



April-May-June 2021 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello Ridgewood Neighbors:

We had our 2nd Quarter Ridgewood Neighborhood Board Meeting, with seven (7) support members in attendance. Many things were discussed, some good and some possibly not so good. I wish to just highlight some of the issues here. There will be more coverage addressed later in the Newsletter.

Most importantly, was discussion on what needs to occur to keep the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association (RNA) and the Highway 108 Firewise organizations going? In September, both the RNA President and Firewise Chair positions will be vacated and require new volunteers to fill these leadership positions. There are several supporting positions that are also open. PLEASE, give serious consideration to the benefits of these support groups and how you can volunteer to keep them going.

We are planning to have a Summer Ridgewood Get Together, Sunday, September 12th, from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. We will be presenting something we have not done in the past, to support increasing neighborhood interest and attendance. Please mark your calendars to attend this event, to meet your neighbors and others.

We also discussed the issue of residents having serious concerns regarding Fire Insurance and the possibility that a Firewise Certificate be available to properties within Ridgewood, that are covered under the National Firewise Program. A Certificate has been made available on the Ridgewood Web site (www.ridgewoodsonora.org), under the Firewise heading.

My position, as President of the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association officially expires July 1st, however Dennis Hebert, Firewise Chairman and I have agreed to stay on until our next Board Meeting in September. I want to express how much its been a pleasure to work with the other members of the Board and the volunteers that truly support our effort to provide information and benefits to our neighbors. Although I will be stepping down, I'll continue to be available to assist in keeping things going.

Ralph Legg, President

Ridgewood Neighborhood Assn.

Ridgewood 108 Firewise Update

This summer will be extremely dry for our area, and if a wildfire threatens our community, we must be ready to evacuate in a timely and organized manner. The Firewise committee is working on a specific plan for Ridgewood residents so we can be prepared in advance with a Ridgewood 108 Evacuation Plan.

Information about how, when and where to go in an emergency will be published and available for Ridgewood residents at the September picnic so be sure to attend and get your copy of this specific Ridgewood evacuation plan.

A copy of the 2020-2021 National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) Ridgewood 108 Firewise Certificate is available on the website. There will be a limited number of copies available at the Summer Get Together on September 12, 2021.

Dennis Hebert
Firewise Coordinator

Neighborhood Watch Update and Reminders

Neighbors,

As we enter the summer months, it is always tempting to leave doors and windows open to cool down the inside of your home throughout the night. Before going to sleep, it is highly encouraged to close and lock all doors and windows to discourage thieves from entering your home. In addition to keeping you secure, installing motion lights and surveillance systems are great deterrents to criminals. There are abundant, reasonably priced options available that would serve your purpose. Battery or solar-powered motion-activated lights are a great investment, especially with the likelihood of PG&E PSPS events planned for this summer. Criminals will seize any opportunity afforded to them; you have the ability to make them think twice before taking an opportunity presented to them. Lastly, it looks like we are going to have a really hot summer this year. Please remember to drink lots of water and stay as cool as possible.

For all emergencies, always dial 911.

**For non-emergencies, contact the Tuolumne County
Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 209- 533-5815.**

Jeff Lee
Neighborhood Watch Chair

Propane Reminder

**Please, do not discuss Ridgewood's pricing with others outside
Ridgewood to protect our ability to obtain special prices.**

Be aware TARGA prices change daily, which is why you are encouraged to go to the TARGA S.F. price as published by the Butane Propane Newsletter (BPN) that can be located at: www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Resources/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Resources-List-Folder/Liquefied-Petroleum, then add the price per gallon offered by the Supplier.

Through December 31, 2021, Ridgewood residents are provided the following prices from the noted suppliers:

Campora Propane:	TARGA S.F., plus \$0.56/gal.	Phone #209 532-3579
JS West Propane:	TARGA S.F., plus \$0.65/gal.	Phone #209 532-7475

In either case introduce yourself as a Ridgewood resident and that you are interested in the Ridgewood Program. Tanks are available at an annual rental price, depending on size. For more information refer to the Ridgewood Web site at: <http://ridgewoodsonora.org>.

