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PR 01210-Ridge Centennial Block Party

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Memorial Day Memorable Event:  
GLASSBORO 'BLOCK PARTY' KICKS OFF  
CHESTNUT RIDGE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

GLASSBORO – Glassboro residents and friends are invited to celebrate the Centennial of Glassboro's Chestnut Ridge neighborhood on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 from 12:30-5:00 p.m. The celebration will take place at the J. Harvey Rodgers School (301 Georgetown Road) and follows the 10:00 a.m. Memorial Day Parade and 12:00 p.m. ceremony at the war memorial monument on East High Street.

Guests are encouraged to join the fun by dressing for the event in clothing reminiscent of the period, including long skirts for the ladies, boater hats and handlebar mustaches for the men.

The focus of the Chestnut Ridge celebration is on children and family life. Students from Rowan University who reside in the neighborhood--which is adjacent to the university campus--are organizing old-fashioned children's games and relays with the assistance of Glassboro High School students.

The Glassboro Property Owners' Association, is providing free picnic food to all children in attendance. There will also be a number of educational and informational exhibits from various non-profit groups in the Glassboro area, including the Heritage Glass Museum and the soon-to-be rehabbed West Jersey railway depot, as well as vendors, crafters and refreshments.

A “song lady,” “story lady” and “art lady” will provide activities for toddlers and young children.

The historic Chestnut Ridge neighborhood was established in 1910 and constructed over a period of years as Glassboro's first successful planned residential development and one of the first in South Jersey. Former Glassboro school superintendent Nick Mitcho is chairing the block-party styled centennial celebration. Mitcho expects about 1,000 people to attend, including both current and former residents of the 32-block development. Celebration rain date is June 5.

The 2010 Chestnut Ridge Centennial is a project of Greater Glassboro Group, Inc., a community-centered non-profit in the public interest. For more information, visit [www.chestnutridgecentennial.com](http://www.chestnutridgecentennial.com) or e-mail [chestnutridge100@gmail.com](mailto:chestnutridge100@gmail.com).

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