

## July 2021 Update 2.0

Dear Neighbors,

I have important news for you today. Read on ...

• **PRE Road Paving Task Force** – The task force has gained approval from County Public Works of its plan for re-paving Drake's View Drive and portions of side roads. The plan along with a cover letter from the IRA-PRERAB Paving Task Force is attached. Please take time to review them carefully.

The Task Force will hold a community-wide meeting via Zoom to discuss the plan on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM. (Link to be distributed in advance of the meeting.) There will be ample time for questions, answers, and comments. In addition, the process for petitioning the Board of Supervisors for a parcel tax election to enable a loan to pay for construction will be explained. This is an important meeting, so please try to attend. The plan and a recording of the meeting will be made available via the IRA website ([invernessridge.info](http://invernessridge.info)) following the meeting.

• **FIREsafe Marin webinar on fire insurance** – Several homeowners in PRE and across California have had their homeowners' insurance coverage cancelled in recent years. In response FIREsafe Marin is holding a webinar on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM to review the situation and share information on what can be done about it. Here is their description of the webinar:

*When it comes to protecting your home from wildfire, insurance is a necessary part of the plan. Join the conversation with leading insurance experts to find out:*

- *How to keep your assets insured and how to navigate a difficult insurance market;*
- *What to do if you've been non-renewed or dropped by your insurance company;*
- *What preparedness and advocacy is being done to fix the insurance problem.*

*Consumer advocates: Amy Bach, Executive Director (United Policyholders); Joel Laucher, Insurance Consultant (Regulatory Insurance Advisors and United Policyholders); and Janet Ruiz, Director - Strategic Communications (Insurance Information Institute) will share their expertise and the latest information and resources about fire insurance in California. Special host: Chief Bill Tyler (Novato Fire District)*

*Join on Facebook live stream or via Zoom here:*

*<https://firesafemarin.zoom.us/j/87382415962>*

• **IRA FIREwise Task Force** – has been very busy with preparation for removing or pruning vegetation in buffers zones up to 15 feet wide on each side of Sunnyside Drive between Behr Lane and the Park Service barrier, and along parts of Douglas and Lower Dover. This work is intended to enable safe emergency evacuation along the Fire Road to Limantour Road and the connecting passage from the end of Douglas to Laurel Street. David Wilson, chair, and task force members Tamia Anderson and Jennifer Howard are currently seeking property owners' agreement for this work, which is fully supported by the County's Measure C funds and will begin in August. For further information see the "Community Preparedness" page under "Safety & Preparedness" on the IRA website or contact David at [dmwilson7815@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dmwilson7815@sbcglobal.net). Many thanks to him and his group for this needed and excellent work.

- **Property Inspections coming** – The FIREwise Task Force has been advised that Marin Fire Defensible Space Inspections are coming soon. If you haven't done so already, now is the time to make sure your property will pass the test.

- **2021 membership Dues** – If you have not paid your IRA 2021 membership dues, please do so soon. You may make payments via Venmo or Paypal (see IRA website - [invernessridge.info](http://invernessridge.info) -for details) or by sending a check to: IRA, P.O. Box 342, Inverness, CA 94937. Questions? Contact Treasurer Patty Wimpfheimer at 415-722-9355 or at [invernessridge37@gmail.com](mailto:invernessridge37@gmail.com). Thank you for your ongoing support.

Be safe and keep well,

Tim Stanton  
IRA Board President