



RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Dear residents:

On behalf of the Ridgewood board I would like to thank Bob and Linda Parriot for hosting the summer meeting at their lovely home. We had a wonderful turnout of residents. This is one of the great assets of our community that we get together socially to meet our neighbors. Ridgewood is one of the best communities in the Sonora area and it is events like these and our strong sense of community that keeps us on the top of that list.

Thank you to John Mager for linking up our guest speaker Nancy Longmore from Cal fire. She gave a very informative presentation. You will see we have provided some of the literature Nancy provided for everyone's convenience. Please take the time to review this literature. There is some very valuable information in it and well worth the time to review. We all know we are in another high fire season. We have identified some residents who need to do at least the minimum weed abatement of 100 feet from the house and we are contacting Cal Fire to speak to these residents.

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 paid your 2015 dues please mail a check payable to "Ridgewood Neighborhood Association" to "Ridgewood Neighborhood Association, P. O. Box 1128, Soulsbyville, CA 95372".

Many thanks to Don Nester for maintaining, and improving, the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association website.

John Banke

Treasurer Message

The Ridgewood Neighborhood Association has a current balance of \$2,118.99 in our account.

Attached is a membership application. If you are not currently a member please consider joining, as it is a good way to keep informed about your neighborhood.

Please mail a check for \$10 to:

Ridgewood Neighborhood Association

PO Box 1128

Soulsbyville, CA 95372

Your annual \$10 donation is used to pay for the publication of the newsletter and the annual summer and holiday parties.

Ridgettes News by Carole Robinson

We are looking for more hostesses for the year. July, September and October are open. It is the hostess's choice whether to have a Pot Luck Luncheon or go to a local restaurant. Let me know by email caroleandre@sbcglobal.net or by phone: 588-9519. Also, if you have any questions or concerns, please call. Thanks!

Propane News

Warm weather is here and the price of propane continuous to drop. Pro-Flame Ridgewood's negotiated supplier continues to be the most competitive in the area. Today (6/29/2015), the delivered price to Ridgewood residents that have joined our coop is \$1.00 per gallon. Pro-Flame has agreed to sell propane to Ridgewood residents at a price that is \$0.57 over the current San Francisco TARGA 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.

Star Thistle

The “Star Thistle season” has begun in earnest. 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, and early summer, 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. You are encouraged 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>. The products that are used to control Star Thistle will also control Poison Oak.

100 Feet of Defensible Space is the Law

In January 2005 a CA state law became effective that extended the defensible space clearance around homes and structures from **30 feet** to **100 feet**. Proper clearance to 100 feet dramatically increases the chance of your house surviving a wildfire. This defensible space also provides firefighter safety when protecting homes during a wild land fire.

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RNA Membership Renewal

ANNUAL DUES

Your 2015 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 _____

LOT # _____

TELEPHONE _____

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\$10 CASH/CHECK ENCLOSED _____

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