

## June Update

Dear neighbors,

I hope this note finds you and your families well and coping with our ongoing, tumultuous public health and societal challenges. I managed to stay out of your mailboxes in May, but now have important information to pass on.

**Fire Prevention and Safety:** With summer fast approaching fire season will arrive very soon. Therefore it's time for all of us to attend to ensuring that we have undertaken required **Defensible Space** vegetation management on our properties. Please see <http://invernessridge.info/homeowner-information> for requirements and further information. Taking these fire safety steps protects you, your family and all of the rest of us, a critically important community role that every one of us must play. FIREsafe Marin has an excellent webpage full of helpful preparedness information at <https://www.firesafemarin.org/preparedness>.

As I announced in February, the IRA will again conduct a **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 July and one in September. **For details please download and save the attached “IRA Chipping Program Flyer – 2020” and follow the steps outlined.** Note that payment deadlines will be strictly enforced.

**PRERAB Annual Weed Whacking initiative.** Since 2007, when PRE residents voted for at ten-year parcel tax, PRERAB has regularly removed flashy fuels growing beside our roads and worked to clear sightlines and remove trees endangering roads. Since 2017 when this tax expired, PRERAB has continued this work using reserve funds. This summer, PRERAB will again cut flashy fuel along the roads, focused primarily on well-traveled DVD. They are pleased to note that many owners on DVD and other roads have already cut flashy fuel along their own road frontage. That is much appreciated as it both helps protect the community and allows PRERAB to focus its diminishing reserve on areas of most need. Therefore any of you who are able to eliminate flashy fuels along your road frontage, please do so in the next few weeks with our deep thanks. We hope to restore the PRERAB reserve fund as a small part of the upcoming parcel tax election to support the DVD re-paving project.

The **Paving Task Force** is developing a comprehensive plan to distribute to members of the PRE community and intends to have a second community wide meeting at the Dance Palace to review the plan. However progress has been delayed due to restrictions in place regarding Covid-19 that are making that meeting and necessary planning meetings with county officials and small neighborhood groups difficult to schedule and arrange. The Task Force hopes to proceed with these meetings and to move to an election by December, but that may be delayed until 2021. More news when we have it.

The **Point Reyes Disaster Council** has successfully recruited additional **Neighborhood Liaisons (NLs)** for PRE, so that all sections of our community now have a liaison except for a portion of DVD. An updated list of NLs is posted at <http://invernessridge.info/disaster-liaison-list>. They each will soon reach out to residents in their road sections to introduce themselves and their role in the community and make certain they have information on all of you to use in the event of an emergency. Speaking of which, if

you haven't already done so, be sure to sign on to Alert Marin at <http://invernessridge.info/emergency-contacts>) and to the PRE cell phone alert system (text subscribe to 864-OK-RIDGE (864-657-4343)).

**The County's Parks Closure Order with its prohibition of motorized transportation to access hiking trails** has been changed. (See: <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/parks-order-effective-june-1-2020>) Effective today the Seashore is partially opening including the parking area at Bear Valley. Details from PRNSA:

- "Many trails in the Park are accessible, with the exception of Mesa Road from the Commonweal entrance to Palomarin Trailhead, Chimney Rock Road, Mount Vision Road, South Beach Access Road, Sir Francis Drake Blvd. southwest of its junction with Drakes Beach Road."

More information can be found on the Park's website. However, to continue to discourage outsiders from accessing the Park from PRE roads our "No Parking" signs will remain at the end of Sunnyside and DVD.

**The County's Short Term Rental Restriction Order** continues. (See: <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/short-term-rental-restriction-order-may-29-2020>) "For purposes of this Order, 'Short-Term Lodging Facilities' are vacation rentals, short-term rentals, timeshares, hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, and other lodging facilities rented for 30 days or less."

Finally, if you haven't yet paid your Inverness Ridge Association dues for 2020, please do so now. Send \$25 to IRA, P.O. Box 342, Inverness, CA 94937. The cost will most probably rise soon.

Thank you and keep well,

Tim Stanton

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