

# **President's Corner**

## **The Front Porch**

**Ridgefield's Community Newsletter**

**Durham, NC 27703**

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**By Peter Zolas**

Hello Ridgefield Community! My name is Peter Zolas and I am extremely excited to be the new HOA President. I moved to the neighborhood in October of 2008 with my wife, from San Diego, California. We moved to Durham in the summer of 2008 so that I may attend UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Within my first year living in Ridgefield I've been involved in the community. I was the HOA board Secretary last year and was an active member on the Grounds Committee. As a community we have a lot of work ahead of us, and I am ready to lead the way in improving the appearance of our community, as well as, increase volunteers within the committees. With the help of three new board members, Chris Giusto, Rocky Walden, and Dianna Hodges, as well as, last years VP, Timika Pollack, we will guarantee improvements in our community.

Although the board has only been together for a few months, we have accomplished a lot. Many homeowners, including the board members, are highly disappointed about the status of our common areas and how they have been maintained. Therefore, the board has taken action. In the month of May, the board approved a contract with a new vendor, Stormwater Management Systems for the maintenance of our common grounds. They will begin grounds maintenance starting the month of June, and we are highly optimistic about the quality of work they will do. This new contract also involves one of our top priorities of cleaning and maintaining our 14 BMP storm water drains in our community. This is a very large expense for our community, and a must need to comply with Durham City regulations. As a community, it is very important to not place trash in the areas with storm water drains, and/or disturb any work around these areas. Please contact authorities if you see anyone tampering with work that has been done, as the money to correct any harm done, will come out of Ridgefield's "pocket".

Another goal of mine, as HOA President, is to increase the number of volunteers in the community. We have a variety of committees but very few volunteers to help out. Some committees include Grounds, Social, Communication, Community Watch, and Architectural. These committees are vital in creating a safe, friendly, active community. We hope that with some noticeable changes in the community's appearance that more of us will become motivated to contribute their time and efforts to the committees. The time commitment to these committees is up to you; you can put in as little as you want, or as much as you want. The more volunteers the better though. If you are unable to volunteer your time and efforts, there are still ways to help. We ask that everyone be respectful neighbors and to take pride in your home and your community.

The board and I really want to gain a sense of unity and cooperation in our neighborhood. With your help this can happen!

**Help start your favorite adult or youth sports team with Ridgefield neighbors!**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meet every 3rd Thursday of the month. Homeowners are allowed to attend these meeting with advanced notice. To attend a Board meeting by appointment, please contact our management company, Omega at 919-461-0102 and ask to speak with Divida Johnson. *Note, due to confidentiality, Board meetings are not open from start to finish for non-Board homeowners and attendance by advanced appointment scheduling is mandatory.*

## Website Advertizing

Attention Ridgefield business owners; you have the opportunity to advertise your business and services, **FREE OF CHARGE** on the community website,

[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/  
Ridgefield - Durham/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Ridgefield-Durham/home)

You may submit flyers or your information to the communications chairperson; David Pruitt and he can be reached by phone at 919-455-0820 or by email at [popcorn911@nc.rr.com](mailto:popcorn911@nc.rr.com). This is your time to earn money without having to spend money.

## WEBSITE REMINDER

If you haven't already, don't forget to visit the Ridgefield website at:

[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Ridgefield - Durham/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Ridgefield-Durham/home)

This will be the last paper newsletter distributed to everyone. Future newsletters will be posted on the website along with other information for the residents. Homes that do not use the internet or prefer the paper newsletter should contact David Pruitt at 919-455-0820. David will deliver a paper newsletter on request. The Ridgefield website is an important tool for our neighborhood. Residents have easy access to information and to ask questions. Please visit the site, save it to your favorites, register on the site. Although registering is not required to view the information on the site, registering will make it easier to communicate with other neighbors and receive email notifications about changes or notices posted about our community.

If you have information that you think should be posted or would like to advertise on this site, contact

Communications Chairperson, David Pruitt at [popcorn911@nc.rr.com](mailto:popcorn911@nc.rr.com).

**Do you want changes in Ridgefield? Join a Committee. Volunteers Greatly Needed**