2021 Cal Sierra Transfer Stations Voucher

If you haven't picked up your two (2) vouchers per customer that may be used together or separately during the calendar year, call 209-532-1413 **before** going to the Waste Management office. Provide your account information and they will confirm you are in good standing and make your vouchers available for pick-up. Each voucher is good for free disposal of up to one-cubic yard of solid waste not more than 240 lbs.

2021 RNA Membership Dues

Please fill out the membership form at the end of this Newsletter and include your completed form with your \$10.00 annual 2021 membership dues. This form will guarantee the contact information listed on the resident roster is accurate and helps the RNA to keep you informed.

Your \$10.00 assists in the defraying of costs, i.e., Post Office Box rental, postage, printing of this Newsletter, and other related expenses.

If it's more convenient, bring your completed membership form and 2021 dues to the Summer Ridgewood Get Together and Meeting on September 12th.

SAVE THE DATE
and
Mark your Calendar for the
Summer Neighborhood Get Together and Meeting
Sunday, September 12, 2021
4:00 – 6:00pm

This year we're planning something very new and different from previous neighborhood meetings. We're having a **neighbors-only car show!**

You won't want to miss the **variety of classic, unique and exotic cars** that are already signed-up to be on display on Fleetwood Ct. (off of Parkridge Ave.) [beginning at 4:00 pm](#).

Come on out to view the cars, meet new neighbors, visit with those we haven't seen in a very long time, hear from our special guests, and participate in the RNA meeting.

You're encouraged to bring your own chairs, food and drink, and utensils (as we continue to exit the Covid protocols).

There is room for additional cars so if you have a car, truck or other vehicle that you would like to add to the display, please notify Beverly Handelman no later than [September 8](#). Beverly can be reached by [e-mail: gerbman@hub3.net](mailto:gerbman@hub3.net) or call or text [209-768-9919](#).

We're looking forward to a great turnout, and a fun time with our neighbors following our too-long quarantine!

RNA Website

Visit the RNA website to get all the latest information regarding your Ridgewood neighborhood at www.ridgewoodsonora.org. The website has Information specific to the Ridgewood community. The website also includes a list of Tuolumne County District Supervisors, and State and Federal representatives.

Privacy is the RNA's first priority. All personal information such as names, street and email addresses, and phone numbers are password protected. This information will not appear outside the website unless prior approval has been given to post in the Newsletter for reference.

If you do not remember the password, please contact Don Nester, Webmaster at 209-588-0782 or your Block Captain.

PLEASE DO NOT DISTRIBUTE OR RE-POST ANY INFORMATION FROM THE WEBSITE.

ALL INFORMATION POSTED ON THE WEBSITE IS FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY!

DO NOT DOWNLOAD AND/OR PRINT THIS INFORMATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OTHERS

WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE RNA PRESIDENT, RALPH LEGG, 209-533-4228

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

Ridgewood Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to fill the following positions if the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association is to continue to exist.

Positions that are coming open, or that are presently vacant are:

Board of Directors:

President,

Treasurer, and

Member at Large

For individual duties, refer to Article V of the Ridgewood By-Laws (Ridgewood Web Page @ ridgewood.netfirms.com; "Bylaws – CCRs" Tab; By-Laws Article V)

Block Captains (Ridgewood II & III):

Assistant Chairperson,

Block Captain 2 (Crestridge Ave),

Block Captain 8 (Parkridge Ave/Pineridge Ct), and

Block Captain 9 (Parkridge Ave/Fleetwood Ct/Stine Ct)

Refer to Block Captain Guidelines. Ridgewood I is identified as Block 10 (Ridgewood Web Page @ ridgewood.netfirms.com; "Maps" Tab; "Block Captain Map for Ridgewood II & III").

Firewise Chairperson: Contact Dennis Hebert (209) 694-5201

In all situations prior members will be available to train and assist.

