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NEWS FROM THE PRES

It's spring and it is time for the spring-cleaning of debris from the sides of our neighborhood streets that has accumulated during the past year. On **Tuesday, May 13** (Rain day is the 14th), we are having our annual **Ridgewood Clean Up Day**. We will meet at **10:00 am at Bill and Cres Anton's home, 16560 Parkridge Ave.**, where trash bags will be provided, street assignments will be made (most probably the street that you live on) and instructions given. The clean up is expected to take about 1 to 2 hours. At **12:00 pm** a **barbeque** will be provided at the Anton's for those participating. If you plan to participate in the clean-up day, then please **RSVP to Cres and Bill Anton (532-5323)**. For those who are participating, it might be a good idea to bring a hat.

For our protection, I have requested that the **sheriff patrol** Ridgewood in the evening hours. Hopefully, this will discourage the people in suspicious vans and cars that have been reported driving slowly on Ridgewood streets in the evening.

Good news is that some of the properties in Ridgewood are now selling. The bad news is that some of the realtors are incorrectly representing the Ridgewood

Neighborhood Association (RNA) dues. The realtor of one of the properties was incorrectly quoting that the RNA dues were a mandatory \$600.00 per year. This error was a result of combining the CSA road-tax with the RNA dues. In order to control this type of misrepresentation, the RNA board will be contacting realtors who are representing Ridgewood homes to review information about the Ridgewood neighborhood. This will include information about the CC&R's, the CSA road taxes that apply and what they cover and the RNA.

In case you might not have noticed, the web site (under "Activities") now lists the productions of the **Sierra Repertory Theater**. The current production is "**Lost Highway**" and starting on April 25 will be "**Anna In The Tropics**". The web site provides an overview of each of the productions for this year.

Finally, the "**Block Captains Guidelines**" have been finalized and approved by the board. Much thanks goes to our newly appointed **Block Captain Chairperson, Cori Frank** for her management of the completion of these guidelines. Achieving agreement for the "Block Captains Guidelines" was a challenging assignment that was accomplished quickly and efficiently by Cori. The "Block Captains Guidelines" may be viewed on the Ridgewood Web site in the "CC&Rs & By-Laws" section.

Hope to see you at the clean up day and at our RNA summer meeting/party in June.



NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER AND VICE PRESIDENT

Board members are elected for two year terms with the President, Secretary and Member-at-Large elected in the odd numbered years and the Treasurer and Vice President elected in the even numbered years. Both the current treasurer and vice president were appointed by the RNA Board to fill vacancies. Ralph Legg, our current treasurer, has held his position for a year and a half and has done an excellent job in the organizing and handling of the financial matters of the RNA. Dave Palmer was appointed by the RNA Board in September of 2007 and brought his previous neighborhood association experience to the Board. Dave actively participates in the RNA, has been instrumental in resolving a residential issue and has, for the first time, created an RNA budget.

Ralph Legg has been re-nominated for treasurer and Dave Palmer has been re-nominated for vice president. The nominations for these positions are currently open and will close on **June 1st**. If you would like to nominate someone for treasurer and/or vice president, contact Don Nester at 588-0782 or email your candidate's name to dnester@sonnet.com.



Vote YES for your CSA Assessment

By now you have received your "Notice of Proposed Assessment for County Area 32 Ridgewood". The county directly maintains only the roads that are designated county roads, like Ridgewood Drive. However, other roads within the subdivision are not maintained by the county. This is true for all Tuolumne County subdivisions and is not unique to Ridgewood. County Service Areas (CSA) provide the vehicle by which the county maintains the other subdivision roads by taxing the residents in the subdivision for the road

maintenance. This is voted on each year and must be **approved by 51 percent of the residents**.

The only alternative to a CSA is for the residents to form a road association and assess each resident for the cost of road maintenance. That is, a road association would be identical to a CSA only locally managed. The problem with this type of solution is that a local road association does not have the expertise, equipment and insurance to maintain roads. As a result, most attempts by subdivisions to maintain their own roads have resulted in failure.

Please vote YES on your assessment ballot so that the county will continue maintaining our subdivision roads through CSA 32 and **post your ballot before June 3, 2008**.

RIDGETTES



Left to right: Betty Nester, Kathie Luke, Joyce Dobbs, Nancy Bertuccelli & Sandy Piercey at Bearly Quilting

Thanks to **Nancy Bertuccelli** for entertaining our ladies at her store **BEARLY QUILTING** in March. Our appreciation also goes to Betty Nester, who coordinated the delicious pot luck luncheon that day.

May 21 at 11:00 am: Kathi Bramblett will host a **Games & Pot Luck** luncheon at her home at **16226 Crestridge Ave**. Please RSVP to Kathie at: **533-1575** by the Friday before the luncheon.



FIRE ALERT!

Due to the quick actions of Bob and Margaret Addison and an unknown young man, a potential tragedy was averted recently. Bob and Margaret came upon an apparent out of control vegetation fire on Ridgewood Drive. The Fire Department was called. Bob and the unknown young man stomped out the fire as best they could. Bob then directed the CDF Fire trucks to the fire location. Ridgewood neighbors are VERY GRATEFUL to the Addisons, the unknown young man and the CDF Company from Hillview Drive!

Architectural Control Committee and History

There are some pending building projects; among them: Dave and Tina Pafford are clearing their Lot 120 and grading in a road to comply with the fire inspector's guidelines. For those of us who have built, just getting through the myriad county requirements and jumping through hoops is daunting, to say the least. I can recall how thrilled we were the day our plans were approved, in December of 1991. By May of 1992 there were five occupied houses in Ridgewood II and III: the Hohengartens, the Birtwhistles, the Amends, the Halls and the Harveys.

We had regular resident meetings then, sometimes dinner meetings at our homes, and foremost, we had concerns about the direction Ridgewood would take, wanting to keep it a desirable, beautiful place to live. That is why your CC&Rs and ACC are so important; they protect your property and the value of your home. We want to keep our neighborhood clean and uncluttered, not impose on a neighbor and respect the guidelines of the CC&Rs and ACC.

If you are contemplating a shed, studio, guesthouse, shop, an addition of any kind, give the ACC Committee a call; we are here to help you.