

INVERNESS RIDGE ASSOCIATION

Update — July 2019

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are enjoying the good weather we are experiencing this summer. Of course dry, sunny weather also heralds the beginning of fire season and our continuing need to be mindful of reducing fuel sources around our homes as much as possible. Please see the attached Defensible Space Brochures for information that will assist you in protecting your home. Doing this work helps you and all of us protect our assets and increase our safety.

Fire-related news thus continues to be the focus of my Updates. First the good news:

- The first phase of this year's (second annual) **IRA chipping program** is completed. Seventy roadside piles were chipped. We thank those who participated and were gratified to receive ten new IRA memberships as part of the process. The second and final round of chipping this summer will take place in early September. See the attached flyer for details.

Additionally, 11 sites have been created around PRE roads, marked by red-topped stakes labeled PRE and a number one through eleven. These sites are to serve as a) drop-off sites for trimmings from homes with limited frontage; b) storage of road repair materials such as road base for pothole repair; and c) stacks of extra chips, to be available to all.

- Those who have walked out to the end of Sunnyside will have noticed the recent clearing of Bishop Pines along both sides of the road and up the power line corridor from Sunnyside to Elizabeth. PRE resident Tamia Anderson lobbied PG&E, the Park and Marin Fire for years to get this done and PG&E finally had Davey Tree Company do the work this month. It helps ensure that the Sunnyside/Fire Road evacuation route to Limantour Road can be safely accessed.

... which brings me to the not-so-good news:

- I regret to inform you that the evacuation access route to Laurel Street that leaves from the end of Douglas Drive and passes through private property is not presently accessible to vehicles lacking high clearance and four-wheel drive. Members of PRERAB have been meeting with members of the Laurel road advisory board to improve the road surface along the route so all vehicles can pass and came up with a plan to do so. However, permission to do the work still needs to be obtained from the owner of the land through which the route passes. We do not know presently when all this can be resolved, but for now do NOT include this route in your evacuation plans. We will keep you informed of the status of this situation as it develops.
- Earlier this spring I wrote to you about the Park's intention to burn the debris piled up along the Inverness Ridge Trail between Sunnyside and the end of Drake's View Drive. The prescribed burn was to have taken place in May, but did not happen. I've been informed that the Park and Marin Fire plan to try again for the burn later this fall after the rains have returned. They promise to keep us posted.

In non-fire-related news the **DVD re-paving task force** continues with their analysis of options and costs related to the needed projected road re-paving. This work is nearly completed and therefore a **community-wide meeting to present this information is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 19th 10 AM – 12 noon** at the Dance Palace church space in Point Reyes Station. Mark your calendars please and plan to attend. Further information and confirmation of the date will come your way in August.

As usual PRERAB has been busy maintaining our road system. Weed whipping of all PRE roads took place in early July. Tree cutting and sight line clearance work to improve emergency and fire vehicle access was carried out earlier. New dots were recently added to the center of DVD by the County. Later this summer there will be light grading and pot hole filling on dirt roads as well as the annual fall grading and ditch cleaning. All of this work is organized and supervised by our

neighborhood PRERAB volunteers and paid for with a portion of your property taxes. Many thanks to these volunteers and to all of you for your support.

Finally, finally if you haven't yet paid your **Inverness Ridge Association dues** for 2019, please do so now or join via the Summer Chipping Program (see chipping attachment). Send \$25 to IRA, P.O. Box 342, Inverness, CA 94937.

Thank you,

Tim Stanton