



## RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Ridgewood 2013 Holiday Party will be held **on Sunday December 8, 2013 at the Willow Springs Clubhouse from 2PM until 5PM. The Willow Springs Clubhouse is located at 20522 Willow Springs Drive, Soulsbyville.** The holiday party is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors, especially new neighbors that have recently moved to Ridgewood. Please include the Dec 8<sup>th</sup> RNA Holiday Party on your calendar. 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, napkins and cups.

**RIM Fire**

I am sure everyone is glad to see that the smoke caused by the RIM fire has disappeared. Due to excellent work by the fire fighters, the damage to property was held to a minimum. In the early stage of fire, there was concern that the fire might reach Tuolumne City and then move toward Soulsbyville. Again, due to the skill of the fire fighters the fire did not reach Tuolumne City. However, the proximity of the RIM fire to Ridgewood should make all of us think about how to improve the protection of our homes. It is very important that you create defensible space around your home. Without going into great detail, the following website, [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org), contains useful information with regard to protecting our homes in case of fire. If you don't have access to the Internet let me know and I will get the information to you.

**Home Security**

Recently we have had home robberies, and attempted robberies, in Ridgewood. Please keep all doors locked when you are at home or away. **Do not** open a door unless you are absolutely sure who is on the other side. If you have a windowless door install a wide-angle peephole so you can see who is on the other side. If you have not already done so install a home alarm system. There are several good wireless home alarm systems available. Your home should appear occupied at all times. If you leave home for an extended period, use timers to switch lights and radios on and off. Install deadbolt locks on all doors. If you lose your keys change your locks immediately. Check references before you hire anyone to do work at your home. If you have access to the Internet, there are several websites that have excellent home security information. Please be vigilant.

**CC&Rs**

If you are planning to add an addition to your home, install an exterior fence, build an additional building, install a solar panel, or make any other modifications to your 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 Ridgewood 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 telephone numbers for the architectural committee at the end of this newsletter. If you have not read the Ridgewood CC&Rs, you are encouraged to do so. If you do not have access to the Ridgewood website, please contact one of the RNA board members and we will make sure you get a copy.

I would like to discuss why I think it is so important that we try to make sure we don't do anything that violates the Ridgewood CC&Rs. I know many of you drive through some of the neighborhoods that surround Ridgewood and just shake your head in wonderment at some of the things you see. Then you drive into Ridgewood and pass the Ridgewood sign and in your mind you say thank you to the people that created the structure that helped make, and keep, our neighborhood such a great place to live. I believe we all have to work hard to maintain that structure.

## **Ridgewood/Phoenix Lake Road Intersection**

I am sure many of you have noticed the dangerous intersection at the corner of Ridgewood Drive and Phoenix Lake Road. Several accidents, and many “close calls”, have occurred at that intersection. The main problem is caused by a sharp bend in the road that makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic. There is also a tree very close the road that makes it even more difficult to see the traffic. Dennis Hebert has agreed to work with the Tuolumne County Road Department to try to make improvements at this intersection.

## **Board of Director Vacancies**

If you are interested in being part of the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, please contact one of the current RNA board members. Some of our current RNA board members have been on the board for a long time and need to be replaced. The Vice President position is currently **open**. You will find a list of current board members and their phone numbers on the Ridgewood website at [ridgewood.netfirms.com/contacts](http://ridgewood.netfirms.com/contacts). If you are interested please contact any of our current RNA board members. Most of our board members will be available to discuss details at the upcoming RNA holiday party.

## **Medicare Update**

For those of us who use Medicare for your medical insurance, the open enrollment period begins on October 15 and ends on December 7. If you are satisfied with your current medical insurance, you don't have to do anything. However, if you are not completely satisfied with your current medical insurance and would like to know what is available, I recommend that you contact Area 12 Agency on Aging. Area 12, as they are commonly called, is located at 19074 Standard Rd, Sonora. The Area 12 phone number is (209) 532-6272. The folks at Area 12 are experts at helping you select the best Medicare supplemental and drug insurance for your situation. Also the Area 12 agent I spoke with assured me that the Obama care program does not affect seniors who have Medicare health insurance

## **Tuolumne County Projects scheduled for Ridgewood**

As you travel around Ridgewood you may notice white markings on several of our roads. Our Ridgewood County Service Area (CSA) administrator informed me that during the fall of 2013, Tuolumne County road crews would be working on several projects in Ridgewood. These projects include, approximately 3375 square feet of pavement “dig out” repairs scattered throughout the road system, brushing and weed removal along the side of the roads, a repair of the concrete ditch on Ridgefield Court, and street sweeping throughout the CSA roads (to remove sediment from any paved shoulders, drain inlets, curbs, dikes and other drainage areas to get ready for winter).

## **Ridgettes News**

Carole Robinson

### **August**

Thank you to Julie Banke for hosting the Game Day and Pot Luck Luncheon in her beautiful newly remodeled home. As always, we enjoyed delicious dishes prepared by our ladies. There were three tables of games.

### **September**

Judi Palmer had the neighborhood ladies at her home for Games and Pot Luck. Thank you, Judi! We love the wonderful view from your gorgeous deck!

Call Carole Robinson: 588-9519 if you have questions or would like to be on our email invitation list.

# Propane News

Due to our contract with Pro-Flame (formerly Amerigas) the current propane price for Ridgewood residents is \$1.76 per gallon.

## Activities Calendar

### Ridgettes

**Thursday  
October 24, 2013  
11:00 a.m.**

Carol Dolan will be the hostess for our Ridgettes Games and Pot Luck Luncheon. Any lady who lives in Ridgewood is invited to join us! Bring a luncheon dish to share. Invite a new neighbor.

### Ridgewood 2013 Christmas Party

**Sunday  
December 8, 2013  
Willow Springs Clubhouse  
2PM until 5PM.**

The Willow Springs Clubhouse is located at: 20522 Willow Springs Drive, Soulsbyville

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