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PREZ SEZ:

Hello again! Well June is just around the corner and with it comes the welcome and long-awaited warm weather, forgotten projects from last year, vacations, outdoor activities...and yes, the dreaded yard work! June also brings with it the end of the terms of office for three of our Ridgewood Board members, specifically, the offices of President, Secretary, and Member-at-Large. I wanted to formally announce that I will not be running again for the Board. It has been both a pleasure and an honor to serve on the Board for the last two years (and a couple of years before that on the old CC&R Committee). However, I firmly believe that change is good for all organizations and so I will be stepping down to allow others the opportunity to lead our Association.

I am very proud of our neighborhood association, and in particular, the work that has been accomplished in the last two years. During that time, we completed the transition to a newly organized neighborhood association with structure, purpose and direction that better reflects our community. We have a better organized Block Captain program, a more active and growing ladies group (Ridgettes), an improved website, added a more streamlined system to distribute our newsletters on-line, better communications with the County on such issues as street

maintenance and building permit applications. We also recently created a local propane co-op that has been very popular and protects our neighbors against the rising cost of propane. None of this would have been possible without the cooperation, dedication and commitment of the individual Board members. To them I give my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all their time and work. It is because of their combined efforts that Ridgewood continues to be one of the best places to live in Tuolumne County with some of the best and friendliest people anywhere.

Now is the time for others in Ridgewood to step up and carry on the work we have started. I encourage all of you to consider running for one of the open Board positions. Even if you don't personally feel you have the time, interest or patience to donate a few hours a month, surely you know of someone who would be a good candidate. If you have an interest in running for office, or if you have any questions about the duties, responsibilities or time commitment involved, please contact me or any of the Board members. We would be happy to talk to you about it.

(Prez Sez continued on next page)



ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING & PARTY

SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

at the home of

DOUG AND SALLY CLARK

20798 CRESTWOOD COURT EAST

(Details inside)

Prez Sez continued

This will be my last "Prez Sez" article for our newsletter. However, I am still planning on hanging around here in Ridgewood. Between the yard work and helping Nancy at the new quilt store, I expect to be staying pretty busy. I hope to see you all at our next general membership meeting and party on June 24th.

Larry



NOMINATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION

The terms of office for the positions of President, Secretary, and Member-at-Large will expire this June. **Nominations for those offices are now open and will remain open until May 19th.** After the nominations close, a ballot will be created and the election held at our summer meeting and party on June 24th. The term of office for the newly elected officers will begin on July 1st.

If you are interested in nominating someone for any of these positions, or would like more information about any of these elected offices, please contact **Larry Bertuccelli at 533-3738.**

Duties of the President:

The President shall be the principal executive officer and the official spokesperson for the Association. The President shall preside at all General Membership and Board of Directors meetings. The President shall provide oversight and guidance to the individual members of the Board and the membership as a whole. The President is authorized to sign for all disbursements of funds, perform other duties pertaining to the office of the President, or as assigned or requested by the Board of Directors.

Duties of the Secretary:

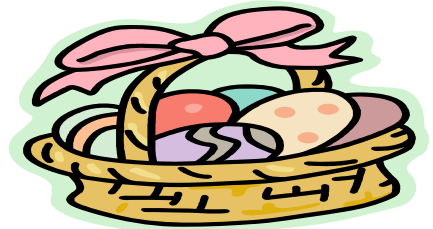
The Secretary shall be the custodian of the Association's records. The Secretary shall take the minutes at all Board of Directors meetings and distribute to the Board and the membership. Additionally, the Secretary shall also perform other duties as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Duties of the Member-at-Large:

The Member-at-Large shall attend all Board and General Membership meetings of the Association. Additionally, they shall perform other duties as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

RIDGETTES

HAPPY SPRING!!



April 26th (4th Thursday!): 12:00 noon

Columbia Kate's – A Tea House

22727 Columbia St., Columbia

RSVP to **Joyce Dobbs:** 532-2230 by April 20th.

May 16th: 11:00 a.m.

Games & Pot Luck at Jeanne Legg's

21115 Fleetwood Road

RSVP to **Jeanne:** 533-4228 by Friday, May 11th.

June 24th Sunday 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Annual Summer Party &

General Meeting

Doug and Sally Clark

20798 Crestwood Court East



Thanks to Diane Jacobsohn for having our March Games Day in her lovely home.

We need volunteers to host a games day or arrange a restaurant lunch for the months of July, August and September. Please contact Joyce Dobbs at 532-2230 to volunteer. If you are not receiving the Reminder postcard and would like your name to be included, please contact Joyce.

Architectural Committee



No new structures were submitted for review during the last two months. The construction of John LaTorre's home on Lot 40 is currently about 40% completed and when finished will be a very attractive addition to the Ridgewood community.

Neighborhood Watch

As you have probably heard by now, there was a recent break-in in Ridgewood. The burglary occurred around 11 AM on a weekday. Although there has been no arrest or recovery of the stolen items to date, the police believe that this was the work of one of two organized gangs that operate in the Sonora area.

It has been several years since the last break-in in our neighborhood. However, the recent spat of break-ins around Twain Harte and Crystal Falls suggests that we should all increase the level of our alertness. Daylight burglaries can occur after a house has been under surveillance to check on when people might be home. Also, a stranger may come to the door, ring the doorbell and wait to see if anyone is home. If there is no answer, this can be a clue to proceed with the break in. If someone answers the door, the person may just say "can I use your phone" or "do you know where such and such street is".

The message is that we should all increase our level of alertness. DO NOT HESITATE to call the sheriff and report a suspicious car, person or event. The Sheriff's Office does not treat these calls lightly and will often respond quickly. You should also try to get license plate numbers or the general description of suspicious people that you are concerned about. In addition, be sure to tell one or more of your neighbors if you are going to be out of town for a while (this information should be closely held so that it is not inadvertently revealed to outsiders). Also, do not let newspapers accumulate in your paper box or driveway while you are gone. This is what Neighborhood Watch is all about.

As you may have noticed, there are large Neighborhood Watch signs posted at the entrances and side streets in Ridgewood. Your board also feels that a decal at your front and back doors that display the Neighborhood Watch message is an added deterrent. At the last board meeting, it was decided to give two 4"x6" decals to all Ridgewood residents, even if they are not currently members of our Association.

If we all keep alert and do our part, the word should get around that Ridgewood is not an area that is easy "to crack". Keep the phone number of the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department handy. **For routine or urgent matters call 533-5818 and for emergencies dial 911.**

Dick Feaster



Join us for the

Annual Summer Party and General Meeting

**Sunday, June 24th
3:00 until 5:00 p.m.**

at the home of
DOUG AND SALLY CLARK
20798 Crestwood Court East

Election for the offices of President, Secretary and Member-at-Large will be held.

Please bring an appetizer to share and your preferred beverage.



Annual membership dues are past due for 2007. If you have forgotten to pay, please do so immediately. Make your check payable to:

Ridgewood Neighborhood Association
c/o Ralph Legg
P.O. Box 1128
Soulsbyville, CA 95372

We are in the process of updating our membership roster, so please make sure to include any changes in email address or phone number you might have had since last year.

OOPS!

Congratulations to **Stan and Delores Blanchard** who also received an award for the **outstanding Holiday lighting** around their home and yard. We would have included pictures of the Holiday decorations, but the pictures were lost. We will do better next year.