

INVERNESS RIDGE ASSOCIATION

Update — May/June 2018

Dear Neighbors,

This update re-represents important information from last month as well as brief news items. First however, I want to remind all of us that everything that happens in PRE to improve our community – road maintenance, tree work, liaison with and obtaining assistance from the County, etc. – is due to the dedication and hard work of our friends and neighbors on the Inverness Ridge Association Board and the Paradise Ranch Estates Road Board (PRERAB). They do so as community volunteers. The excellence of their work is widely recognized by County and fire officials, and numerous others across Marin, as I hope it is by all of you. They deserve great thanks and appreciation from us all. They welcome your advice and suggestions. Contact details are accessible on the IRA website (www.invernessridgeassoc.com).

Now the news ...

From PRERAB:

Annual cutting of flashy fuels along PRE roadsides will take place within the next few weeks. Please be careful driving where people are working.

A temporary fix is planned for the subgrade and slope failure that took place on Douglas a few weeks ago. This will involve moving the road surface away from the slide to provide safe passage around it. A more permanent fix to shore up the area and improve drainage will be investigated with an engineer and, we hope, can be completed sometime soon after the next rainy season.

Pothole filling on DVD and elsewhere will take place later this summer.

From IRA:

The Marin County Fire Department and Firesafe Marin are encouraging all Marin communities to apply to be “Firesafe.” In response, IRA Vice President David Wilson has convened a small group of Board members to develop an application for PRE. Successful applications include undertaking a fire assessment of all properties and developing plans for fire prevention and education. Benefits include eligibility for grant funding and possible property insurance premium reductions.

Another Board subcommittee is developing plans for this year’s roadside chipping program. Because we have no grant funding for this work this time around, a fee structure will be announced similar to one used in Inverness to enable residents to have their debris piles chipped. Details on this program will be developed and shared soon.

The IRA board will organize a community trail clearing workday for early fall.

DVD Repaving Task Force:

The Task Force is in the final stage of negotiating a contract for scoping and planning of anticipated DVD re-paving with an engineering consultant. Once the engineer is on board they will establish a plan and schedule for moving ahead. The task force will fully engage the PRE community in considering this project, which will require approving a parcel tax to carry the project out. More news on this in next month's update.

Neighborhood Liaisons Still Needed:

As many of you know the Point Reyes Disaster Council (PRDC) recruits and organizes Neighborhood Liaisons. During an emergency these liaisons become the "eyes and ears" to alert First Responders to changing conditions (e.g., neighbor or house in trouble, downed trees, power lines, flooding, etc.). They convey essential information via a two-way radio network to help professionals prioritize their response. PRE residents are needed to volunteer for this community role, specifically between 100 and 328 DVD and Upper (West) Robert. Volunteers receive a radio, training and practice. For further information please contact Steve Bowers, 415-663-9551, 415-827-8546, srbowers@horizoncable.com.

Defensible Space:

Fire officials emphasize the importance of compliance with the State and County defensible space regulations. All owners have legal responsibility to comply with the 30-foot and 100-foot house perimeter requirements and ensure that there are no dangerous trees or shrubs along a 10-foot border between one's property and the middle of any road. Information on these regulations and ways to comply is available at:

http://www.firesafemarin.org/?mc_cid=86ba84f55b&mc_eid=89c776abde.

Note especially the information under the "Preparedness" tab. *We anticipate that the Fire Department will undertake inspection of defensible space in Paradise Ranch Estates this spring and early summer. Be ready!*

Fire-Related Tree Cutting:

Marin County Fire Department has begun tree cutting along the Park boundary near the top of Drake's View Drive. In addition they are working with PG&E and the Park to facilitate needed pruning along the power lines between Sunnyside and Elizabeth Roads.

Firesafe Marin Evacuation Checklist is attached...be sure to review it soon.

Always Important:

If you haven't yet paid your **Inverness Ridge Association dues** for 2018, please do so now. Send \$25 (a bargain price that will not last indefinitely) to IRA, P.O. Box 342, Inverness, CA 94937. Thank you!

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