



TOWN OF RIVERHEAD NEWS

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POPULAR TEEN IDOL COMPETITION BIDS ITS FAREWELL SUNDAY, MAY 22

Riverhead, NY – The Riverhead Recreation Department has announced that this year marks the final production of Riverhead Idol.

For the past thirteen seasons, Riverhead Idol has been a popular event for school-aged youth who want to showcase their talent in singing. This year, the Recreation Department has decided to close production and make this the final season, just as American Idol is in its final year, which is the inspiration behind this musical event.

Supporters and coordinating staff such as Ray Coyne, Liz Flood, Judy Doll, Carol Sclafani, Beth Maccagli, Councilman Jim Wooten, and many others, including former town board members, Rose Sanders and Barbara Blass, Kevin Hewkin, and former Youth Director Donna Lyczkowski, have made this creative and entertaining celebration of music possible.

“We are fortunate to have a seemingly bottomless well of talent in our town - young people who are committed to the arts, who have grown our show, bringing it to life,” Parks & Recreation Superintendent Ray Coyne said. Next year, plans are being made for a “Riverhead’s Got Talent” show where various talents, including singing, will be showcased.

“On behalf of the Riverhead Town Board, I urge all residents to please join us at the final Riverhead Idol to support our young singers,” Supervisor Sean M. Walter said. “It’s a community-oriented event that demonstrates the tremendous talents of Riverhead’s youth,” said Walter. “Events like this showcase the amazing skills of Riverhead’s young people and leave me hopeful that the future of Riverhead is indeed bright.”

Eighteen talented teens will be performing in the singing competition where prizes will be given to the winners:

Lillian Bennett
Sarah Brennan
Victoria Flynn
Lorecy Franco
Kathleen Gregory
Laniece Hutley
Shay Jackson
Lily Kutner



Abby Lehman
Morgan McLean
Madison Payne
Natalia Rahim
Lia Schellinger
Alexis Schmidt
Kaitlin Schmidt
Emma Spear
Marina Tedesco
Marissa Tedesco

The Riverhead Idol committee thanks all contestants and judges, past and present, for their time and talents making this show a success for all residents to enjoy. They also encourage all to attend this last, final show of Riverhead Idol.

Please join us in supporting our young artists on May 22, 2016 for ***“Riverhead Idol... the Final Season.”*** The show will be held at the Riverhead Senior Center, 60 Shade Tree Lane, Riverhead NY at 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by an after-party for the families and guests of participants.

Tickets to the show are \$12 in advance by calling the Recreation Dept. at (631) 727-5744. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$15. For more information, please call Liz Flood at (631) 722-4444 x700.

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