



RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dave Palmer

I would like to thank everyone who helped organize the recent Ridgewood Neighborhood Association holiday party. The 2011 RNA holiday party was held at the Willow Springs Ranch club house in Soulsbyville. The hors d'oeuvres were delicious and everyone seemed to have a good time. We discussed the Willow Springs Ranch club house at our recent RNA Board meeting and decided to reserve the facility for our 2012 RNA holiday party.

While I am mentioning RNA parties, Larry and Nancy Bertuccelli have graciously offered to host the 2012 summer party at their home at 16212 Crestridge Ave. The party will occur on June 24, 2012 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. There will be a summer party reminder in a subsequent newsletter that will be published later this spring.

### *So, what's in it for me??*

Why should our family join the RNA and contribute our hard earned 10 bucks. What's it get us? Ok, fair question, To start with, it enhances your sense of community. It hosts 2 really great parties each year (Summer & Christmas). Through the news letter (both mail and e-mail issues), important local information, relative to Ridgewood is provided. The web site has wonderful links to our County offices and facilities, upcoming events and notifications of items of interest and importance to our residents. Board members, or CC&R committee members, can provide valuable assistance to a homeowner when it comes to facilitating applications for home additions & improvements. They can and will, give guidance and assistance to a homeowner with concerns and or questions regarding our CC&R's and how we interface with the County. The RNA is well recognized by the County and hears our input on various items. We enjoy and sound relationship with the County. There is strength in numbers...so, let's get our numbers up! Come on...it's only \$10 bucks...with the added funds our budget can be expanded and additional valuable services could be possible. Please give this sincere request your valued consideration. If you have not paid your 2012 dues please mail a check payable to "Ridgewood Neighborhood Association" to "Ridgewood Neighborhood Association, P. O. Box 1128, Soulsbyville, CA 95372". If you can't remember, check your address label. A pink highlight indicates, according to our records, non-payment. **For your convenience a form is included at the end of this newsletter.**

### *Comcast*

You probably have noticed the Comcast wires along Ridgewood Drive and wonder why only a few Ridgewood residences have been connected to Comcast services. I spoke with our representative on The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors. He mentioned that Comcast has a contract with Tuolumne County that defines the requirements for a home to be eligible for Comcast service. He also gave me the name of the Comcast Regional Manager in Sacramento. I contacted the Comcast Regional Manager and he requested a list of Ridgewood residents who are interested in having Comcast service. I sent him my current list of twenty nine residents. Representatives from the RNA board plan to meet with the Comcast Manager the next time he visits Tuolumne County. If you are interested in having Comcast service but have not provided your name and address, please send an email to [dpalmer348@aol.com](mailto:dpalmer348@aol.com) or call 209 352-6157. I will keep everyone on my list informed as soon as I receive meaningful information.

### *Gun Fire!*

From time to time, there have been loud gun shots heard in the lower Ridgewood area. The unusual acoustics here in our area, with its many valleys, makes it difficult to pinpoint the exact location. It is most often heard on week-end afternoons. Several people, including the writer, have heard the gun fire and it sounds like an automatic weapon. California has some of the strictest gun laws in the United States. While it is legal to fire a single shot weapon in California, it is not legal to fire an automatic. The Tuolumne County Sheriff Department has been contacted. If anyone has knowledge with regard to the location of the gun fire, please contact any RNA board member.

### *Star Thistle*

Soon it will be spring and the beginning of the Star Thistle season. As most of us know Star Thistle is a major problem in 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 Ortho's Brush-B-Gone, can be used to control star thistle. Later in the season after the plants mature products containing glyphosate, such as Scott's 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 2012 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>

### *Pets*

Reports of continued neglect, by some Ridgewood Residents, of our RNA and Tuolumne County Leash laws keep coming up. Residents are again reminded to keep their pets under control and contained when on their property and when on walks throughout our community. According to Tuolumne County Animal Control "the animal's owner is liable for anything their animal does when not on a leash". Also, a loose pet could cause a confrontation with another pet and as such, be a danger to the pet and others. Please carry a container and pickup any droppings. Let's be good neighbors and obey the leash laws.

**Please contact Don Nester if you are receiving your newsletter by snail mail and would like to receive it by email. Thank you.**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **MARCH RIDGETTES LUNCHEON**

Thursday, March 22, 2012

11:30 a.m.

NATIONAL HOTEL

Main Street, Jamestown

**Hostess:** Betty Scruggs: 533-8953

Please call Betty by Monday, March 19th to let her know that you're coming.

See you there!!

April, to be announced

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

STANDARD POUR

19040 Standard Rd

**Hostess:** Jeanne Legg 533-4228

Please call Jeanne by Monday, May 14 to let her know you are coming.

See you there!

### **Ridgewood Summer Party**

**Saturday, June 24, 2012**

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

At

Larry and Nancy Bertuccelli's

16212 Crestridge Ave

**Bring** your favorite beverage and an Hors d'oeuvres to share.

## **Propane News**

Did you catch the recent article in the Democrat regarding Propane prices in the Sonora area? According to the article, the average delivered price is \$2.85 per gallon. Your Association's delivered price is and has been \$2.05 per gallon, through our arrangement with Amerigas. That equates to a savings of \$500 - \$1000 per year for the average Ridgewood consumer. If you haven't already considered a change and have any questions, contact Amerigas at

(209) 736-1160 or your Ridgewood Propane representative, Ralph Legg (209) 533-4228 This is just one more reason to support the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association.

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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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