RNA Contacts

RNA Board of Directors	Architectural Committee	Block Captains
Ralph Legg, President 209-533-4228	Marty Gerbasi, Chairman 209-768-1589	Ridgewood II and III
Sandy Fisher, Vice-President 209-432-3306	Sandy Fisher 209-532-2453	1. Scott Gray 209-533-4880
Jerry Lewis, Treasurer 209-588-9431	Karen Hebert 408-838-0902	2. Dave Palmer 209-352-6157
Chrystal Aceves, Secretary 925-337-3013		3. Dennis/Karen Hebert 408-838-0902
Dave Palmer, Member-at-Large 209-352-6157		Marty Gerbasi (Deputy) 209-768-1589
	Neighborhood Watch	4. Sandy Fisher 209-532-3306
	Jeff Lee, Chair	5. Jerry/Anna Lewis 209-588-9431
	megan.lee650@gmail.com	6. Kathie Luke 209-533-3683
		7. Sandra Piercey 209-533-2353
		Dave/Pat Shoemaker (Deputy)
		209-532-4406
Webmaster	Block Captains	8. Open
Don Nester 209-588-0782	Co-Chairpersons	9. Jeanne Legg 209-533-4228
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Ridgettes	Karen Hebert 408-838-0902	Ridgewood I
Sandra Piercey 209-533-2353		Tom Crosby 408-605-2770

A unique opportunity awaits you. Are you interested in furthering your involvement in your neighborhood, developing connections with your neighbors and making new friends? Please consider volunteering for one of the positions coming available so the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association can continue to exist.

Duties of the RNA President: The President shall be the principal executive officer and the official spokesperson for the Association. The President shall preside at all General Membership and Board of Directors meetings. The President shall provide oversight and guidance to the individual members of the Board and the membership as a whole. The President is authorized to sign for all disbursements of funds, perform other duties pertaining to the office of the President, or as assigned or requested by the Board of Directors.

As President, my experience has been to organize, prepare an agenda and to lead quarterly Board Meetings. Work with Board Member's and our Support members on duties to keep the organization running. Respond to member and Other's regarding Ridgewood CC&R's and ongoing. Make decisions when needed and to oversee Treasury funds. Prepare a "Presidents Message" for the quarterly Newsletter. Review and approve Board Minutes and the Newsletter, prior to distribution.
Ralph Legg

Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of Association funds, pay all bills, receive and provide receipts for monies due and payable to the Association, deposit all such monies in the name of the Association, and provide a treasurer's report as requested by the Board or any Association member. Additionally, the Treasurer shall also perform other duties as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Duties of the Board Member-at-Large: The Member-at-Large shall attend all Board and General Membership meetings of the Association. Additionally, they shall perform other duties as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Duties of the neighborhood block captains include:

- * Promoting neighborhood security
- * Encouraging neighborhood communication
- * Welcoming new neighbors, giving them a new neighbor packet
- * Initiating a "telephone tree" for their blocks in the event of an emergency
- * Notifying their deputies when they are out of town

Firewise Chairperson Duties:

- Establish Ridgewood 108 action plan to mitigate wildfires with Firewise USA
- Update action plan on a yearly basis to maintain Firewise certification for Ridgewood 108 residents
- Coordinate with Tuolumne County OES
- Coordinate with other county Firewise groups
- Promote mitigation plan with all Ridgewood 108 residents
- Search for grants that are related to wildfire mitigation for Ridgewood 108
- Organize a committee to implement action plan

Duration of Firewise Chairperson is typically a 2 year commitment. Goals and objectives should align with RNA, but, not mandated to follow their CC&R protocols. Ridgewood 108 Firewise is organized as a separate entity and will abide by rules and regulations established by Firewise USA to mitigate wildfires.

2021 RNA Membership Dues
Please include this form with your 2021 dues.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

\$10 CASH/CHECK ENCLOSED _____

LOT # _____

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Please check this box if ANY information has changed.

Make your check payable to "Ridgewood Neighborhood Association" and mail to:
Ridgewood Neighborhood Association
ATTN: Jerry Lewis, Treasurer
P.O. Box 1128
Soulsbyville, CA 95372



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