

April Update

Dear Neighbors,

• **Reminder on the 2024 IRA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**: For this year only the IRA Board has moved the AGM from January to Saturday, May 4th. We will meet at 10:30 AM at the home of Barbara Jay, 100 Douglas Drive. Coffee and socializing to start with the business meeting beginning at 11 AM. Potluck lunch is at 12 noon. Parking is limited, so please car pool or walk if you can.

Please bring a main course, salad, or dessert to this popular annual potluck. The IRA Board will provide drinks, plates, utensils, etc. We hope to hold the meeting outdoors, so please check the weather report ahead of time.

The business meeting will include brief reports from our Board committees and a final wrap-up on the DVD paving project. In addition, Mark Brown, Executive Officer of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA), has agreed to join us to discuss practical aspects of Defensible Space and Home Hardening, and how they relate to home insurance. Mark will speak for about ten minutes, then take questions from attendees. This will be a great opportunity to learn from the area's principal expert on these topics, including the sometimes confusing defensible space reports some have received in their summer inspections.

The AGM is the time when residents wishing to serve on the IRA Board may stand for election. The Board needs new members and encourages residents who may wish to join to inform us as soon as they can. Interested individuals may contact Tim Stanton or any Board Member for information and to register their interest. We always need new blood and ideas!

• **PRE Road Advisory Board (PRERAB)**: This is the second of what will be an ongoing series of reports from the Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board (the Road Board) on current and pending road maintenance projects in PRE.

The work by Northern Cal Restoration and Construction (NCRC) to reduce drop offs at the edge of our new pavement mentioned last month was completed on April 11th. The work added shoulder material at six locations on Drakes View Drive from the foot of the hill to about No. 379 and extended the culvert on Drakes View at Buck Point.

Now that the heavy rain seems to have subsided, the Road Board is arranging for the worst of the potholes and gullies that developed since the start of 2024 to be patched. We expect the work to be done in two phases. The first will repair potholes on Drakes View before Elizabeth Place, Dover, West Robert and East Robert. In addition, some tree debris next to the culvert at 20 Drakes View will be removed. This work will be followed by a second project which addresses potholes and gullies on Douglas, Sunnyside and Behr Lane.

We look forward to providing an update on road matters during the IRA AGM on May 4th.

Road Board Membership: Since Mike Ongerth stepped down in December after about two decades of service, the Board is reorganizing and seeking new members. If you are interested in our work and might like to join, contact Randy Merk (merkrandy@gmail.com) or Ken Drexler (ken@drexler.co).

The Road Board has a new email account: roadboardpre@gmail.com. If you have any road questions or concerns, you can send them to that address.

- **IRA Firewise Committee**: MWPA has announced their chipper days for 2024. To have a collection you must pre-register at <https://firesafemarin.org/programs/chipper-day/#gsc.tab=0>. Collections are first-come, first-served.
- **Emergency Preparedness Committee** – New Committee chair Jim Wagner will give a brief update at the May 4th AGM. The Committee still seeks additional volunteers to help with siren testing or serving as a Neighborhood Lead or back-up Lead. Those interested in volunteering should contact Jim at celiaandjim@gmail.com. Responsibilities can be adjusted to the time one is able to give.
- **Reminder on 2024 Membership Dues** – January began a new fiscal and membership year for the IRA. If you have not done so, please go to the website [invernessridge.info] for details on paying dues electronically; send a check (\$50/year) to: IRA, P.O. Box 342, Inverness, CA 94937; bring your check to the May 4th AGM. Questions? Contact Treasurer Patty Wimpfheimer at 415-722-9355 or at invernessridge37@gmail.com. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you for reading. I look forward to seeing you on May 4th.

Tim Stanton
IRA President