



# RIDGEWOOD

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## News from the Pres Don Nester

It has been a cold winter, but spring is just around the corner. Our Ridgewood neighborhood **Christmas party** was a fun event with about fifty neighbors in attendance helping to celebrate the Christmas season. The hors d'oeuvres brought by the neighbors were delicious treats that were enjoyed by all. The flowers that were brought added to the festive atmosphere. Once again this provided an opportunity for the neighbors to get to know each other.

The cold weather has resulted in higher than normal heating bills. Please read the article by **Dick Feaster** regarding our **propane co-op prices** (at right). In addition, the Ridgewood web site hyperlink "California Government" will bring up the weekly fuel postings for the California government. Select the date range that you wish to view and on the displayed fuel listings page go to the bottom of the page. The wholesale price that reflects our area is the San Francisco price. Add fifty cents to that price and that is the Ridgewood co-op propane price.

Please welcome **Cori Frank** as our new **chairperson for the block captains**. Many thanks go to **Dick Feaster** who held the position of block captain chairperson for four or more years. Cori is already on the job and is

currently working to finalize the block captain procedures.

The next upcoming event will be the **neighborhood-clean-up-day** which will be in late **April or early May** (The date will be published in the April Newsletter). For those who participate, there will be a barbeque at the end of the cleanup day.

Finally, in case you have forgotten, your annual **Ridgewood dues** of ten dollars are due. The Ridgewood dues cover mailing expenses, reproduction costs, special items (last year it was the Neighborhood Watch decals), the Ridgewood Web site, new neighbor welcome gift (usually flowers), and party expenses.



## Propane Prices By Dick Feaster

A couple of weeks ago, I got a call from the manager of AmeriGas in Angels Camp telling me that he had been getting calls from Ridgewood residents claiming that they were being over-charged for propane. Well, that got my attention and I checked into it and found that, not only were we NOT being overcharged, but we are getting some of the lowest propane prices in the Mother Lode.

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As you may recall we have negotiated a contract with AmeriGas that ties our price in at 50 cents per gallon over the posted wholesale price of propane in San Francisco. We get a copy of that pricing every month and it is posted on our web site that Don Nester maintains. (Check it out on <http://ridgewood.netfirms.com/>).

As of late January, our price was \$2.34/gallon. Yes, that is high, but check around and see what people are paying who are not in a propane co-op. Some of our neighbors did not switch to AmeriGas, when they came in with the low bid for Ridgewood. Instead, they stayed with JS West, who, ONLY after they lost the bid, lowered their price to match the AmeriGas offer to us.

As you may be aware, propane is a by-product of crude oil refinement and is therefore tied to the cost of crude oil. The cost is also determined by supply and demand. Since demand is high in the winter, the price goes up. The best time to fill your tanks is in the middle of summer.



### **Annoying Barking Dog Problems**

We still have continued reports that barking dogs are annoying Ridgewood residents. All Ridgewood CC&Rs (I, II, and III) and the Tuolumne County Ordinance Code have provisions addressing annoyance by barking dogs. If you currently have a problem with a neighbor's barking dogs, then the following will provide you with a path to resolving the problem:

1. Discuss the problem with the neighbor who owns the dog(s) to attempt to peacefully resolve the problem.
2. If the problem continues and the dog barks for more than a half-hour call Animal Control (984-1138) and report the

problem. They will need the address of the offending neighbor and the time and length of the disturbance.

3. Animal Control will go to the offending dog owner's home, warn the residents about their offending dogs, and attempt to provide the dog owners with solutions to eliminate the barking. If the owners are not home or do not answer the door, they will leave a notice on the door. If the offending dog is barking and no one is home they will impound the dog.
4. If this does not resolve the problem, call Animal Control again and describe the continuing problem. If Animal Control cannot resolve the problem with the offending neighbor, then Animal Control will take the offending neighbor to court.



### **LIGHTING AWARDS PRESENTED**

Yes, Santa is on vacation, but he left some unfinished business for us to do. Once again, neighbors were recognized for their holiday lighting displays at our Christmas party.

"Holiday Delight" - John and Linda Glick  
Ridgewood Drive

"Childhood Fantasy" - Jack and Shirley Stone  
Crestridge Avenue

"Magic of Christmas" - Harry and Karen Shaw  
Parkridge Avenue

"Christmas Grandeur" - Stan and Delores  
Blanchard - Ridgewood Drive

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!**

## RIDGETTES



Sandy Fisher, Betty Scruggs (hostess), & Iris Gardner (l-r) enjoying our February lunch at Pasta Fool on Washington Street downtown.



Dianne Jacobsohn, Anna Lewis, Betty Nester (top of head showing), Cathie Luke, Judy Palmer, Carole Pfoutz, Sandy Fisher, Betty Scruggs, Iris Gardner, Sandy Piercey, Joyce Dobbs, Chris Anton, and (oops!) Sheri Drake (l to top and down - r)

Many **thanks to Betty Scruggs** for arranging our February luncheon at Pasta Fool.

In January, we had a great time at the Game Day & Pot Luck at Jeanne Legg's home. **Thank you, Jeanne.**

**March 12:** Hosted by **Betty Nester (588-0825)**. It will be at Nancy & Larry Bertucelli's Bearly Quilting store in the Junction Shopping Center.

**John and Cori Frank** extend their appreciation to all the women who provided food and gifts for the family they hosted at Christmas.

**April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am:** Tea at "A Cup of Tea & a Cozy Quilt" on Highway 108. **Anna Lewis (588-9431)** has arranged a lovely menu for us.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Meet at 11:00 a.m. at the home of **Kathi Bramblett, 16226 Crestridge Ave.** for a day of Games and Pot Luck. Call Kathi at 533-1575.

**June:** We are in search of a home to have our **Annual Meeting and Summer Party**. If you would like to host this meeting/party, please call Joyce Dobbs at 533-2230.



### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Barbara Harvey

The following summarizes recent activity of the Architectural Control Committee:

December 14, 2007:

Approved a pool addition for Bim and Judy Hastings, 15925 Parkridge Av.

January 12, 2008

Received a plot plan application for Lot 120, Parkridge Avenue, owned by Dave and Tina Pafford. Mr. Pafford was notified by letter that he would need to submit his plans to the ACC prior to sending his plans to the county.

February 13, 2008

Scott Tiraschi, owner of Lot 68, Crestridge, has contacted the ACC regarding plans to build early in 2009. The ACC sent information regarding what it needs.

No further action regarding the two David Varvell lots on Parkridge.



# HOLIDAY CHEER AT DON & BETTY NESTERS



Nancy Hoffman and Joyce Dobbs share a story  
(above)

Sandy Fisher (below, left) and Dianne Jacobsohn  
(on right) enjoying the evening



A pair of winning smiles from Betty Scruggs  
(below left) and Iris Gardner  
(on right)



Bill Anton (above, left) joined Jim and Robin Ronan for  
this stylish hat picture

Kathie and Charles Luke sampling the great food  
(below)



Ralph Legg, John Stine and Larry Bramblett  
(facina camera. left to right)



The businesses featured below are owned and operated by  
our Ridgewood neighbors.

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