



RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Seasons greetings Ridgewood neighbors! The year is coming to an end, which means it is time to start thinking about New Year's resolutions. For the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association board, I hope that you will make it one of your resolutions to join the RNA and participate in its meetings and social activities. If you were not able to attend our get-together in late October, you missed a nice time of tasty appetizers, catching up with neighbors' travel stories and family updates, laughter and meeting new neighbors. It was a beautiful fall evening and the setting among the trees outside the Legg's house was lovely - thank you, Ralph and Jeanne for letting us congregate outside your home!

In recent years it seems neighborhood enthusiasm and involvement has waned a bit, and so it is the hope of the RNA board that we can spur interest by having more frequent newsletters and social activities. We will have a general membership meeting/social event January 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Willow Springs Clubhouse. (See details following this message.) In late spring or early summer we plan to have another general membership meeting and social event. We hope to get input and ideas about that event at the general membership meeting in January. Also, Carole Robinson is looking for neighbors to sponsor Ridgettes social events throughout the coming year. Carole will provide more details in a separate posting in this newsletter.

Some neighbors have expressed concern that the Ridgewood Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) are not being followed by everyone. Our CC&R's, which are legally binding, are posted on our webpage (www.ridgewoodsonora.org) or you may request a copy by emailing (preferred) or calling any one of us on the Board. The Board's contact information is in this newsletter and posted on our website. Please pay particular attention to the CC&R sections pertaining to landscaping, architectural changes, lighting, fencing, and vehicle restrictions (including RV's, trailers, and commercial vehicles) as these seem to be the areas of most concern for neighbors. Unlike a Homeowners Association with costly mandatory fees which may be used to take legal action to enforce CC&R's, the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association is not mandatory and the \$10 voluntary dues are used to cover miscellaneous costs such as meeting hall rental, post office box rental, mailing, copying, Website and paper supplies. Those serving on the RNA Board volunteer their time. Homeowners are encouraged to communicate with their neighbor(s) when they have concerns about CC&R non-compliance issues. Hopefully, good neighbors will abide by the CC&R's, respect their neighbors' concerns and come to amicable

resolutions of issues. Ridgewood is one of the nicest neighborhoods in Sonora and we hope to keep it that way.

I look forward to seeing you at the January 28 general membership meeting. Until then...Happy Holidays!

Sandy Tibbets, RNA President

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/SOCIAL PARTY

We will have a general membership meeting/social event Sunday, January 28th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Willow Springs Clubhouse. This meeting/event will be open to all Ridgewood residents. We expect the meeting portion to be relatively short, so as to have more time for socializing. You are welcome to bring any questions or comments to the Board at that time. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Water, coffee and paper products will be provided.

PROPANE NEWS Ralph Legg has the following news from AmeriGas. Have you recently checked Ridgewood.com to confirm Ridgewood's buying Price, from AmeriGas? Some of our neighbors are finding they're paying \$.10 to \$.20 more a gallon by not taking advantage of our group buying price! **Amerigas is presently offering: For referring today, you will receive:** A \$100 VISA® prepaid card if your friend becomes a home heating customer -- or a \$50 VISA® prepaid card for any other type of customer. No strings attached.

Block Captains Needed There is a need for Block Captains in Blocks 5 & 10 (see website for Block Map). Block Captain primary responsibilities are to welcome new neighbors to the neighborhood and to communicate any important information to their assigned homeowners. Properties assigned to each Block Captain include those next door neighbors and between 11-16 surrounding properties. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sandy Tibbets.

Database Update The Board is trying to update its records so if you know of a new resident (maybe a new neighbor), please contact Don Nester at donnester2@gmail.com or Dave Palmer at dpalmer348@aol.com so that we may include them in future mailings. . Contact Don Nester with corrections and suggestion for the Ridgewood web site.

RNA Dues Dues for the year 2018 are now due. Attached is an application you can bring to our Fall Gathering or mail your \$10.00 to the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 1128, Soulsbyville, CA. 95372.

RNA Board Meetings Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend the Board Meetings which are posted on our website: www.ridgewoodsonora.org. Board meetings are typically held

at a Board member's home, so if you plan to attend a meeting, please let a board member know so that we will have sufficient seating

Ridgettes News by Carole Robinson Carol Robinson reports that the Ridgettes had a successful trip to the Duarte Poinsettia Nursery with lunch at the Fruityard in Modesto, sponsored by Ridgette Robin Ronan.

We are looking for more hostesses for next year. 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 Carole (588-9519). Thanks!

Mail Theft Alert

There has been a mail theft in the Crestridge Ave area. We don't know if the surrounding area got hit or not. The thieves are taking all the mail from a mailbox and driving away, looking through it and opening Christmas envelopes hoping to find gift cards inside. After sweeping through the mail from one house they then deposit any unwanted or junk mail in another mailbox down the street. So, if you find someone else's mail in your box, they and maybe you have been a victim.

The mail person stated she has reported the theft and she is finding mail in a lot of wrong mailboxes. She said that we should be diligent and make sure our mail is out of our mail boxes as soon as possible and definitely by dusk. She said that all of Phoenix Lake Road got hit also.

If you do find someone else's mail in your box it would be nice if you could take it to them or at least call them and tell them where it is and hope that someone does the same for you.

New Board of Directors

Sandy Tibbets, President 532-2453
Sandy Fisher, Vice President 532-3306
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Dave Palmer, Treasurer 352-6157
Ralph Legg, Member at Large 533-4228

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Propane: Ralph Legg 533-4228
Ridgettes: Carole Robinson 588-9519
Webmaster: Don Nester 588-0782

Block Captain/Neighborhood Watch

CC&R Committee Chairperson

Bim Hastings 533-0606

RNA Membership Renewal

ANNUAL DUES

The 2018 dues are due. Your dues pay for postage, printing, annual meeting party expenses, award gifts, special circumstance gifts (hospitalization and condolence), and Ridgewood web site fees.

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

LOT #_____

TELEPHONE_____

EMAIL ADDRESS_____

CHECK IF YOU WISH TO HAVE NEWSLETTER DELIVERED BY SNAIL MAIL _____

\$10 CASH/CHECK ENCLOSED_____

Make the check payable to "Ridgewood Neighborhood Association" and mail to: Ridgewood Neighborhood Association



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