



## RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### President's Message

Greetings neighbors and hello spring! I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and enjoying the wonderful weather, colorful wild flowers, soft chirping of the birds and the tranquil beauty of the season. Since my last writing, the RNA held a general membership meeting and social event at the Willow Springs Clubhouse where about 40 residents enjoyed a nice afternoon meeting new neighbors, reconnecting with neighbors they hadn't seen in a while, having neighborhood-related questions answered and exchanging homeowner advice and tips. Thank you to everyone who brought appetizers and goodies to munch on during the social part of the day - and a big thank you to everyone who stayed to help clean up and put away the tables and chairs! Minutes of the meeting are posted on the RNA's website at [www.ridgewoodsonora.com](http://www.ridgewoodsonora.com).

If you need the password to access the RNA resident listing, please contact Don Nester (webmaster) or any of the RNA board members. I encourage everyone to check their name, address and email in the resident listing to make sure we have your correct contact information.

Speaking of contact information (especially for those of you new to the neighborhood)...letting your neighbor know when you plan to be out of town may help serve as an extra layer of protection for your home and property. Please consider providing your neighbor a way to reach you or family members in the event of an emergency involving your home during your absence, especially as the fire season approaches.

Speaking of fire season...it is time to start cutting grasses before it gets too hot and dry to use power equipment. Also, in this newsletter is information (thank you Carole Robinson!) about managing the dreaded, pesky, star thistle. If you have star thistle on your property, please do everything you can to get rid of it - your neighbors will love you for it. Let's keep Ridgewood pretty and safe!

One last note: The RNA Board is planning an early summer General Membership meeting and get-together on Sunday, June 3, in the beautiful backyard of Linda and Bob Parriott (see details below). (Thank you, Linda and Bob!) A flyer announcing the event will be emailed and snail-mailed to you soon. Until then...Have a wonderful spring!

Sandy



### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/ SPRING PARTY

We will have a general membership meeting/Spring Party Sunday, June 3rd from noon to 4 p.m. at the home of Bob and Linda Parriott, 16160 Ridgewood Drive. This event is 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 or dessert to share and your beverage of choice (water, coffee, soft drinks and paper products will be provided). This will be a fun event and a great chance to visit with your neighbors. We will also have a guest speaker! Save the date, and we will send out another invitation/reminder.

**PROPANE NEWS** Ralph Legg has spent numerous hours talking with the propane supply companies. Amerigas is raising their rates and after negotiating with J.S. West, they have agreed to supply Ridgewood residents with a firm 5 year agreement to supply propane to Ridgewood Residents at \$0.55/gal. over the \*TARGA Refinery Price (prior to the increase notice, the Amerigas price was \$0.57/gal. over the TARGA posting). If you are not currently a J.S. West customer, they will come out and switch out your tank for no charge (assuming it is less than 30% full). Please refer to the email sent for the complete details. If you did not receive an email, please contact Ralph via email at [ralphlegg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralphlegg@sbcglobal.net). Please note that you must contact J.S. West directly to set up your account, etc. A big thanks to Ralph for all his work.

**Block Captains Needed** There is a need for Block Captains in Blocks 5 & 10. Block Captains 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](mailto:donnester2@gmail.com) or Dave Palmer at [dpalmer348@aol.com](mailto:dpalmer348@aol.com) so that we may include them in future mailings. . Contact Don Nester with corrections and suggestions for the Ridgewood web site.

**RNA Dues** If you have not already paid your dues for the year 2018, they are now due. Attached is an application you can bring to our Spring Party 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](http://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.

**Architecture** Committee Chair, Marty Gerbasi, reports that not all residents have received copies of the Ridgewood CC&R's during their home purchase process. It is the responsibility of the title company to provide the CC&R's to the homeowner. Marty requests RNA residents contact him if they see any new construction, remodels, painting, new roofs, etc., to make sure they have received approval from the Architectural Committee. The County is to give residents applying for permits a letter stating they need the RNA Architectural Committee approval for permits.

**Ridgettes News by Carole Robinson** Carol Robinson reports that the Ridgettes had a wonderful Bunco Party and will try to make it a regular monthly event. If you are interested in hosting a Bunco Party, please contact Carole by email [caroleandre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caroleandre@sbcglobal.net) or by phone: 588-9519.

Also, we are looking for more hostesses for the rest of the 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](mailto:caroleandre@sbcglobal.net) or by phone: 588-9519. Also, if you have any questions or concerns, please call Carole (588-9519). Thanks!

### **It's That Time of Year – STAR THISTLE!**

Most of us are familiar with the Yellow Star thistle . . . gray-green plant about 8 inches tall, with pretty yellow blossoms and ('ouch') spikes. This pesky weed should be cleared from properties because it depletes soil moisture and prevents other desirable plants from establishing themselves. It is harmful to livestock and pets. The big question is – how to get rid of this scourge. It cannot be done in one treatment or in a single year. Effective management involves destroying the current plants and seeds, planting desirable vegetation that competes with Star thistle. It is important to rid your property of new infestations while they are small. Begin treatment now since germination of the Star thistle begins with the fall rains. Keeping these pesky weeds out and trimmed is important. Roundup is one of the recommended chemicals for eradication.

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## **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.

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