

RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BOARD MEETING: At Ridgewood's Summer Party.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Sunday, June 27

!! SUMMER PARTY !!

Spring is upon us and we are beginning to plan the Ridgewood summer party. Doug and Sally Clark have graciously agreed to host the party at their home at 20798 Crestwood Court E on **June 27th** from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Be sure to bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share with your neighbors and, if you wish, the beverage of your choice.

SONORA ART TRAILS' 5th annual Open Art Studio is taking place on Saturday May 1, from 10:00 to 5:00 and Sunday May 2, from 11:00 to 5:00 this year. Maps can be downloaded from www.Sonoraarttrails.org, or picked up at Tuolumne Visitor Center or Central Sierra Arts Council. For any other information call Patricia Cherry 209.532.0042

RIDGETTES: The Ridgettes enjoyed a tasty salad luncheon and games at the "Pfoutz Tea House" in March with sixteen members in attendance. Thank you, Carole Pfoutz, for having our neighborhood ladies for a wonderful tea luncheon and games afternoon in March. It was special with linens, decorative teacups and tasty dishes which were enjoyed by everyone there.

Helping hostess Carole Pfoutz to serve were Joyce Dobbs, Sandy Piercy and Carole Robinson. Ray Pfoutz pitched in for cleanup. Prizes of Carole's homemade lemon curd were presented for the wine and cheese tasting held at the January meeting. Most popular wine was won by Sandy Piercy and Sandy Fisher was presented the prize for her cheese selection.

**NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS**

Joan and Dick Bergsund discovered Tuolumne County in 1970 when they began to spend their vacations at Pinecrest. With other members of the family they eventually purchased one of the old cabins which today serves the extended family as everyone's favorite mountain hide-away. If you've noticed those little sailboats every afternoon all summer long....those are my people.

Moving to the foothills from the Bay Area (Tiburon), they became permanent residents of Sonora and Ridgewood in 1993 when they built a new home designed by their architect daughter. Sadly, Dick passed away in 2000, and Joan has been going it alone since then. She works as a volunteer for many community organizations and she says this contact with people across many lines keeps her fascinated and committed. Joan is a Master Gardener and writes occasional articles on gardening topics for the *Union Democrat*. She has been a member of the Tuolumne County Historical Society for seventeen years and currently works on their Publications Committee. She served for ten years on the board of the Sonora Area Foundation. She is currently serving as the president of the Friends of the Tuolumne County Library which raises funds to augment the county budget. Be sure to visit the Book Nook, one of the FOTCL projects, for current books at low, low prices.

Living in Ridgewood has been a lovely experience, particularly in the spring when the trees are leafing out, the wildflowers are prolific, the weeds are sprouting in our gardens, and everything is green, green, green. And with any luck we've seen the last of the snowstorms for 2010!

Note from the Editor: In addition to wearing all those volunteer "hats", Joan has been a very valuable member of the Architectural Review Committee for more than 5 years. Thanks Joan.

WOW! Propane \$1.76/gal.

Have you checked your supplier's delivered price on Propane? Ridgewood's present delivered price is \$1.76/gal. We've heard stories of neighbors paying in excess of \$3.00/gal., from other suppliers. If you want to hear more, contact Amerigas @ 736-1160, and mention you're a Ridgewood resident or contact our neighborhood representative, Ralph Legg @ 533-4228.

\$100 FREE PROPANE! Are you aware that as an existing Amerigas customer you qualify for a \$100 credit to your account, for every new customer that refers to you when they sign up for Amerigas. It's a fact!



Blue Dicks, growing in Ridgewood.



