



RIDGEWOOD

RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Due to medical problems, Bob and Linda Parriot will not be able to host the Ridgewood Summer Party this year. I know we all wish the best for Bob and hope he gets well very soon. Doug and Sally Clark have graciously invited us to hold the summer party at their home at **20798 Crestwood Ct. E., on Sunday June 23, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.** The summer party is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your neighbors, especially new neighbors that have recently moved to Ridgewood. Please include the June 23rd RNA Summer Party on your calendar. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share with your neighbors, and if you wish the beverage of your choice. The Ridgewood Neighborhood Association will supply soft drinks, water, eating utensils, paper plates, napkins and cups.

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 early spring before the plant matures herbicide products containing triclopyr, such as Ortho's Brush-B-Gone and Bayer Advanced Brush Killer Plus, can be used to control star thistle. Later in the season after the plants mature products containing glyphosate, such as Scott's Roundup Power Max, can be used. Star Thistle grows best in areas that receive large amounts of sunlight. This explains why the plants are often found along the roadside. The star thistle seedlings travel easily in the wind into your neighbor's yard. If you have Internet access there is a wealth of information available with regard to star thistle control. I encourage everyone to have an aggressive 2013 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>

Many Ridgewood homeowners are interested in having

Comcast Xfinity television and high-speed Internet service. Until recently it has been very difficult to get details with regard to the requirements for getting Comcast service in Ridgewood. We were able to contact Comcast and get additional information. At this time Comcast service is only available on, or very near, Ridgewood Drive. To be eligible, your home must be no more than 300 feet from Ridgewood Drive and have conduit installed for underground access. If you think you meet these requirements, contact Comcast and they will come out and perform an inspection to see if you qualify. The local Comcast office is located at: 9000 Nugget Blvd, Sonora, CA 95370. The phone number is (800) 824-2000.

I learned about two burglaries that occurred recently on Crestview Drive. The first burglary occurred at a residence and an estimated \$10,000 worth of items was taken. During the second incident items were stolen from an **unlocked** vehicle. Crestview Drive is not part of Ridgewood. However, when you enter Ridgewood from the Soulsbyville side you are on Crestview Drive. Be sure all of your outside doors are locked especially when you are in your home. You should have a peephole installed in your front door so you can identify who is outside before you open the door. There was a case last year where two burglars attempted to break into a Ridgewood home even though the resident was present. All the doors were locked and when the resident realized that someone was trying to break in, she hollered at the top of her lungs and the burglars left. When you leave your home for an extended period of time stop your newspaper and mail service. Also contact at least two neighbors and let them know that you will be gone. If you will be gone for a short time ask a neighbor to pickup your mail, newspapers, and anything else that is left at your home. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your block captain or the block captain committee chairperson. Glenn Mutch and Robin Ronan are the block captain committee chairpersons. You can find phone numbers for Glenn, Robin, and your block captain on the Ridgewood

website.

Waste Management Inc. has a free coupon program that is available to everyone who has an account. Simply 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 January 1st. 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.

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 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 are interested in being part of the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association Board of Directors please contact one of the current RNA board members. Some of our current board members have been on the board for a long time and need to be replaced. You will find a list of current board members and their phone numbers on the RNA website at ridgewood.netfirms.com/contacts. Most of our current board members will be available to discuss details at the upcoming RNA summer party.

Ridgette News

Thanks to Dotti Page for having the April Pot Luck and Games Day. We played Mexican Train & Sequence. We enjoyed a tasty variety of luncheon dishes too. Our July luncheon will be a Games & Pot Luck afternoon at Betty Reina's home on Crestridge Avenue. An email invitation will be sent closer to the date. Invite new neighbors to join us! The Neighborhood Association Summer Party will be our June event. Hope to see the Ridgettes there! We are looking for a hostess for November. The hostess has the option of choosing a restaurant or a luncheon in her home. We welcome new ideas too.



Propane News

Some years ago (7 to be exact) your Ridgewood Neighborhood Association negotiated a group Propane buying price, for Ridgewood Residents. Today we still enjoy the most competitive buying price in the area. There are some Propane companies that offer to match the price paid by those who support Ridgewood's program through Amerigas/Pro-Flame. Those folks that prefer to buy from companies that offer to "match" Ridgewood's group supplier, are unknowingly jeopardizing the discounted price we all enjoy. If we were unable to support our group negotiated program and lose it, what would you think our price will be from those that offer to "match" Ridgewood's buying price? By now, Ridgewood Amerigas/Pro-Flame customers have received formal notice that Amerigas has acquired Pro-Flame, and will market under the Pro-Flame brand name. Also, you should have received a \$35.00 Discount Coupon that Pro-Flame will honor, to all Ridgewood customers. We have had a good working relationship with Amerigas over the past 7 years, and look forward to a continued beneficial relationship with Pro-Flame for the next 7 plus years.

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Calendar of Events

Ridgewood Neighborhood Association Summer Party

Sunday June 23, 2013.
At the home of Doug and Sally Clark,
20798 Crestwood Ct. E.
From 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM

For additional information contact:

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RNA Membership Renewal ANNUAL DUES

Your 2013 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.

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