dennis Fotia, chair.

Fall, TBA. Music of the Ridge: Live music from 1910, 1920s, and 1950s. Donation. First Presbyterian Church, 300 University Blvd. — Warren Gardner, chair.

An end-of-year gala will conclude the celebrations.

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