

INVERNESS RIDGE ASSOCIATION

Update — April 2018

Dear Neighbors,

Slowly Spring is unfolding and with it comes time for attention to fire safety and prevention. This month's update contains important information, as follows:

Defensible Space

As I wrote last month, fire officials emphasize the importance of working to achieve 100% community compliance with the State and County defensible space regulations. All owners have legal responsibility to comply with the 30-foot and 100-foot house perimeter requirements and ensure that there are no dangerous trees or shrubs along a 10-foot border between one's property and the middle of any road. Information on these regulations and ways to comply is available at:

http://www.firesafemarin.org/?mc_cid=86ba84f55b&mc_eid=89c776abde.

Note especially the information under the "Preparedness" tab. *We anticipate that the Fire Department will undertake inspection of defensible space in Paradise Ranch Estates this spring and early summer. Let's be ready!*

In a recent letter to the IRA Board Victor Stangenberg (60 Sunnyside) called attention to "overgrown" vacant lots in PRE "with dead trees, brush, etc., which contribute to an immense fuel load." Concurrent with Victor's request, Marin County Fire Department (MCFD) officials have requested that the IRA Board inventory these lots and report them to the Department. In addition they advise that any PRE residents who find that their defensible space includes area within one of these lots may ask the Fire Department for an inspection. Contact Christie Neil, Battalion Chief - Vegetation & Fuels Management Program, Marin County Fire Department, 415-473-3759.

Victor closes his letter noting that "Seven neighbors on Sunshine Court and Sunnyside Drive carried out much cutting and clearing, all meeting the defensible space rule....Talk to your neighbors and do your part!"

Fire-Related Tree Cutting

I am informed by MCFD officials that they will be cutting trees along the Park boundary near the top of Drake's View Drive beginning in early May. In addition, they have worked with PG&E to place on their "high priority list" pruning and other vegetation management action along their lines that lead from near the end of Sunnyside up to the end of Elizabeth Place. We hope to see their tree contractors up there soon.

Neighborhood Liaisons Needed

As many of you may know, the Point Reyes Disaster Council (PRDC) recruits and organizes Neighborhood Liaisons. During an emergency these liaisons become the "eyes

and ears” to alert First Responders to changing conditions (e.g., neighbor or house in trouble, downed trees, power lines, flooding, etc.). They convey essential information via a two-way radio network within our neighborhoods to help professionals prioritize their response. PRE residents are needed to volunteer for this community role. You'll receive training and practice. No special expertise is required. For further information please contact our Area Coordinator, Steve Bowers, 415-663-9551, 415-827-8546, srbowers@horizoncable.com.

Repaving Drake’s View Drive

The Repaving Task Force is negotiating a contract for scoping and planning of anticipated DVD re-paving with an engineering consultant. Further information will be provided to all PRE residents and property owners as soon as it is available.

Still Important

If you haven't yet paid your **Inverness Ridge Association dues** for 2018, please do so now. Send \$25 (a bargain price that will not last indefinitely) to
IRA
P.O. Box 342
Inverness, CA 94937

Thank you!

A correction from the last Update: the website for the Marin Alert program is www.alertmarin.org.

As always, thank you for your attention and support,

Tim Stanton
IRA Board President