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Ridgewood Residents,

Things are winding down in April as far as the "Season" but there is still a lot to do in the park. Continue to come for shuffleboard, cards, mahjong, Mexican train, nickel bingo. We have horseshoes and bocce ball if anyone is interested.

Thanks for all the great photos you have been sending me. Keep them coming. Don't forget when you return north or at any time, you can read the newsletter online at ontracnewsletters.com. Pictures are easier to see in color.

If you see someone that has moved out of the park on the Birthday or Anniversary list, please drop me a text or email and let me know. If you would like to be on the list, please send me a text or email. You can text me at 970-749-0943 or email me at smcd9754@gmail.com.

*Happy April,
Susie McDowell*

April Activities

- 4/5 - Friday – **Happy Hour** – 5-7pm, BYOB & appetizer to pass around – Baskets & Gift Cards
- 4/5 - Friday – **Hot Dogs & Smoky Sausage Truck** 11:30-1:15pm
- 4/6 - Saturday – **Cornhole Tournament** – 10:30am – 1pm – We will draw teams after everyone signs in – it will be a male & female team - \$5/per person – we will be selling hot dogs & soda
- 4/9 - TUESDAY – **Potluck Dinner** 6pm & 7pm Association Meeting
- 4/11 - Thursday – **Nickel bingo** – 7pm to 8:30pm
- 4/13 - Saturday – **Pancake Breakfast** – 8-9:15am – You must sign up & pick what kind of pancakes you want - \$7/per person
- 4/19 - Friday – **Hot Dogs & Smoky Sausage Truck** 11:30-1:15pm
- 4/19 - Friday – **Happy Hour** – 5-7pm – BYOB & Appetizer to pass around – Baskets & Gift Cards
- 4/25 - Thursday – **Nickel Bingo** – 7-8:30pm
- 4/26 - Friday – **Year End Party** – 5 – 6pm Food will be served. Live music with "Rob" & guest Andrea – 5:30 – 8:30pm - \$6/per person

Recurring Park Activities

 Social Association Meeting 1st Tuesday of month 7 pm	Euchre Mondays 7 pm 
 Mexican Train Tuesdays 1 pm	Potluck Dinner 1st Tuesday of month 6 pm 
 Pickleball Tuesdays 10 am	Mahjong Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 pm 
 Hand & Foot Monday - 1 pm Wednesdays - 6:15 pm	Pinochle Wednesdays 6 pm 
 Shuffleboard Fridays 11 am	Nickle Bingo 2nd & 4th Thursday 7 pm 

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**Ridgewood MHP Social Club
Treasurer's Report
3/5/2024**

Balance as of March 5, 2024		Balance as of February 6, 2024	
Checking	5,319.83	Checking	4,404.71
CD	3,120.38	CD	3,120.38
50/50 Cash box	60.00	50/50 Cash box	60.00
Total	8,500.21	Total	7,585.09

EXPENDITURES		INCOME	
HOA Fee	\$ 150.00	Italian Dinner	\$ 511.00
Supplies	\$ 24.00	Happy Hour/Raffle	\$ 269.00
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 159.88	Pancake Breakfast	\$ 309.00
		Carport Sale	\$ 160.00
Total	\$ 333.88	Total	\$ 1,249.00

Closing Your Home for the Season

Please take the time to visit the office and get some recommendations for closing your home for the summer or an extended period of time. This is Florida, with extreme heat in the summer and always the chance of Hurricanes, so it takes more than just locking your door when you leave for the summer or for a couple months. Get a copy of [Recommendations For Extended Period Of Closing A Home](#) and [Summer Departue/Closing Home Checklist](#).

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If you have a concern, please fill this form out to the best of your ability. Any details you can provide will help, please print, and drop in the suggestion box or email to RidgewoodMHP@nremgmt.com. Park management will review and address your concerns.

NAME: _____ Date: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Concern: _____

April Birthdays



- Barb Lee4/01
- Sally Strode4/02
- Robyn Gulledge4/06
- Kathy Mitchell.....4/08
- Roger Fuller4/09
- Debbie Staggs.....4/10
- Leona Murray4/15
- Barbara Rides-Gervase4/17
- Susan McDowell.....4/19
- Patricia Phillips4/27
- Mike Palumbo.....4/28

April Anniversaries

- Dick & Lois Herald4/03
- Larry & Ilse Jones4/19
- Michael & Kat Freedman4/20



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Pancake Breakfast

Come join your neighbors for a delicious pancake breakfast hosted by some of the men in our park.



