



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank Bob and Linda Parriot for hosting the annual Ridgewood Summer Party. I hope everyone who attended had a wonderful time. We all enjoyed Bob and Linda's beautiful new patio.

As summer comes to an end and fall approaches, we are already beginning to plan the annual Ridgewood Neighborhood Association holiday party. While we appreciate that in the past several Ridgewood residents have graciously volunteered to host the holiday party in their homes, having the party in a resident's home limits the number of people who can attend. Also, there is a chance that damage can occur if a beverage, or food, is spilled. For this year's holiday party, we have been able to reserve the Willow Springs Ranch club house in Willow Springs, CA. If you cross highway 108 onto Soulsbyville Road, turn left at the Willow Springs Market onto Willow Springs Drive. Proceed about one quarter mile on Willow Springs Drive and you will see Willow Springs Ranch on your left. There is plenty parking space available, a large meeting area with plenty of tables and chairs, a full kitchen, and clean restrooms. The facility is also "children friendly". We intend to have a children's area setup in the club house. If the kids get bored inside, there is a fully equipped playground outside. We have reserved the facility for December 11, 2011. Please include the December 11th RNA holiday party on your calendar. There will be a holiday party reminder in a newsletter that will be published later this fall.

While we are discussing our summer and holiday parties, I would like to mention that many residents have not paid their 2011 Ridgewood Neighborhood Association dues. The \$10.00 annual dues are used to pay for the printing and mailing of the newsletter, as well as helping to fund the RNA summer and holiday parties. If you have not paid your 2011 dues please mail a check payable to "Ridgewood Neighborhood Association" to "Ridgewood Neighborhood Association, P. O. Box 1128, Soulsbyville, CA 95372". **A form is included below.**

As many of you know, most government operating budgets, including Tuolumne County, have been reduced as a result of the severe economic downturn. In some cases money that was originally intended for a particular project has been redirected to fund another "higher" priority project. Some of the members of the RNA board (including me) were concerned that our Ridgewood CSA (County Service Area) funds may be included in a general fund allowing them to be redirected to another project. When we asked our Tuolumne County CSA representative about this we were assured the Ridgewood CSA funds are NOT part of the on-going Tuolumne County budget crisis. Each CSA has its own individual account. However, Ridgewood Drive is a county maintained road and therefore not included in the CSA.

Due to the drop in funding for the County Road Fund, we probably won't see any work done along Ridgewood Drive for some time. Anyone who walks on Ridgewood Drive will notice that several tree, and bush, branches have grown out over the road sometimes forcing traffic to move toward the other lane. This is a dangerous situation that we will have to address.

If anyone is planning to add an addition to their home or build an additional building on their property, please be sure to contact the Architectural Committee chairmen Marty Gerbasi. Marty, or someone from the Architectural Committee, will go over your plans and make sure nothing violates the CC&Rs. Marty's telephone number and the Ridgewood CC&Rs can be found on the Ridgewood website at: <http://ridgewood.netfirms.com>.

With the pleasant summer weather here in Ridgewood, we find many residents are enjoying a walk through our beautiful community. Several residents have mentioned that there seems to be a noticeable increase in dog droppings on the roads. Please, in the spirit of keeping our neighborhood streets, and neighbors property free of dog litter; those who do walk their pets, kindly carry a poop bag and pick up after your pets...your responsible action will be greatly appreciated by all of us.

It seems like star thistle is taking over Ridgewood. If it is not controlled it will eventually take over and crowd out all other plants. Simply pulling the star thistle plant out of the ground will not work because the roots extend up to three feet into the soil. In the spring before the plant matures herbicide products containing triclopyr, such as Brush-B-Gone, can be used to control star thistle. Later in the season after the plants mature products containing glyphosate, such as Roundup Super Concentrate, can be used. Star Thistle grows best in areas that receive large amounts of sunlight. This explains why the plants are often found close to the road. The star thistle seedlings travel easily in the wind into your neighbor's yard. I encourage everyone to have an aggressive plan for controlling star thistle. If you would like additional information please read the following article:

<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7402.html>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ridgettes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011
11:00 a.m.

GAMES & POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Carole Robinson's home
20950 Pineridge Court
588-9519

Bring a luncheon dish to share.
Beverages will be provided. Please RSVP
to Carole by September 19th .

Ridgewood Holiday Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Willow Springs Ranch Club House
20522 Willow Springs Dr
Willow Springs, CA

Bring your favorite beverage and an
hors d'oeuvre to share.

Propane News

Propane Prices are going up-up-up. The national publication of Butane Propane News (BPN) has posted a \$.19 per gal. increase, at San Francisco Terminals over the past 30 days. As most of you are aware, Ridgewood residents have the opportunity to purchase their Propane requirements from Amerigas at a price equal to the San Francisco Terminal Price, as published by BPN, plus \$.57 per gal.

Ridgewood's current delivered price can be determined by going to the Ridgewood Web Page at (ridgewood.netfirms.com), where the current price will be posted or if not updated by clicking on the "California government" button and proceeding through the Weekly Fuel Postings, issued by the State of California Procurement Division and adding \$.57 to the TARGA-San Francisco price shown for a particular date. Should you not have taken advantage of Ridgewood's special buying price and be interested, either contact Ralph Legg at 533-4228 or Amerigas direct at (209) 736-1160

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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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Please E-mail me the newsletter

\$10 CASH/CHECK ENCLOSED _____

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