

August 2021 Update

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are well and enjoying summer, and avoiding Covid delta. Here are this month's updates, a bit longer than usual, but all are important:

- **PRE Road Paving** – As I hope you know, the PRE Paving Task Force held a community-wide Zoom meeting on July 31st to present their plan for re-paving DVD and paving a few short sections of side roads. The meeting was attended by about 45 people. Task Force members responded to many questions and comments. Since the meeting many people have written to me and other members with questions, all of which have been responded to. If you missed the meeting and wish to view it, an unedited recording is available on the IRA website Paving Project page along with copies of the plan and petition needed to hold an election for a special parcel tax to obtain and pay off a 10-year County loan to cover construction costs and ongoing roadside, fire-prevention related vegetation management.

The County requires that 70% of assessor-registered PRE property owners sign the petition to hold the election. Our grateful thanks to so many of you who have sent in your signed signature pages. If you are a PRE property owner and support this project but have not yet signed, please go to the website and download a signature page. Instructions are in the attached PDF. I hope you will agree that this project is critically important to ensuring our personal safety and maintaining property values.

- **PRE Chipping** – The IRA will offer a second chipping day **during the week after Labor Day**. The attached information sheet has all you need for signing up to have your chipping piles removed. The County's second FIREsafe Measure C chipping day will take place in mid-October. That chipping is free of charge, but you must pre-register. Sign up at: <https://www.firesafemarin.org/programs/chipper-days>, first come, first served.

- **Disaster Liaisons needed for PRE** - The Point Reyes Disaster Council (PRDC) seeks PRE volunteers to be Neighborhood Liaisons (NLs) for the following 3 areas:

Drakes View #100-328 & Carlton.

Sunnyside Dr.

Drakes View above #355, Buck Pt., Elizabeth Place.

NLs provide local information to the Fire Department and monitor conditions and households in their assigned areas, a critically important task during community emergencies. The current list of PRE NLs is attached. Please contact Steven Bowers (srbowers@horizoncable.com), area coordinator, or Lynn Axelrod (lynnaxelrod@hotmail.com), PRDC coordinator, for more information.

Remember in this fire season: prepare defensible space, organize your 'go' bags and get your evacuation tags (available at the Fire Department and Sheriff's office).

- **2021 membership Dues** – If you have not paid your IRA 2021 membership dues, please do so right away. You may make payments via Venmo or Paypal (see IRA website [invernessridge.info for details) or by sending 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.

Be safe and keep well,
Tim Stanton
IRA Board President