



# ACCESS WEEK 2025



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## OCTOBER 14 - 19

EMBRACING OUR  
ABILITIES, DISABILITIES,  
SPECIAL GIFTS, AND SPECIAL NEEDS



## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

SAFETY PROGRAM: 4-5PM

LOCATION: GRAYDON POOL PARKING LOT

### PULL OVER PROPERLY

Spec Wired, Ridgewood Police Dept., and Access Ridgewood have come together to offer a program designed to assist drivers with developmental disabilities. This event will educate and reinforce proper behavior during a traffic stop. All are welcome, no registration required.



## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

SENIOR PROGRAM: 10:30AM- 12PM

LOCATION: ANNE ZUSY YOUTH LOUNGE IN VILLAGE HALL, 131 N. MAPLE AVE.

### THRIVE TOGETHER: A COMMUNITY GATHERING FOR CONNECTION AND WELL-BEING

Discover ways to access and foster a greater sense of community and connection in your life with certified health coach and founder of IntentionThink IIN, Elise Merhige. Complimentary refreshments will be provided by Age Friendly Ridgewood.



## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

FAMILY DINING: 5-8PM

LOCATION: STEEL WHEEL TAVERN, 51 N. BROAD ST.

### SENSORY-FRIENDLY DINNER

Eat out with family and friends in a lower-sensory atmosphere. Enjoy a judgment-free experience, including dining with others who have similar support needs and being served by staff prepared ahead of time. Food and checks are expedited, and activities are provided to keep kids and others entertained during brief waiting periods.

For more information and to RSVP, visit <https://tinyurl.com/oct25accessdinner>



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

FAMILY PROGRAM: 4-5PM

LOCATION: RIDGEWOOD LIBRARY AUDITORIUM, 125 N. MAPLE AVE.

### ASL 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Thyson T. Halley provides an interactive overview of ASL, from teaching emergency and basic conversation signs to exploring the rich history of deaf culture. All welcome.



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

FAMILY PROGRAM: 11:30AM- 2PM

LOCATION: RIDGEWOOD LIBRARY AUDITORIUM, 125 N. MAPLE AVE.

### ACCESS TALENT & FASHION SHOW

Celebrate individuals of all abilities as they display talent, ambition, & individuality. Refreshments and community fair in Village courtyard immediately to follow. All welcome.



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

COMMUNITY PROGRAM: 2-3PM

LOCATION: RIDGEWOOD LIBRARY AUDITORIUM, 125 N. MAPLE AVE.

### INTERFAITH DISCUSSION

Families, friends and individuals from all walks of life are invited to join local community leaders from Ridgewood's Interfaith Committee for an informal chat about the role of faith in the lives of people with disabilities. All are welcome, no registration required.