March Meeting Minutes RIDGEWOOD SOCIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING Tuesday 3/5/2024 Final

1. Minute of silence for armed forces.
2. Treasury report - \$5,356.00 in checking
3. Vicki sold 4 recipe books @ \$5 each - \$20
4. 50/50 - \$115 - Vicki & Mike won \$57
5. Tuesday 3/19 - Fresh Farmers Market - 9:15 to 10am
6. March extra activities:
 - *3/14 - Thursday - paint & sip party - 4-5:30pm
All materials supplied - cost is \$18 - BYOB - please sign up, Althea will teach you.
 - *3/21 - Thursday - Rookery trip - 6:30pm - meet at the Club-house - Steve & Al will take us on a tour & point out all the different birds.
 - *3/14 & 3/28 - Nickel Bingo @ 7pm - not 3/7 & 3/21.
7. Easter dinner on the 31st - Jen will be in charge
8. Potluck for April - moved to Tuesday 4/9 because the 2nd would be too close to Easter dinner.

9. Entertainment organizer - Fran asked if we have a person to do it. Of course we didn't and told Fran she can do it. We made terms up
 - Fran must first run the person or band that she would like to get in here to the board and the price they are doing it for.
 - The board and anyone else will go see them play and make sure that they are good for the people in the park.
 - The board will be involved to help Fran and maintain cash flow
10. Steve & Althea - explained the Rookery trip.
11. We discussed about having the extra activities on the front cover each month. Everyone was for this along with a calendar Sue has made.
12. Meeting over - 25 minutes.

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March Happy Hour

If you haven't been to a Happy Hour, you better try and make the next one. Good time had by all. Baskets raffled off and money made for the Association. Lots of good conversation and laughs with your neighbors and make some new friends.



Comments From Our "Plant Lady"

These ferny little plants that have come up in our yards are native pollinators called Poor Man's Pepper and are edible.



That yellow pollen which blankets EVERYTHING can be traced to one tree: PINE. When pinecones form, so do a few green, sort of pinecone looking things. These male parts are what explode and broadcast spread the pollen. Oddly, pines don't rely on pollinators.

Your plant lady, Denise



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See the office for a Departure/Summer
Caretaker Form so we have contact info.
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THANK YOU!

Thank you,

Beth Arrowood

Office Manager

Ridgewood Mobile Home Park

RIDGEWOOD

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02 Mahjong 1pm Mexican Train 1pm	03 Pinochle 6pm Hand & Foot 6:15pm	04 Mahjong 1pm	05 Shufflebd 11am Food Truck 11:30am Happy Hour 5-7pm	06 CORNHOLE Tournament 10:30am-1pm
07	08	09 Mahjong 1pm Mexican Train 1pm Potluck 6pm Assoc Mtg 7pm	10 Pinochle 6pm Hand & Foot 6:15pm	11 Mahjong 1pm Nickle Bingo 7pm	12 Shuffleboard 11am	13 Pancake Brkfast 8-9:15am
14	15	16 Mahjong 1pm Mexican Train 1pm	17 Pinochle 6pm Hand & Foot 6:15pm	18 Mahjong 1pm	19 Shufflebd 11am Food truck 11:30am Happy Hour 5-7pm	20
21	22	23 Mahjong 1pm Mexican Train 1pm	24 Pinochle 6pm Hand & Foot 6:15pm	25 Mahjong 1pm Nickle Bingo 7pm	26 Shufflebd 11am Year End Party 5-6pm Live Music 5:30-8PM	27
28	29	30 Mahjong 1pm Mexican Train 1pm				



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Casino Night

Once again, a fun time at Casino Night. Lots of people enjoyed hotdogs and chips before the games began. Then lots of Blackjack, Roulette and Texas Hold'em. Thanks once again, Arlene Strain, for hosting this fun event and fund raiser for the Association.



Best of Venice Winner for 2023



Call Your Husband

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Karen has created her own favorite joke and it goes like this. A woman says, "I can't get my husband to come in and get hearing aids."

Karen says, "No problem. I'll call and yell at him. I would talk to him but he isn't wearing hearing aids."

Every time she gets to say this she cracks up. I am more amused by her laughing at her own joke.

Getting husbands to come in for hearing aids is the one talent I haven't mastered.

Recently a couple came in. As they were completing the new paperwork the husband said to his wife, "why aren't you filling out forms? You need a hearing test as well." She looked at Karen, who was at the front desk, then said softly, "I have very sensitive hearing. I said that to trick him into coming in. He needs help but won't get it." He didn't hear a word.

Karen walked them into my office and said under her breath, "He thinks they are both getting tested. I told them we might only have time for one. He has a big loss, he didn't understand me twice. She has sensitive hearing."

After the test it was obvious he could be helped with hearing aids. I had even said, "You may not realize how hard it is for you to hear your wife's voice. Your loss shows me that you will struggle to hear her without hearing aids. You married her so listening to her and this should be your priority. Hearing aids will help with this."

As he was leaving he turned to Karen and asked, "How do I return demos?"

Karen mentioned to me later, he'll drop them off, he won't wear them. His wife tricked him to come in. He isn't ready to receive help.

