



RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING:

April 25, 3:00pm at Dave Palmer's home.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

I would like to thank Al & Fran Avilla for hosting the annual Ridgewood Holiday Party at their home. I hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the party.

I would also like to thank everyone who brought donations of food items to the holiday party. As we all know these are very hard times for a lot of people/families in Tuolumne County. Interfaith Food Bank accepts donated food items and distributes them to people in need. All the food items donated by Ridgewood residents were delivered to Interfaith Food Bank located at 18500 Striker Ct, Sonora. The Amador Tuolumne County Action Agency (ATCAA) accepts monetary donations and uses the money to purchase food for people in need. ATCAA is located at 427 N. Highway 49, Suite 301, Sonora. All checks should be made out to ATCAA/food bank.

I am sure that most Ridgewood residents have noticed the drainage problems at the corner of Ridgewood Drive and Parkridge Avenue. After studying the situation carefully, it looks like the problems are caused by several poorly designed drainage systems.

As many of you know, Parkridge Avenue is not a Tuolumne County maintained road. Actually, Ridgewood Drive is the only road in Ridgewood that is maintained by the County. All other Ridgewood roads are maintained through a County Service Area (CSA). I contacted our Ridgewood CSA administrator and she said we have a contract that has been signed to check all the Ridgewood CSA drainage systems and make sure all culverts, ditches & roadside drains are clear. Our Ridgewood CSA administrator also mentioned that the work will begin shortly and that she will suggest that the drainage problems on Parkridge Ave., described above, will become one of the first items of work.

There are several places in Ridgewood where the weeds and brush are growing right up to the edge of the road. The Tuolumne County Agriculture Department is planning to do weed abatement spraying and brushing on all Ridgewood CSA roads. The spraying and brushing will be limited to within 5 feet off the edge of the pavement. They have assured me that they will not spray, or brush, ornamental shrubbery.

There are several steeply sloped banks in Ridgewood that have been sprayed with herbicides to remove vegetation. While spraying eliminates weed growth it can also cause drainage problems during the wet season, especially when the ground is sloped. In many cases the soil has moved down into the street clogging the storm drains. I spoke to a landscape designer and he recommends reseeding the banks with annual rye grass until the natural vegetation returns. Of course other types of plants can also be used to control erosion. Annual rye grass can be purchased at most hardware stores in Sonora. Sonora Feed and Supply, located at 13765 Terrace Dr, Sonora, sells annual rye grass by the pound.

FAREWELL TO NEIGHBORS
Carole & Ray Pfoutz



The Ridgettes organized a Pot Luck luncheon at Betty Reina's House. We all had a terrific time. After lunch they went around the room and everyone in turn had something wonderful to say about Carole and all the activities and positions she had during the twelve years in the Ridgettes and on the RNA board and just as a neighbor.

I would like to thank everyone on Crestridge Avenue who trimmed the vegetation close the road. Some of the vegetation had become so overgrown that you could not see what was coming in the other direction when you were driving around the tight curves.

Several Ridgewood residents had damage as a result of the recent heavy wet snow. Many trees in Ridgewood had broken limbs or had fallen completely. One tree in particular fell very close to Ridgewood Drive. Once we located the home owner, who lives in Twain Harte, and convinced him that the fallen tree was partially blocking the view of traffic, he quickly removed it.

We urgently need a volunteer to lead the Block Captain Committee. Maps describing the Ridgewood Neighborhood Blocks can be found on the Ridgewood website at <http://ridgewood.netfirms.com/Maps/Maps.htm>. Having block captains in place is very important especially in case of an emergency situation such as fire. The block captains also greet new Ridgewood residents and provide them with important information. If anyone is interested in volunteering as the Block Captain Committee chairperson, please contact me or anyone on the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association Board.

I contacted Tuolumne County Animal Control in Jamestown to get a clear definition of the California dog leash law. The law states that the animal's owner is liable for anything their animal does when not on a leash. This includes biting another dog. If you want additional information go to: <http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stuscafoodagcode31601.htm>

I am sure many residents have noticed that there are no fire hydrants on Ridgewood roads other than Ridgewood Drive. It is our understanding that there is some plumbing installed. We have contacted our county CSA administrator and she provided preliminary information. We are just beginning to look into this situation. If decide to do something about the fire hydrant problem, it will not be funded using CSA money. There may be little we can do about the fire hydrant situation, but it is certainly seems worth investigating.

If anyone has not paid their 2011 Ridgewood Neighborhood Association dues please mail cash or a check for \$10.00 to Ridgewood Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 1128, Soulsbyville CA. 95372. Please make your check payable to Ridgewood Neighborhood Association. The \$10.00 dues are used to fund the summer and holiday parties and the RNA newsletter.

I would like to remind everyone that the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association e-mail list should not be used for solicitations.

Finally, Cori Frank has a couple of patients that need a microwave and a treadmill. If anyone knows of a used, or new, microwave and/or treadmill that are available please contact Cori at 533-1245 or email her at rxjohn@sonnet.com.

--Dave

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RIDGEWOOD CHRISTMAS PARTY 2010



Above, a friendly hello wave from Betty Nester while Anna Lewis and Carole Pfoutz indulge in their favorite snacks.

And a lovely Santa display is seen in one of our hosts' rooms.

LEASH LAWS IN RIDGEWOOD

The California leash law says that if the dog is off the owners property it must be on a leash.

All around Ridgewood are signs placed that there is a Leash Law in Ridgewood and that they will be enforced. However we have received several complaints about dogs that are running around without a leash, while the owners walk at a distance. There has even been an altercation at least once where the dogs ON LEASH were attacked by dogs not on leash.

Pet owners who allow their pets to roam unattended are putting the animals' welfare in jeopardy and creating a nuisance to neighbors, other domestic pets and wildlife.

PROPANE PRICE CHANGE

Some Residents may have recently noticed a slight increase in our delivered price for Propane. Amerigas has increased the Ridgewood purchase price to \$.57 above the Posted Price published by the California Department of Government Services. Amerigas explains that their "laid in" costs have gone up due to increased transportation costs to their Plant in Angels Camp. For your convenience Amerigas has agreed to provide weekly, Ridgewood's Propane price for the coming week to be posted on the Ridgewood Web Page. This is to offset recent inconsistencies by the Dept. of General Services to provide updated price information that we will continue to monitor, when made available.

Should you care to check, you'll find we still enjoy a very competitive advantage over other suppliers in the area.

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RNA Membership Renewal

ANNUAL DUES

Your 2011 dues are due. Your dues pay for the Post Office Box rental, postage, printing, annual meeting party expenses, new resident welcome gifts, award gifts, special circumstance gifts (Hospitalization and condolence), and Ridgewood web site fees.

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