

September 2022 Update

Dear Neighbors,

I have some important news for you today, and unfortunately not all of it is good. Please read on:

PRE Paving Task Force update: as you may recall in my August Update, I reported on the Paving Task Force's response to the revised cost estimate they and the County received from the project engineer, which forced them to remove segments in the paving plan in order to bring it down to the level of funds available through the parcel tax. The hope then was that if the County responded promptly to the plan revisions, it was still possible for the paving to begin this fall.

Unfortunately, this month the task force received word from DPW that the process for formalizing and distributing bid sheets to contractors, receiving their responses, selecting a contractor based on the received bids, and gaining Board of Supervisors approval throughout the process would take so long, there was no way of getting the paving done prior to winter's arrival. Therefore with regret the task force decided to postpone the bidding process until next spring, when there should be ample time to complete the bidding and paving.

Since there will be no paving this fall, the PRE Road Advisory Board will use some of its available funds to patch the lower portion of DVD in order to prevent further deterioration during winter. Information on this will be forthcoming from the Road Board.

IRA Emergency Preparedness Committee update:

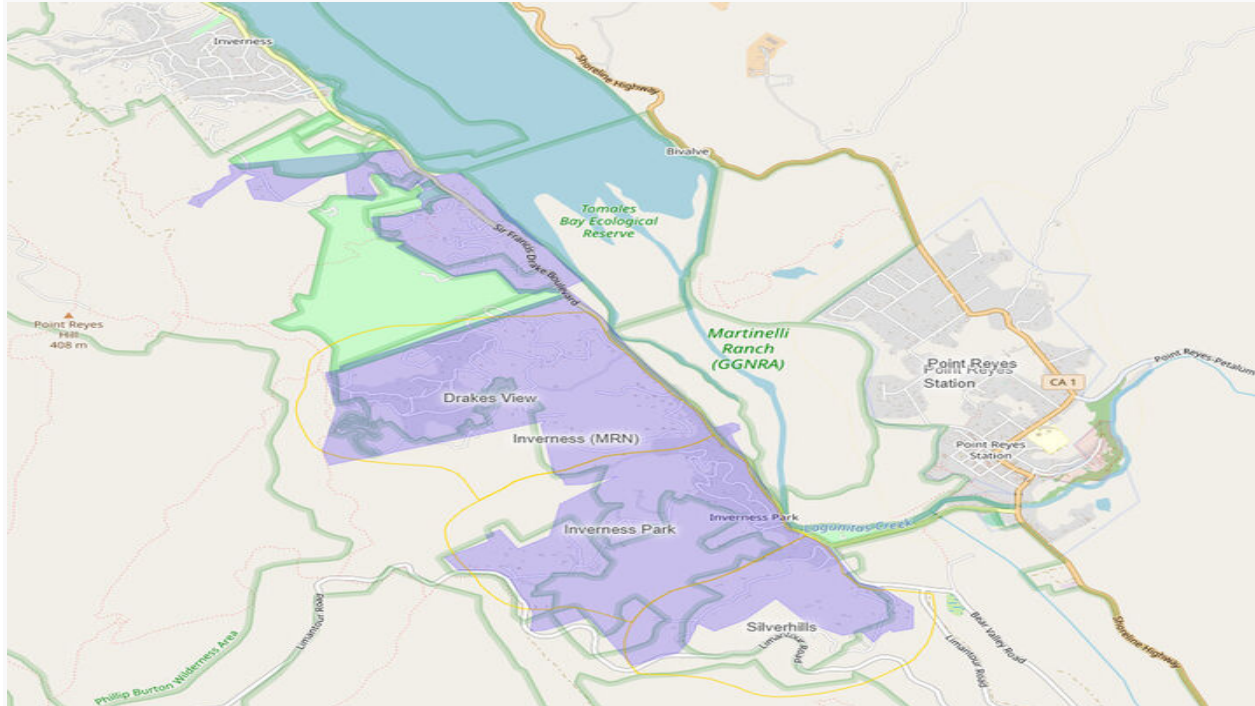
Members of the IRA Emergency Preparedness Committee recently met with Elaine Wilkinson, the new Marin County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. They shared their recent experiences organizing the PRE evacuation drill and learnings from that exercise as well as the existing work they are doing. Elaine briefed the group on her remit and the resources that her office can pull together for mutual collaboration. Areas for us to partner on as part of a yearlong PRE customized program are: emergency evacuation route map for PRE, PRE neighborhood (liaison) resource group realignment, Alert Marin and other communications, and CERT training. They will have more to discuss on a PRE specific emergency preparedness program, hopefully at the IRA Annual Meeting, which we hope can be held in person in January. (The IRA Board will determine whether, how and when to have this meeting when it meets in November.)

Note: Elaine Wilkinson has recently collated and edited existing Marin County-wide emergency preparedness information consolidating it into one single online source, which we strongly recommend that all residents look over and bookmark: <https://readymarin.org/>

Defensible Space Examinations coming: For those of you who did not receive or review this important *Nextdoor* message from Marin County Fire, I include it here. These examinations begin tomorrow!



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Uniformed Fire Inspectors will conduct Wildfire Defensible Space and Home Hardening Evaluations on residential properties in Drakes View, Inverness Park, and Silver Hill Neighborhoods of Inverness beginning as early as September 28, 2022 (see attached map). Inspections are conducted by Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) in cooperation with the Marin County Fire Department. A comprehensive online defensible space and home hardening report will be available approximately 24 hours after a property's inspection. This report provides steps to reduce each individual property's vulnerability and improve safety from wildfires. Some actions outlined in this report may be required by law - those must be corrected within 30 days. Online reports are available to property owners, renters, and authorized representatives, and can be viewed online at <http://dSPACE.marinwildfire.org>. A six digit access code provided by the inspectors is necessary to view the report. Residents are welcome to accompany inspectors during the property evaluation to learn about the importance of defensible space and home-hardening. If nobody is home, that's OK! Inspectors will evaluate publicly visible areas of the property only and leave instructions to retrieve the online report. To view a short video on what to expect during an inspection, please click here: Defensible Space & Home Hardening Evaluations (<https://youtu.be/fjJATG9Hugc>). Evaluations are funded through

Marin Tax Measure C (2020), Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, and the Marin County Fire Department. Please contact dspace@marinwildfire.org or (415) 275-1185 with questions or for assistance accessing an online report.

Reminder: the second **Measure C-funded Free Curbside Chipper Day Program** takes place during the week of **October 10**. Advance reservation is required with, according to my understanding, only “wait list” spots still available. For details and to make a reservation, go to <https://chipperday.com/marin>. On on prior chipping days most roadside piles on the wait list were chipped.

Thank you to the many volunteers who keep our community safe and to all of you for your attention to these matters and cooperation.

Keep well.

Tim Stanton
IRA President