

## August 2022 Update

Dear Neighbors,

I have a few important items for your attention:

**Reminder:** there will be a second **Measure C-funded Free Curbside Chipper Day Program** the week of **October 10**. Thank you for your participation in the first chipper day in early July, which was very successful. As with that one, advance reservation is required for October. Last we knew, slots were filling up quickly. For details and to make a reservation, go to <https://chipperday.com/marin>. Clear your defensible space and help keep PRE safe!

**PRE Paving Task Force update:** The PRE vote in April approved a parcel assessment in the amount of \$1,549,220 over 10 years to repave Drakes View Drive and other road segments in PRE. The budget used for the assessment was based on an estimate made in July 2021 by our consultants, ILS Associates.

Because we had to propose the parcel assessment before having actual bids for the project, we segmented the project so that we could prioritize and add or subtract parts of the project to fit within the budget.

Last month, ILS created a new cost estimate that is about \$600,000 higher than the amount authorized by the vote. Since this is so much greater than the estimate given to the County with our plan, the County DPW has asked us to re-submit the plan with a reduced scope to match the new estimate, before approving the plan to go out for contractor bids.

On August 20th, the Paving Task Force met to discuss how to adjust the proposed Project to fit with the available funds. The Task Force decided to ask Mike Evans of ILS to revise the Project Specifications to its essential parts:

- Repaving Drakes View Drive (DVD) from Sir Francis Drake (SFD) to No. 379.
- Repaving the aprons on DVD from SFD to No. 379.
- Paving Lower Dover because of its importance as an alternative to DVD.
- Paving the upper portion of East Robert where it meets West Robert.

The Task Force believes that these adjustments will bring the project cost within the approved parcel assessment. As before, the Task Force agreed to include additional parts of the Project, not listed above, if the bids allow. If the County responds promptly to our actions, it is still possible for the paving to begin this fall. We will keep you posted.

**IRA Emergency Preparedness Committee (formerly IRA Evacuation Committee) update:** The Committee continues its work following the planning and execution of our fire evacuation drill in May to follow up on key learnings as we head through fire season. Things you need to know:

- \* When we hear any kind of emergency alert, the zone designation for our PRE community is Inverness Zone 3
- \* If you have not yet done so, we urge you to sign up for Alert Marin to get emergency alerts

and actions. Alert Marin<<https://www.marinsheriff.org/services/emergency-services/alert-marin>>

\* Having said that, one of the key learnings from our fire evacuation drill is that not all participants received the Alert Marin texts. So, on the advice of emergency preparedness experts in Marin, we recommend NOAA radios. These are particularly valuable should cellular service be down in an emergency. Recommendations from *Wirecutter* are at: <https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/best-emergency-weather-radio/>

\* We want to alert you to a new agency that is responsible for all emergency preparedness in Marin County across 19 different jurisdictions. The organization is Ready Marin and they have developed the most up to date web site that is a highly readable, digestible source for emergency preparedness information – please take a look and bookmark this: <https://readymarin.org/>. We are working with Ready Marin on a PRE program and will have more to report on during our IRA annual meeting.

\* We are also connected with the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority MWPA<<https://www.marinwildfire.org/about-mwpa/mission-statement>> with Jennifer Howard on the Citizens Oversight Committee.

IRAEPCC Committee members: Jennifer Howard, Christian Winslow, Leah Light, Jim Wagner

Thank you to the many volunteers who keep our community safe and to all of you for your attention to these matters and cooperation.

Keep well.

Tim Stanton  
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