

July 2023 Update

Dear Neighbors,

A few important items for your attention, as follows.

• **Summer IRA Meeting and Social Gathering:** The IRA's Summer Meeting and Social Gathering took place at the home of Barbara Jay on July 15th. About 60 people attended contributing delicious lunch items in addition to food catered by the IRA Board. It was our first face-to-face community gathering since before Covid and was enjoyed by everyone. Important information was shared at the pre-lunch business meeting, as follows:

- On behalf of the IRA-PRERAB Paving Task Force Ken Drexler shared the **good news** that at last the County has bids from three contractors. Further steps must now be taken to certify the contractor with the lowest bid, formulate the precise funding strategy and gain final approval from the Board of Supervisors. In his remarks Ken described all of this. A transcript of his remarks updated with information received since July 15th has been posted on the IRA website (<http://invernessridge.info/roadrepavingproject>). I urge all residents to carefully review these remarks, even if they heard them on the 15th, as some of the construction timing Ken explained then has changed.
- Supervisor Dennis Rodoni gave a brief update on goings on at the County and within his district, which included much road re-paving this summer and ongoing attention to short-term rentals in West Marin.
- On behalf of the IRA Emergency Preparedness Committee Christian Winslow announced the re-starting of monthly testing of the PRE Siren. As we enter fire season, we are reactivating monthly testing, which will take place on the last Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. **The first renewed testing is Saturday July 29 at 10:00 am.** The Marin County Fire Department has requested that we let them know on which side roads the sound of our siren does NOT reach. If you are at home for any of the monthly siren testings and the siren sound does not reach your residence, please let Christian Winslow know at winslow.christian@gmail.com, so he can inform the Fire Department. Thank you!
- Three items were left at Barbara Jay's home after the Gathering. They are a pale pink pashmina shawl; a stainless steel bowl left by whoever brought the fresh berry mix; a plain rimless plate. If any of these items are yours, please collect them from Barbara.

- Also importantly, we owe huge thanks to Barbara for opening her home to us once again and to Christian Winslow and many Board members and residents who organized and staffed the meeting.

• **Defensible space and chipping.** Many thanks to everyone who has participated to date in this year's MWPA chipping program. Many piles of debris have been placed along PRE roads and then chipped by MWPA's chipping contractor twice this summer. There are three more chipping days scheduled. The relevant weeks for us are August 14, September 18, and October 23. You must go to the website and register (first come, first served) at <https://www.chipperday.com>. Maintaining your defensible space strengthens both your security and that of your neighbors. We thank you!

• **2023 membership Dues** – If you have not paid your IRA 2023 membership dues (\$50), please do so right away. You may make payments via Venmo or Paypal (see IRA website [invernessridge.info] for details) or send 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. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you for reading.

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