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Village Voices: Jennie Smith Wilson

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THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS

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Occupation and volunteer positions: President of the [Ridgewood Education Foundation](#); cooking blogger (with my sisters and sister-in-law); and aspiring author.

Age: 53.

How long I have lived in [Ridgewood](#): Six years.

Interests and hobbies: Education, collecting art, cooking, reading, skiing, sailing in Maine and traveling with my family.

My favorite place to relax in [Ridgewood](#): Our home.

A "perfect day" in [Ridgewood](#) would include: A long walk early in the morning with my husband, Doug, and our dogs, and time with our two children.

The best-kept secret in the village: The wonderful neighborhoods.

The best thing about [Ridgewood](#): The generous people who live here and contribute to the vibrancy of the village, giving their time, sharing their spirit and, of course, contributing financially to the causes they believe in.

One thing I would like to change in the village: [Ridgewood](#) is a great town to walk around, but pedestrian safety should be improved. We lived in London for two years and crosswalks are called "zebras" for their very bold and obvious stripes. From a distance a driver can see the zebra clearly. Some even have flashing yellow lights and are raised. It seems to me that



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Jennie Smith Wilson, a village resident for six years, is an art collector.

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glaringly obvious crosswalks could make a big difference.

The best part of my job: Learning about the many thoughtful and creative ideas that Ridgewood teachers have, which are funded through classroom grants from the Ridgewood Education Foundation.

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