

November 2023 Update

Dear Neighbors,

October was a chaotic month with the ongoing and often changing schedule of our paving project. It should conclude within a week or so, for which I am sure we all are very grateful. Thank you for your support of this project all along the way, and for your patient cooperation with road disruptions and continuing contractor schedule changes.

An important note of caution: With the new, smooth road surface we are observing that some drivers have been driving very fast, too fast for our narrow road with many sharp, blind turns, pedestrians, and other potential obstacles. Please be thoughtful and speed conscious in your own driving and advise others in your household, visitors, renters, and contractors to do the same. This is critically important for everyone's safety.

- **IRA-PRERAB Paving Task Force:** The task force will happily go out of business as soon as the paving project is completed and all items accounted for. As per above they give thanks to the PRE community for its support and cooperation over these last five years. Special thanks are owed to Chair Ken Drexler for steering the project and for his patient advocacy, planning and coordination with Marin County officials, which at times seemed endless and needlessly complex, but without which we would not have had a project. Special thanks also to Ken, Mike Ongerth and Christian Winslow for the immense amount of work they put in these past weeks to coordinate with the contractor and keep the community informed, especially related to abrupt schedule changes; and to Patty Wimpfheimer and Sherry Stanton for keeping up with almost daily changes then needed on the IRA website.
- **PRE Road Advisory Board (PRERAB):** Within the next few weeks a contractor will carry out drop box, ditch, and culvert cleaning along PRE roadsides. Be on the lookout for them and drive slowly and carefully around workers, thank you.
- **PRE December 1 Fire Evacuation Exercise:** The IRA Emergency Preparedness Committee is excited to announce that IRA in partnership with the Marin County Fire Department, Sheriff's Office and Point Reyes Disaster Council will launch a fire evacuation exercise specifically for PRE on Friday December 1 from approximately 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Senior Fire Captain Ben Ghisletta intends this exercise to be the next level up from the Spring exercise we did last year. December 1 will involve real life road scenarios, including live fire engines. The goal is to give both residents and emergency responders realistic experience and training that we will need during an actual emergency. To prepare, please mark your calendar for both the December 1 exercise AND a Zoom call with Captain Ghisletta and other senior planners of this event on Saturday November 11 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - a Zoom invite will be sent to you.

We strongly encourage residents to take part in this exercise both to show our support for the important collaboration and dedicated resources for this event from our emergency responders and to learn from this real life experience. This is the only fire evacuation exercise to be conducted in West Marin in 2023. Please also RSVP on our IRA web site <https://invernessridge.info/>

• **Special Fire Safe invitation from Shelley Redding of the Inverness Public Utility District (IPUD):** On November 7 at 7:30 pm, Fire Safe Marin will make a half hour Zoom presentation to people in Inverness regarding control of embers. Embers are the principal reason why houses burn down during wildfires. Embers can travel on the wind for many miles, and range in size from tiny to several square feet! Although they are highly dangerous, their threat can be easily controlled. Learn how you can protect your property from wildfire. Questions from participants will be fielded by Fire Safe Marin after the presentation.

The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81370122500?pwd=TFZjZ3cvMXBWMepDTlpHRDdkcXFhQT09> Due to Zoom limitations, the meeting is limited to the first 100 people who join. This event is sponsored by Fire Wise Inverness, a project of the Inverness Foundation.

• **Reminder on 2023 membership Dues** – If you have not paid your IRA 2023 membership dues (\$50), please do so before the year is out. 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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