

Harrison Grade Neighborhood Meeting Notes

August 1, 2020

29 homes in attendance. Carolyn and Carol hosted

Welcome to new people:

New neighborhood #1 folks

- Stacey Nelson and Tony Semedo are at 3288 HGR in Pod A.
- Mary Ann Wheeler and Bruce Holder are at 3529 HGR, Pod A.
- Laura Guido-Clark is at 2155 Facendini, Pod A.
- Larry and Linda Cerini next to Heintz vineyard 3760 HGR, Pod B.
- Kim and Tyler Burr have purchased the Codiga's home 4587 HGR, in Pod G

Grant Application - for homes that need reflective fire safe green address signs for street. Carolyn and Carol will assess from street. Possible extras for in front of homes. We don't know yet.

Home hardening:

- Inexpensive projects to improve the hardening of your home and increase defensible space.
- Photos included gravel surrounding propane tanks, Hardie board soffit vents, fire suppressant treatment for wood decks, and wire mesh treatment for underdecks and gravel surrounding the base of structure.

Hardie board group order: Anybody want to get a Hardie board order together and split one delivery fee? Contact Carolyn Sell - carolynsell@gmail.com

Defensible space:

- Road clearing—thanks to County for work completed on Graton Road. We need to continue working on frontage properties to help an evacuation.
- Stoetz Lane is working as a group and Jason Kesler will provide his crew (mulching) to help.
- Stoetz home owners are also working to upgrade the new evacuation corridors. There are potentially two, running to Morelli Lane and to lower Harrison Grade Road.

CWPP Grant – Community Wildfire Protection Plan:

- Survey- Carolyn discussed results of a survey sent out to all of us a few months ago. Many of you participated on the website, and this data is what we're using for the CWPP. Thank you for taking the time.
- Sonoma County is in the process of redoing the county-wide CWPP. They are asking FireSafe groups to write individual sections to be included in their plan. When ours is completed, we will have a better chance of getting the grants we apply for. We will need to prioritize the projects that need to be addressed in our area. Roberta MacIntyre at the county is in charge of this effort.

Free items for fire protection - Combining gifts from Lynda Hopkins (\$1500) and Fire Safe Sonoma

- 100 Go Bags

- 50 weather radios
- Full, professional property assessment (100) non punitive. Just for home owner's knowledge
- Chipping the debris created by community members following the assessment guidelines
- We'd like each neighborhood to come up with 4-5 deserving residents who have not been able to work with us and/or do their own clearing. We are especially interested in reaching out to new people who haven't been active participants. Please let Carolyn know of candidates. carolynsell@gmail.com

Open discussion:

- Chipping program – a couple weeks ago. Most people were pleased with the work.
- Are wood chips safe during a fire? Opinion on this constantly changes. Although it burns slowly, it keeps ground moist underneath and therefore can slow down a fire's progression.
- Some home owners want to see the CWPP plan when it's done
- There is a PG&E grant for Tesla batteries for solar panels. (Kitty Dixon)
- Covid evacuation- Come up with your own plan. (Paul Stange) The county is already having difficulty housing the homeless. They have not provided info. for housing for fire evacuees yet.
- PG&E outages- PG&E has worked on improving their grid for outages. They plan to target smaller areas than last year.