

Rustic Ridge Association

President's Annual Report 2020

Good afternoon,

It is heartwarming to see all of you. I am calling this year the 'hiatus' from all the good things we love about being on the Ridge. But we are so blessed with our property, our relative health, our families and the safety that most of us feel as we sit on our porches. We have safely visited through screen doors, at the mailboxes, on porches, in line at the Creamie, but yearn for hugs with family and friends we may not have seen all year. And some of our dear ones are not here physically with us and we miss them. There is something wonderful about knowing that most of the cottages are filled around this time of the summer and that tonight would be the picnic and tomorrow Ridge Sunday. But as we know, our ancestors have gone through many tough times in trying to get here and stay here in the summers, [particularly during wartime. We are a resilient bunch and we will persist. God willing, we will have a robust social calendar next year and will be able to visit and share hugs, and resume our Northfield life, having learned through this to care even more for each other, and understanding even more clearly how we can respect each other's circumstances and find ways to keep us all connected in fellowship here.

We have met as a Board three times this year via Zoom to conduct Ridge business and you will be hearing reports from the officers, shortly. I will report on the outcome of the ENWC petition later on the agenda. We have formed a committee to decide how to archive important Ridge documents so they are just not passed on from president to president. We donated \$500 to the Northfield Food Pantry (which has now expanded its reach to a few other towns) and \$500 to the Library after-school STEAM programs. Both entities were very grateful for the donations.

Seasonal Cottage Watch – Mark Given reports that there was little overall damage to the Ridge this year compared to other years. He does a complete check of the Ridge on Saturdays during "off-season". If there is a problem he will call the president and the owner is then contacted. It is up to the owner to have the problem taken care of. Mark will help with that if asked. He has suggested that owners not cover their windows from the inside with tarps because then he cannot see if there is inside damage. Most problems involve blown open shutters and windows and fallen tree branches.

Thank you for being part of our grand Zoom experiment this year and special thanks to Bob Ziegenhagen for his tireless investigations into how to make this platform work for all of us.

Blessings,

Margie Conner

President, Rustic Ridge Association

