

November 2023 Update 2

Dear Neighbors,

This second November Update contains very important news items. Please read on...

- **IRA-PRERAB Paving Task Force:** In what is likely his last report to the IRA Board IRA-PRERAB Road Paving Task Force chair Ken Drexler noted that QA Constructors completed their Measure R contracted work last Friday. The supervising engineer has provided them with a “punch list” of approximately 20 items, which they must address before the contract can be signed off and paid by the County. We understand they will respond to this list immediately while they remain in the community attending to residents’ privately funded driveway and apron work. Once the “punch list” has been addressed and the Contractor and the Project Engineer have been paid, we expect the Task Force to dissolve. We owe Task Force members tremendous thanks for their hard work over the last 5+ years without which there would be no project. (See more below).

- **PRE Road Advisory Board (PRERAB):** Mike Ongerth reported for PRERAB that there are two contracts coming up, one for ditch and culvert cleaning likely to start this week, and one for completing all needed post-paving work including build-up of road shoulders and road intersection areas, curbing, etc. Mike is developing an itemized list which will be reviewed by PRERAB and shared with the County to obtain funding approval. Any resident with road clean-up or safety concerns that they believe may not be on Mike’s list should communicate with him ASAP to ensure all legitimate work is included in this contract.

Mike further noted that speeding has already been observed on the new road surface. Everyone is reminded that though smooth, DVD and the side roads are still narrow, have blind curves, and can be treacherous for two-way traffic and pedestrians. Please be mindful of this when using the roads. Please remind your guests and contractors as well.

- **SAVE THE DATE December 1 Fire Evacuation Exercise:** On Friday December 1, in partnership with the Fire Department, Sheriff’s Office and Point Reyes Disaster Council, we will have our next Fire Evacuation Exercise utilizing Drakes View Drive. The exercise is a critical test for both PRE and our emergency responders. This year the Fire Department and Sheriff’s Office will create a simulated learning experience customized to DVD’s unique characteristics. Real life scenarios will include an emergency alert, running fire engines, Sheriff hi/lo sirens and patrols, and our own Neighborhood Leads responding to situations. Go to our website to sign up and view as well the November 11 zoom call on the drill and evacuation best practices. **RSVP now to register for the December 1 Fire Evacuation Exercise on the IRA website <https://invernessridge.info/>**

We strongly encourage residents to take part in this exercise both to show our support for the collaboration and resources dedicated to this event by our emergency responders and to learn from the experience.

- **Big, huge thanks!** With the impending dissolution of the IRA-PRERAB Task Force after years of difficult, complicated, and time-consuming work I would like to make sure all of them and those who assisted them are appropriately recognized for their valued contributions. As you know they are all volunteers and many put in a huge number of hours of often frustrating, complicated work, especially during this last month as the paving unfolded with an often changing and disruptive schedule. In alphabetical order they are: Ron Bennett, Ken Drexler, Jennifer Howard, John Levy, Leah Light, Julie Merk, Randy Merk, Mike Ongerth, Sherry Stanton, Patty Wimpfheimer, and Christian Winslow. I encourage residents to join me in expressing appreciation to all of them. Without their long-term commitment to this project and its completion we would still be dodging potholes as we make our way up and down the hill.

- **2024 IRA Annual General Meeting:** The IRA Board is moving the 2024 Annual General Meeting from January to May this coming year. A specific Saturday date will be announced in the Spring.

- **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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