

NEWSLETTER September 2012 - ISSUE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank Bob and Linda Parriot for hosting the annual Ridgewood Summer Party. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we asked Bob and Linda to host the party on short notice. They immediately said yes and everyone had a wonderful time.

As summer comes to an end and fall returns, we are beginning to plan the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association holiday party. The RNA holiday party will be held on December 9, 2012 at the Willow Springs Ranch club house in Willow Springs, CA. The club house is located on Willow Springs Drive. 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 are plenty of parking spaces available, a large meeting area with plenty of tables and chairs, a full kitchen and clean restrooms. Please include the December 9, 2012 RNA Holiday Party on your calendar. There will be a holiday party reminder in a newsletter that will be published later this fall. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share with your neighbors, and if you wish the beverage of your choice. The Ridgewood Neighborhood Association will supply soft drinks, water, eating utensils, paper plates and cups.

While we are discussing our summer and holiday parties, I would like to mention that some residents have not paid their 2012 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 2012 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.

You have probably noticed that crack sealing was recently performed on all Ridgewood roads covered by CSA (County Service Area) funds. Ridgewood CSA funds are used to maintain Ridgewood roads with services that include crack sealing, resurfacing, drainage repairs, brushing, vegetation control (spraying in coordination with the Agriculture Department), and snow removal. Tree trimming around utility poles is done by PG&E and CSA funds are not used for that. Also, CSA funds are not used to repair Ridgewood Drive, which is a Tuolumne County road, or private roads. Tuolumne County is able to get volume pricing by performing services in several CSAs at once. For example, the recent project included 14 Tuolumne County CSAs. The Ridgewood CSA was only charged for its portion of the larger project.

Recently a group of men approached Ridgewood residents saying that they would like to inspect the inside of their home and recommend energy saving ideas. These "gentlemen" were described as driving a red truck and wearing red tee shirts. However, none of the men could produce any meaningful identification. The Tuolumne County Sheriff Department was contacted and they said they were aware of this group and had recently received a report that they had approached several home owners in Twain Harte. I am glad to report that as far as I know no Ridgewood resident allowed these men inside their home. Just a reminder to keep your doors locked even when you are in your home. I know of two cases in Ridgewood where intruders attempted to enter homes even though the residents **were present.** If you are not sure who is knocking on your door, **don't open it.**

President's Message continued

If anyone is planning to add an addition to their home, build an exterior fence, 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. You can also find Marty's telephone number at the end of this newsletter.

As fall approaches and the weather gets cooler, we find many Ridgewood residents are enjoying a walk through our beautiful community. 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.

Calendar of Events

Ridgettes Special Event Saturday, November 11, 2012 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Hostess: Cori Frank 533-1245 <u>rxjohn@sonnet.com</u> Contact Cori **as soon as possible** for details

Ridgewood Neighborhood Association Holiday Party

Sunday, December 9, 2012 Willow Springs Ranch Club House 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. See details above. For additional information contact: Dave Palmer at dpalmer348@aol.com or 352-6157

High speed internet options available in Ridgewood

Comcast (DSL service available on, or near, Ridgewood Drive) www.comcast.com 800-824-2000

Mother Lode Internet (broadband wireless, line of sight from antenna) www.motherlodeinternet.com 209-536-5800

Sonnet Networking (broadband wireless, line of sight from antenna) www.sonnet.com 209-532-4111

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Availability varies depending on your location

Propane News

Due to our contract with Amerigas, the current propane price for Ridgewood is \$1.36 per gallon.

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