

# INVERNESS RIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Update — June 2019

Dear Neighbors,

Spring has finally arrived, so it's time to make sure we have all done our part to prepare our community for the coming fire season. This Update contains **IMPORTANT**, related information, so please make note of it.

### **FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY:**

The IRA will again conduct its **Defensible Space Chipping Program** this summer. This service, available to all PRE residents, supports your efforts to clear your property and reduce fire risk while sharing the chipping costs with your neighbors and the IRA. As we did last summer, there will be two rounds of chipping of roadside piles – one in early July and one in September. We have altered the process to reduce the extensive time needed from our volunteer coordinators and the amount of subsidy provided by the IRA, necessary steps to ensure sustainability of the program. If you are not a member of IRA, this is an easy way to order your chipping, join the IRA, and save \$10!

For details please download and save the attached “IRA Chipping Program Flyer – 2019” and follow the steps outlined. Please note that payment deadlines will be strictly enforced. Use the coupon(s) that are part of the flyer when you send your checks to our Inverness PO Box made out to the Inverness Ridge Association.

**Free Green Waste days** at the Nicasio corporation yard will be June 6-7 and July 6-7. This is your opportunity for free and safe disposal of green waste yard materials such as branches, grass and light brush. Please, no building materials, general debris, garbage or palm trees. Residential debris only.

### **PRESCRIBED PILE BURNING ALONG THE INVERNESS RIDGE TRAIL**

I have not had any word from the Park regarding their prescribed burning of wood piles assembled last year along the Inverness Ridge Trail at the top of PRE. However, a neighbor reports that he heard November was now the target. I will relay further plans if and when I receive them.

Please note: information as to the exact timing of the burn will only be available within 24-48 hours of the event due to the need to monitor weather, moisture

content of surrounding environment, etc. This means we will be unable to inform those of you who do not receive this Update electronically. If you are one of our very few “snail mailers,” please consider giving us an email address we can use to provide you with timely information, even if it is for a neighbor, friend or family member who does not live in PRE, who can then contact you. This ensures that you stay up to date. It saves us time and money.

## **PRERAB**

Inverness Garden Service will be weed whacking flashy fuels along the sides of PRE roads by early July.

## **VERY IMPORTANT!**

A primary means of communicating information useful to PRE residents is the IRA website ([invernessridgeassoc.com](http://invernessridgeassoc.com)). **We currently need a webmaster** to update and maintain the site. For someone with the requisite skills this will not be a time-consuming task. If you are interested in volunteering for this important role, please contact me directly at [tkeels@aol.com](mailto:tkeels@aol.com). We will greatly appreciate whomever takes it on.

Finally, if you haven't done so already, **be sure to register with Alert Marin and Nixle to receive evacuation notices and fire information.** Information on this and on the Twitter feeds from the Sheriff and Marin Fire Department is on the Alerts information sheet I distributed with the *April Update*. If you rent your home, please make sure that tenants are registered and know PRE evacuation routes, which can be found on the IRA website.

**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

IRA Board President