

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! This Update has important and timely information. Please read on ...

- **PRE Road Advisory Board (PRERAB):** With the arrival of the new year, PRERAB is proceeding to address issues raised by the paving work such as the drop offs at the edges of new paving at some locations as well as dealing with other winter road issues such as potholes, gullies, and water bars. Progress on these items has been delayed by on and off rains over recent weeks. Ken Drexler is carrying out the final duty of the Paving Task Force working with the consulting engineer and the County to finalize paving costs and payments.

Special PRERAB announcement from Randy Merk: Would you like to have a say in how the roads are maintained in our community? Want to meet new people? If so, consider joining the Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board. No specific road expertise is necessary...new board members learn from long-standing ones. Unlike many upscale communities, Paradise Ranch Estates has no Homeowners Association to manage all the shared infrastructure...so we depend on volunteers to work alongside their neighbors. Your involvement can have quite an impact! If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Ken Drexler at ken@drexler.co or Randy Merk at merkrandy@gmail.com.

- **IRA Firewise Committee:** As some of you know Tomales Bay State Park (TBSP) has published and invited public comment on a ten year plan (PWP) to deal with forestland that immediately abuts the north and northeast sides of PRE. As the result of long neglect, dead and dying vegetation has accumulated, regeneration of fire prone species is threatened, and the risk of wildfire is greatly increased.

The PWP discusses various methods of restoring forest health, including especially through prescribed burns. Some neighbors may raise concerns about controlling these burns. Others cite the failure to explore fire risk mitigation through shaded fuel breaks where public and private lands adjoin.

There will be a public meeting at 6 pm on January 10 at the Lodge at Marconi, Buck Hall, in Marshall. The IRA's FireWise Committee will be represented there. Concerned neighbors are strongly encouraged to come. The deadline for written comments is January 29. For more information go to https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=31231

- **Short term rentals (STR) in West Marin:** Most of you will be aware of the controversy surrounding the County's proposal to issue new regulations related short term rental permitting. This is very short notice, but you are encouraged to participate in one or both of the following meetings coming up this week:

- Supervisor Dennis Rodoni will hold a Zoom Listening Session on Monday January 8th at 6pm. This will be a chance for all community members to share their views on short term rental regulation, so please plan to participate and say a few words.

- The Board of Supervisors will meet to adopt the proposed STR Ordinance on Thursday, January 11th at 5pm at Civic Center. People are encouraged to attend.

• **Reminder on the 2024 IRA Annual General Meeting:** For this year only the IRA Board is moving its 2024 Annual General Meeting from January to May. A specific Saturday date will be announced very soon. The Annual Meeting is the time when residents wishing to serve on the Board may stand for election. With this meeting moved to May, the Board still encourages residents who may wish to join the Board to inform us as soon as they can. If their intentions are serious, the Board may name them “honorary members,” who can serve before the May elections. Interested individuals may contact Tim Stanton or any Board Member for information and to register their interest. We always need new blood and ideas!

• **Reminder on 2024 Membership Dues** – January begins a new fiscal and membership year for IRA, so dues are payable now. 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. I wish you safe and joyful holidays.

Tim Stanton
IRA President