



RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Bob and Linda Parriot have graciously invited us to hold the 2014 Ridgewood summer party at their home at **16160 Ridgewood Dr. on Sunday June 22, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.** The summer party is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors, especially new neighbors who have recently moved to Ridgewood. Please include the June 22nd RNA Summer 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.

If you are interested in being part of the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association Board of Directors please contact one of the current board members. Many of our current members have been on the board for a long time and need to be replaced. You will find a list of current board members and their phone numbers at the bottom of this newsletter and on the RNA website at ridgewood.netfirms.com/contacts. Most board members will be available to discuss details at the upcoming RNA summer party. Being a member of the RNA Board is very rewarding and it does not require much of your time.

Members of the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association Board of Directors have been working with Internet service providers to get reliable high speed Internet for everyone in Ridgewood. The federal government has provided funding to several Internet providers to expand high speed Internet in rural areas.

Comcast Xfinity is supplying high speed Internet to thirty-eight homes along Ridgewood Drive. At this time, Comcast does not plan to expand their service beyond Ridgewood Drive.

Until recently Sonnet Networking and Mother Lode Internet were the only providers of high-speed wireless Internet to Ridgewood homes. Conifer Internet is now a third option for high-speed wireless Internet. Conifer Internet can be contacted at (866) 378-8393. Several Ridgewood residents are currently using Conifer Internet for their high speed Internet.

Hughes Net and Dish are options for high speed Internet via satellite. However, the problem with satellite Internet is the time it takes for the signal to travel to, and from, the satellite (latency). Latency is the time it takes for a request to be sent and a reply to be received. Over normal ground-based Internet connections, latency is measured in milliseconds. Over a satellite Internet connection, latency measured in seconds. The additional latency often makes it difficult to communicate with someone over the Internet. When using satellite Internet it is almost impossible to play games online.

We recently had what appears to have been an attempted mailbox break-in in Ridgewood. It appeared that someone tried to break the lock to get into the mailbox. If you plan to be away from home for more than a day please ask the post office to hold your mail until you return. Also, be sure to tell a neighbor to keep an eye on your home and pickup any packages that at your door or in your driveway. I often see newspapers or advertisements that have been left in a driveway. If someone is driving around looking for a house to break into, a newspaper or advertisement left in the driveway for more that a day is an indication that nobody is home. Please work with your neighbors to make sure your homes are as secure as possible when you are gone.

The “Star Thistle season” will soon be upon us. 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 does not work because the roots extend up to **three feet** into the soil. In the early spring before the plant matures herbicide products containing triclopyr, such as Ortho’s Brush-B-Gone and Bayer Advanced Brush Killer Plus, can be used to control star thistle. Later in the season after the plants mature products containing glyphosate, such as Scott’s Roundup Pro Concentrated, can be used. Star Thistle grows best in areas that receive large amounts of sunlight. This explains why the plants are often found along the roadside. Star thistle seedlings travel easily in the wind into your neighbor’s yard. If you have Internet access there is a wealth of information available with regard to star thistle control. I encourage everyone to have an aggressive 2014 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>

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 chairman 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.

Waste Management Inc. has a free coupon program that is available to everyone who has an account. Simply go to the office at 14959 Camage Road, Sonora and receive two free coupons. The coupons are valid for one year beginning and ending on January 1st. Each coupon allows the owner to dispose of up to 1 cubic yard of waste, including electronics, at the Cal Sierra Transfer Station at no charge. The transfer station is located at 19309 Industrial Drive, Sonora.

If you have not already done so, please mail your 2014 Ridgewood Neighborhood Association dues to our treasurer Sandra Piercey. The yearly dues are \$10. Please make the check payable to Ridgewood Neighborhood Association. Sandra’s address is: 15932 Parkridge Ave., Sonora, CA 95370. The yearly dues are used to fund the holiday and summer parties, newsletter publication, and other incidental expenses.

Propane News

As warm weather approaches, propane prices continue to drop. Pro-Flame Ridgewood's negotiated supplier continues to be the most competitive in the area. Today (4/10/14), the delivered price to Ridgewood residents that have joined our coop is \$1.57/gal. Pro-Flame has agreed to sell propane to Ridgewood residents at a price that is \$0.57 over the current San Francisco wholesale price. Obviously, the more Ridgewood residents who join our Pro-Flame propane plan the better the chance that we will keep, and possibly increase, our discount. You can see the current Ridgewood co-op propane price on our website at <http://ridgewood.netfirms.com>. Compare the propane price per gallon from Pro-Flame with the price you are getting from your current supplier.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Pro-Flame at (209) 782-0912 or your Ridgewood Propane representative, Ralph Legg at (209) 533-4228.

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Calendar of Events

Ridgewood Neighborhood Association Summer Party

Sunday June 22, 2014.

**At the home of Bob and Linda Parriot,
16160 Ridgewood Dr.**

From 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM

For additional information contact:

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**RNA Membership Renewal
ANNUAL DUES**

Your 2013 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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