I wasn't surprised when he walked in a couple of days later to return the demos and mentioned he didn't wear them much. I assured him, when he is ready we will be here to help. When you decide you want help, we are here for you.

I don't want your wife to trick you to come in. If you have noticed strain in talking to one another due to not hearing words clearly and want to know if hearing aids could ease tensions and eliminate miscommunications, call our office for a free demo. There is no obligation, no contract, just our commitment to help you hear with ease. Call, 941-244-9300, for an appointment.



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'ICE' – In Case Of Emergency

This is a standard procedure all paramedics follow at the scene of an accident when they come across your cell phone: "ICE" In Case of Emergency".

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone, but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency?

Hence this "ICE"(In Case of Emergency) Campaign. The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell (mobile) phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under "ICE" (In Case of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scene of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He, therefore, thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, emergency service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as "ICE".

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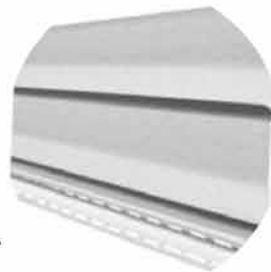
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April Funnies



- Netflix needs to stop asking if I'm still watching and start asking if I moved the laundry to the dryer yet.
- Nothing refreshes my memory of what I need at the grocery store like coming home from the grocery store!
- I'm outdoorsy in that I like to drink wine on patios.
- Prisoner to lawyer: He had 21 items; it was the express lane. He had coupons and bottle returns. He wrote a check for crying out loud and he recorded it in his check book. Then he double-checked his receipt. After that, all I remember is the police showing up.
- Always make sure someone in the relationship has good credit. That's why it's called SIGNIFICANT other. Sign/if/I/can't. Follow me for more marriage tips.
- When a woman wears leather clothing, a man's heart beats quicker, his throat gets dry, he gets weak in the knees and he begins to think irrationally. Ever wonder why? She smells like a new truck.
- You come from dust; you will return to dust. That's why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.
- In my dream world wine is free and drinking makes you thin.

- Husband takes the wife to a disco. There's a guy on the dance floor break dancing, moonwalking, back flips, the works. The wife turns to her husband and says, "See that guy? 25 years ago he proposed to me, and I turned him down." Husband says, "Looks like he's still celebrating."
- When I look in the mirror and see gray hair, wrinkles and dimming eyes I think, "They sure don't make mirrors like they used to".
- Until you work food or retail, you will never understand the level of stupid that exists in this world.
- Remember when you could lay in one position for hours, now you have to rotate like a rotisserie chicken every 15 minutes or a hip hurts.
- Try to remember, the greener grass across the fence may be due to septic tank issues.
- Someone left a grocery list in this cart that said, "Wine and shit to eat with wine" so I'm pretty sure my soulmate is out there.
- My mind is still as sharp as a whatchamacallit.
- Only in America.....do we accept weather predictions from a rodent but deny climate change evidence from scientists.
- My wife thinks it's weird that I stare at the window during a heavy rainstorm, it would be a lot less weird if she would just let me in.
- "Grandma, is Roscoe your dog or Grandpa's dog?" "Well, I'm the one who feeds him, gives him water, and takes care of him. I suppose that makes him mine." "Is that how you got Grandpa?"
- The next time your wife gets angry, drape a towel over her shoulder (like a cape) and say, "Now you're SUPER ANGRY." Maybe she'll laugh or maybe you'll die.
- Never hold your farts in. They travel up your spine, into your brain and that's where shitty ideas come from.
- So me and my husband were sitting on our couch watching TV yesterday. Suddenly, I hear that I got a text on my phone that I left in the kitchen. I go to the kitchen to check it, and it's a text from my husband: "Please bring the chips on your way back"
- I wonder what my dog named me.
- People: What's it like raising a boy? Me: I have a 12ft ceiling in my living room and there's a chili on it.
- I like long walks, especially when are taken by people who annoy me.
- I believe that if life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade....and try to find someone who has given them vodka and have a party.
- One of my favorite childhood memories is my back not hurting.
- To be old and wise, you must first be young and stupid.
- I wonder if my dog follows me into the bathroom when I have to go potty because I always follow him outside when he does and he just thinks that how it works.
- "Are you an adult?" Yeah, but not like on purpose or anything."
- I hit a turkey and it flew over my car and landed on the car behind me. It was a cop and he pulled me over and gave me a ticket for flipping him the bird.
- "Go to bed, you'll feel better in the morning" is the human version of "Did you turn it off and turn it back on again?"
- Husband: I shaved and put on a clean shirt, didn't I? We got in the car and drove somewhere together, didn't we? We spent the evening there together and even had a bite to eat, did we not?" Wife: "A trip to Costco is NOT a date Earl!"
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.

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