



RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**BOARD MEETING:** November 8, at 3:00pm at Dave & Judith Palmer's house.

**RIDGETTES**

**Tuesday, October 26th @ 11:30 a.m:** A Farewell Luncheon honoring Carole Pfoutz will be held at the home of Betty Reina.

**Wednesday, November 17th @ 11:00 a.m:** A Tamale Making Party will be held at Cori Frank's home. Lastly, thanks goes to all the hostesses who volunteered during 2010!



Sally and Doug Clark  
our hosts for this  
years' summer Party.  
THANK YOU!



Standing: Bob  
Fisher and Don  
Denhard.  
Seated: Anna  
Lewis and Judith  
Palmer, having a  
good time.

**NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS  
WILL RETURN IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER**



Don Nester and Larry Bramblett tasting the goodies.



Jerry Lewis, Bob Gardner, Carole Pfoutz and Dave Palmer

*Photo's: Carole Pfoutz*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank Doug and Sally Clark for hosting the Ridgewood summer party at their home. I believe everyone who attended had a wonderful time. As I mentioned before, the combination of Ridgewood 2 and Ridgewood 3 is divided into ten smaller sections called blocks. Each block (except block 1) has a person, or a couple, who has volunteered to be the block captain. The main reason for dividing Ridgewood into blocks is to be able to get important information to all residents quickly. Most of us chose to live in Ridgewood because it is a wonderful community in a beautiful part of California. However, living in the mountains can also be dangerous if we don't have a good plan for dealing with emergencies. An obvious emergency would be a fire. In the case of an emergency, such as a fire, any resident who notices the fire would notify their block captain. At this point all ten block captains will be notified that there is a potential emergency and each will contact the families in their block. The notification process will be expedited by means of a contact tree. In other words the first block captain will notify two other block captains who will in turn notify two other block captains, etc. The same contact tree technique will be used to notify all residents within a block. I know this may sound complicated but I have seen how fast a fire can spread when dry trees and underbrush are involved. A few years ago an unattended debris burn pile started a fire in the town of Cold Springs, CA. Cold Springs is located east on highway 108 just before Pinecrest. Due to the dryness of the area and the high winds, the fire spread quickly. All Cold Springs residents were immediately evacuated to a local school. Initially the fire fighters thought they were going to lose Cold Springs, including our son's cabin, and made plans to control the fire before it crossed over highway 108. Well they got lucky. The fire was moving in the tops of the trees, called crowning, and the fire fighters were able to get it under control. In the end one home was lost and two others were severely damaged. In a case such as the Cold Springs fire, the ability to get evacuation information to the residents quickly could save lives.

Another important role of the block captain is to visit new Ridgewood residents and provide them with useful information, including the Ridgewood Neighbor Association, the CC&R's, neighborhood block system, etc.

You can find a map that provides details regarding all ten Ridgewood blocks at <http://www.ridgewood.netfirms.com> and click on Maps. If you do not have internet access, call 352-6157 and a copy of the block map and a list of block captains will be sent to you. Currently block captains are assigned to blocks 2 through 9. However, there is no block captain for block 1. Please go to the Ridgewood website and determine which block you are in. If you are in block 1, call 352-6157 and I will sign you up as the block captain. **It's that easy!** As you can see, the block captain position is

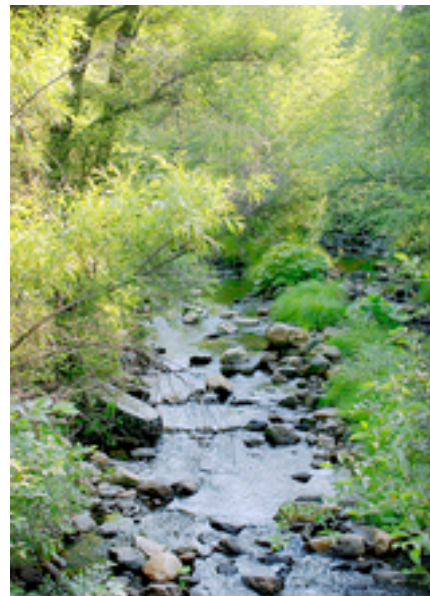
not difficult or time consuming. However, if an emergency occurs having a block captain in place is very important.

If you call 911 from your home you should use your landline (a telephone connected to the lines on the poles) telephone instead of your cell phone. Using your landline telephone will allow emergency responders to determine your exact location quickly - **even if you don't know where you are or can't communicate**. The landline telephone automatically connects to a computer that immediately tells the responder where you are. If you make a 911 call from your cell phone you are connected to a regional center in some far-away city. In our case I have been told that you are connected to the California Highway Patrol in Merced. You will need to tell the dispatcher where you are and the type of emergency. The dispatcher will then contact a local emergency responder. The Federal Communications Commission has required that all wireless carriers be able to pinpoint your location for the 911 dispatchers, but the rule is coming in phases and there are many exceptions.

Everyone who uses Waste Management's trash collection service has received new trash, and recycle, containers. I have been contacted by several Ridgewood residents who have noticed that a few of the trash and recycle containers are being left at the roadside between trash pickups. Please store the containers out of sight between trash pickup days.

Waste Management Inc. has a coupon program that is available to everyone. Anyone who has roadside trash pickup service can go to the office at 14959 Camage Road, Sonora and receive two free coupons. The coupons are valid for one year beginning and ending on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Each coupon allows the owner to dispose of up to 1 cubic yard of waste, including electronics, at the Cal Sierra Transfer Station. The transfer station is located at 19309 Industrial Drive, Sonora.

--Dave



Late Summer in Tuolumne County (Photo: D. Palmer)



## PROPANE NEWS

Good News! Amerigas' Local Manager, CJ, has confirmed that Ridgewood's arrangement with Amerigas remains unchanged. Many of us received a general mailing from Amerigas, announcing termination of agreements and terms, however CJ states we're exempt.

Today's delivered price to Ridgewood residents is \$1.76/gal. Do you want to lower your buying price? Refer a non-Amerigas Ridgewood resident and collect a finder's fee from Amerigas, in the amount of a \$100 credit to your Account. Check with your neighbors, particularly recent buyers, who may not be aware of Ridgewood's agreement with Amerigas to receive delivery of propane at \$.50 above the Posted Price for the San Francisco area, published weekly by the California Department of Government Services. Prices can be obtained by going to the Ridgewood Web Page and bringing up the noted State Web Page at: <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/contracts/FuelPosting.aspx>. Should you have any questions, regarding this Program, contact Amerigas at (209) 736-1160 or Ralph Legg, Tel. 533-4228.

## NEWSLETTER CHANGE

Up until this time, the newsletter was only sent to those residents who paid their annual ten dollars (\$10.00) dues. Because the newsletter has information, which is of general interest and importance to the Ridgewood community, the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association (RNA) board voted to send the newsletter to all residents. Although there are some printing and mailing costs associated with this decision, the cost is minimal.

Dues for the RNA are due annually in January. The annual dues are used to support the postal mailing of information to residents (i.e. the Newsletters and other mailings), Web site costs, and refreshments for the two annual meetings/parties. All RNA board members serve without compensation and the dues are used for the Ridgewood community.

The RNA is your organization and you are encouraged to join and to participate. Your ideas are always welcome and encouraged. So when January comes along, just fill out the form below with your ten-dollar check.

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The committee is looking to replace Joan Bergsund

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The Ladies at the 2010 Summer Party

Photo: Carole Pfoutz

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