



RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BOARD MEETING: August 10, 3:00PM—Pfoutz home.

CLEAN-UP DAY: May 12, Tuesday, 10:00am, Spring Clean up Day. Lee and Sandy Piercey (15932 Parkridge Ave). Phone number is 533-4353.

THE SONORA ART TRAILS Open Studios Tour will be held Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, 2009. Contact: Patricia Cherry, 532-0042 for hours, addresses, and maps of the exhibits (see page 2)

RIDGETTES:

MAY LUNCHEON: May 20th Wednesday, 11: 00 A.M.
POT LUCK & GAMES DAY
Betty Nester's (588-0782)
16040 Avenida Del Sol E
Bring a luncheon dish to share.

RIDGEWOOD SUMMER PARTY/GENERAL MEETING :
June 14 (Sunday), Hosting: Larry & Nancy Bertucelli have graciously accepted our request to host the Ridgewood Summer get together at their home, 2PM-5PM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON CSA 32 VOTING

Recently residents of Ridgewood II and III received their CSA 32 proposed tax assessment voting packet. Unlike prior years, there are several changes that have been mandated by the California State assembly. In summary, these changes are as follows:

Only those residents on a CSA maintained road and residents that must use CSA maintained roads to get to a county maintained road would be assessed for the maintenance of CSA 32 roads. For CSA32, this basically means that the residents on Ridgewood drive in Ridgewood II and III will no longer be assessed for CSA 32 and the assessed residents will assume the full assessment burden of CSA32.

This will be the last yearly assessment. That is, if the residents approve this current CSA 32, it will

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be automatically renewed each year. The assessment may appropriately increase on a yearly basis if construction/ engineering costs increase. However, the CSA 32 contract may be terminated by a 51 percent weighted (weighting is defined in your CSA 32 assessment packet) vote. If the assessed residents do not approve CSA 32, the county will terminate it and our current road funds (\$219,470.00) will most probably be turned over to the Tuolumne County general fund.

Voting "YES" for the continuation of CSA 32 is strongly encouraged since a no vote will not only result in a probable loss of current road funds, it will also result in a loss of the maintenance of the CSA 32 maintained roads. NOT maintaining the roads would definitely have a negative impact on the value of Ridgewood properties.

The prospect of Ridgewood II and III forming its own organization for the maintenance of the roads now maintained via CSA 32 is problematic. Basically a homeowners association would have to be formed so that a road assessment could be levied against the lot owners for the maintenance of the road. In addition, a paid management team would be required for the administration of the road maintenance functions.

If you have already voted and wish to change your vote, you must either see Sharon Mikesell at the Tuolumne County Public Works or send a sealed letter to Sharon specifying your desired vote. The letter to Sharon would be addressed as follows:

Return Label:

(APN Number for your lot) CSA32

Your name

Your address

Address:

Tuolumne County Public Works

Attn: Sharon Mikesell-Special Districts Adm.

2 South Green Street

Sonora, CA 95370

It is spring and of course it is time for the annual Ridgewood spring-cleaning/barbeque. The spring-cleaning consists of clearing the litter from the Ridgewood roads that was left behind by some of our not so tidy users of Ridgewood roads. So, come out and help in the clean up. It takes about 1 to 2 hours and we really need the exercise. Trash bags will be provided for the collection of the litter. As for the barbeque, the RNA will provide most of the food, however, we ask that you coordinate with the host on what you may bring to round out the menu. For date and time see our calendar of events. (front page)

Ballot for Ridgewood Neighborhood Association (RNA) Board Members.

President: Dave Palmer

☐ Write in _____

Secretary: Kathie Luke

☐ Write in _____

Member-At-Large: Forrest Dobbs

☐ Write in _____

You may vote your ballot by sending an email to dvester@hub3.net, mailing your ballot to:

Ridgewood Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 1128
Soulsbyville, CA 95372

or by submitting your ballot at the summer RNA meeting/party. The new RNA board members will be announced at the summer RNA party and in the next newsletter.

HAVE YOU COMPARED YOUR DELIVERED PRICE FOR PROPANE LATELY??

Did you know Ridgewood residents have an agreement with AmeriGas to pay only \$.50 above cost? Ridgewood's delivered price on 4/17/09 was \$1.21/ gal. For more information call AmeriGas at (209) 736-1160. Do mention that you live in Ridgewood Estates, in Sonora.

"Where artists live and work, communities thrive"

Patricia Cherry is primarily California. The State's amazing diversity of people, terrain and colors keep her inspired. Her art has been called impressionistic, surrealistic, spiritual, and contemporary, which is why she calls herself "A California Artist". She says living in California, especially Sonora, Ridgewood", is like living in Technicolor, her paintings reflect that excitement and are valued for their intensity.

Working in watercolor, oil and mixed media she finds changing from one media to another challenging and stimulating. Patricia feels the result of this method keeps her in a constant learning mode.



"Sunday Drive" by Patricia Cherry

That learning mode creates freshness and excitement in her everyday painting experience. Each rich and emotionally dramatic painting by Patricia is a collection of unexpected color texture, light, shadow and form. A prolific painter, painting California Land, Coast, and Abstracts, Florals, Still Life and Portraits.

Sonora Art Trails launched its first Open Studio Tour in 2006. In that first weekend event we drew around 300 visitors from in and out of the county. The feedback we received exceeded our expectations. The 2009 art tour will be our fourth annual event.

We are grateful and we are committed to give back to our community. We receive community wide support through many organizations and businesses such as; Sonora Sunrise Rotary, Central Sierra Arts Council, Mother Lode Art Association, Black Oak Casino, Sierra Instant Print, and Sonora Fitness. These businesses, individuals and artists have come together to keep this worthwhile annual event going.

Visitors to our annual events come from all over the region. We've joined countless other counties who have learned that in the geographical areas where there was a continuous annual tour, positive development occurred and artists were, if not thriving than doing pretty darn well. This then of course positively impacts their communities. We were often told that where artists live and work, communities thrive.

Small cities across the country have recognized the economic and civic contributions artists make to an area and

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know that the Arts can turn a point on a map into a sought-after destination.

Participating artists spend their time, treasure and talent creating the infrastructure of this project. Our participating artists have continued to be more and more collaborative, supportive and helpful. We have many hero's involved in this growing annual community event and we have hope that this tour will continue to thrive for years to come. This year we will concentrate more on partnering with local hospitality and entertainment businesses to make this open studio tour even more successful. We've found that tourists want to know, "What else is there to do here"?

We want them to have a complete happy weekend experience.

—Patricia Cherry

Note: this is a first in the series "Neighbors in the News" articles we would like featured in the Ridgewood Newsletter, to get to know our neighbors' activities, hobbies, and occupations. Please contact our President or the editor if you have any news for future stories.



Foothills Blue Penstemon
found in Ridgewood, cps 2008

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Thank you for your continued RNA membership renewal. Disregard the renewal form on this page.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ LOT # _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

\$10 CASH/CHECK ENCLOSED _____

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