

INVERNESS RIDGE ASSOCIATION

Update — March 2018

Dear Neighbors,

This month's update contains important information, as follows:

PRE Residents Contact Directory

The IRA Board has decided to issue a directory of contact information for PRE residents and home/property owners. The directory, to come out in April, will be developed from contact information we have collected over the past couple of years. Anyone who wishes **not** to have their name and contact details included can opt out of being in the directory. *If you wish to opt out, please email Sherry Stanton (sgstanton@gmail.com), keeper of the PRE list, before March 26th. If we do not hear from you, you will be included in the directory.*

Emergency Evacuation (updated from February)

All landline phone numbers are registered with the county's Marin Alert system. In the event that the Fire Department calls for evacuation of a specific community, this system will send one of two messages to all registered phones:

The first message is likely to be a "Warning," which would advise you that there is a dangerous fire in the area and you should prepare for possible evacuation within 1 - 2 hours.

The second message would be an evacuation "Order," which requires you to evacuate immediately. Although you do not have to comply with the Warning, you must comply with the Evacuation Order. If a situation warrants it, the evacuation Warning will be skipped and only an Order sent out. In the event of an Order, residents are not allowed to return to their homes until the Order is lifted, which must be signed off on by all relevant agencies – Fire Department, PG&E, Sheriff, etc.

Messages may contain warnings about road closures, ranging from "closed to all but locals" to "closed to all vehicles, including fire engines."

In addition it is advisable for us all to register our cell phone and VOIP phone numbers with Alert Marin, as these are not automatically registered the way landlines are. To do so go to www.MarinAlert.org. PRE home/property owners who either are not residents or are part-time residents may register for this service as well as full-time residents. Please pass the word about this service and the need to register to your tenants, friends and neighbors.

Be aware and inform your family members and tenants of PRE's evacuation routes, which are described and mapped on our website: www.InvernessRidgeAssoc.com under "Resources."

Defensible Space

Fire officials emphasize the importance of working to achieve 100% community compliance with the State and County defensible space regulations. All owners have a 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. *The Fire Department plans to do a complete inspection of defensible space in Paradise Ranch Estates this spring and early summer. Let's be ready!*

Two Other Useful Resources

Point Reyes Disaster Council: <https://www.pointreyesdisastercouncil.org>.

The Point Reyes Disaster Council is a community organization that works throughout Marshall, Point Reyes Station, Olema and Inverness Park. Note especially information that can be found on their website's "Safety Info" page.

Ready Marin: <http://www.ReadyMarin.org>.

This website provides guidance, training and resources to keep you and your family safe during an emergency, whether it requires you to evacuate or shelter in place. You will find information and links to resources, checklists, and training opportunities.

Repaving in PRE

The DVD Repaving Task Force will meet with engineers interested in scoping and staffing our repaving project on March 22nd. Further information about the repaving project will be in the April and May Updates.

Important:

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

As always, thank you for your attention and support,

Tim Stanton
IRA Board President