Butter and Eggs, also a common native plant in the neighborhood

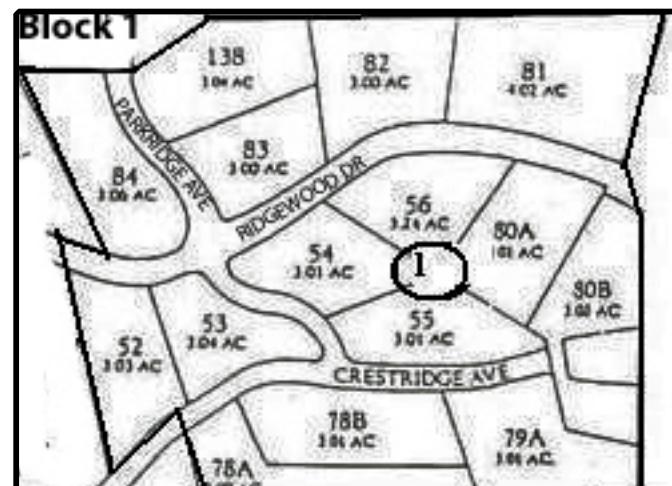
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The combination of Ridgewood 2 and Ridgewood 3 is divided into ten sections called blocks. Each block has residents who have volunteered to be the block captain and the alternate block captain. The block captains, and their alternate, play a very important role within the Ridgewood community. They welcome new residents into Ridgewood, provide useful information to new residents, and inform the residents within their block in the case of an emergency. At this time we have a block captain, and an alternate, assigned to each block except block 1. Block 1 is located around the intersection of Parkridge Ave., Ridgewood Dr., and Crestridge Ave. near John and Diane Englebrecht's vineyard. The picture below describes the Ridgewood residences that are in block 1.



The Ridgewood Neighborhood Association board would appreciate it very much if someone who lives within block 1 would volunteer to be the block captain. As soon as we have a block captain for block 1 we can locate an alternate. As I described above, the block captain position is not time consuming but it is necessary. In addition to providing useful information to new residents, we live in a mountain community where emergencies can occur that require residents to be notified immediately. I would like to thank Carole Pfoutz for agreeing to lead the block captain committee until a replacement can be found. The committee's first priority is to find a captain and an alternate for block 1.

According to the Ridgewood CSA (County Service Area) administrator, there are no large projects scheduled for Ridgewood CSA roads at this time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

However, there are at least two areas along Ridgewood roads that have severe drainage problems. There is a problem on Parkridge Avenue where overgrown berry bushes, leaves, and mud are stopping rain water from getting through a drain pipe. Another area on Crestridge Avenue is clogged with leaves, pine needles, and dirt causing damage to the road. I have mentioned these two problems in earlier newsletters but they still exist. Because both Parkridge Avenue and Crestridge Avenue are CSA roads, I contacted our CSA administrator to see if we could get the problems fixed and the approximate cost. If the problem is severe, which the two I mentioned are, and the resident is unable to correct the problem, our CSA administrator can have a county crew come out and provide a fix. The typical cost for this type of project is between \$2500.00 and \$3000.00. If you have a problem in front of your home and you can fix it, please do so, otherwise contact a member of the RNA board and we will contact our CSA administrator.

Please disregard an email message regarding Waste Management coupons for the City of Sonora. Ridgewood is not within the Sonora City limits, so unfortunately we are not eligible to use the coupons.

Fortunately, there is another Waste Management Inc. coupon program that is available to everyone. Anyone can 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 May 31st. Each coupon allows the owner to dispose of up to 1 cubic yard of waste, including electronics, at the Cal Sierra Transfer Station. The transfer station is located at 19309 Industrial Drive, Sonora.

Thanks for your continued commitment to making our neighborhood a great place to live.

--Dave

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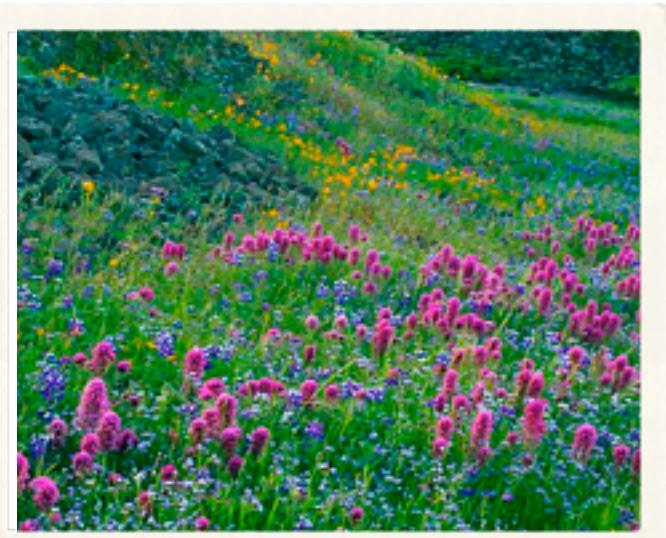
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Spring Flowers on Table Mountain (D.Palmer)



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