

HARRISON GRADE ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETING NOTES OCTOBER 6, 2019

Introduction – Welcome and Agenda

Carol Swanson welcomed approximately 60 neighbors. We each introduced ourselves and share what POD we are in. A few new participants were there.

Generators – Presenter: Carl Wahl (Occidental Firesafe Council)

This is a mini introduction on generators. A presentation is scheduled by Occidental Firesafe Council on January 12, 2019. A hand out was available. ([Link to article on our website.](#))

Our HGR website – Presenter: Evan

Evan shared a quick review of his progress. Volunteers are needed for testing functionality of mapping. Three HGR neighbors volunteered and will be working with Evan to test our system. They will be placing their information on the web site and providing feedback as to its usability.

Measure C – Parcel Tax. Vote November 5th. Not a big expense for property owners considering the state tax was eliminated in 2017. We need the extra coverage of emergency services that this parcel tax will provide. Specifically, a full-time person during the day at the station to receive calls. This is. I'd wed as a first step to improving our much-needed efforts of our Occidental first responders. Discussion about a lack of a sunset clause. This means that if we eventually join up with Sonoma County Fire District this parcel tax would not apply.

Evacuation Drills – The Sonoma Fire District is planning to schedule a fire drill for our area in November. It will include four evacuation sites to meet at more information to come in near future.

1950-2019 history of fires in Sonoma County – A video computer graphic of fires in our area since 1950. You can see areas most susceptible by watching areas where fires have occurred. Our area is pretty safe. Few fires. ([Link to view video on history of fires](#)
<http://projects.cpradio.org/california-fire-history/#8.24/38.391/-122.673> .)

After a fire – how to protect your health. Masks and air filtration systems.

Handout was shared from Kaiser Permanente ([Link to article on our website](#)). Discussion about new standards for masks and how to wear them correctly.

Cal Fire is doing inspections - they may arrive to assess your property without notice. A small percentage of properties are passing inspection. However, required compliances have not been severe. This is a good time for work parties. Burn permits will be issued soon.

PODS meetings and work parties - PODs are organizing and prioritizing needs on their lanes, etc.

Occidental Firesafe District wide effort update- what they have accomplished this year:

- ✓ Worked with PG&E on vegetation management
- ✓ Six community educational meetings - each on a different aspect of fire safety.
- ✓ Established relationship with Lynda Hopkins office
- ✓ Organized more neighborhoods. Still looking for leaders for a few.
- ✓ Will be training people to do risk assessment

Conclusion

- **Next meeting – Sunday, January 6, 2020. Who wants to host?**
- **Q & A** - Ron Lunardi spoke about fire preparedness and answered questions about the parcel tax.