

HARRISON GRADE NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GROUP

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Next HGR Meeting...Sunday, February 23, 3-5 pm.

Location yet to be determined. We need a home to meet at.

Contact Carol Swanson (swangirl@comcast.net) or Carolyn Sell (carolynsell@gmail.com).

WHAT CAN YOU DO THIS SEASON?



Winter Prorities

- Prune lower branches of trees (10' and lower).
- Cut away underbrush.
- Mulch or burn(get a permit) plant debris.
- Meet with neighbors to coordinate efforts to improve passing for emergency vehicles on your lane, etc.
- Attend workshop; Pile Burning for Safety. See details below in Neighborhood News.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Fire Alliance Workshop Pile Burning for Home Safety

Join expert land managers while getting hands-on experience with:

- Creation of safe, clean burning brush and woody debris piles.
- What permits are needed from air quality and fire districts.
- Sequester carbon and make soil amendments with Biochar.

- What to cut and not cut for forest-health and defensible-space around your home.

Location: The Pepperwood Preserve, 2130 Pepperwood Preserve Road, Santa Rosa, CA

Time: Saturday, February 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pile-burning-for-home-safety-tickets-91341024463>

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS CONTINUED...

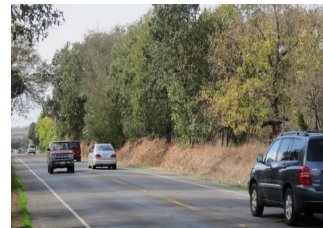
Call for Organizing Effort in Pod D

Kudos to Lee Sandovall for taking on the role of leader for pod 'D' (Morelli and Stoetz roads). He also has located a secondary egress route for evacuation. If you are interested in helping increase participation in pod 'D', please let us know.



Measure G Half Cent Sales Tax

A half-cent countywide sales tax is on the March 3rd ballot. If passed, it would generate about \$51 million a year in revenue. It is earmarked for county fire agencies to increase preparedness and better combat the ongoing threat of devastating wildfire. An intent of the measure is to push toward getting the county's 38 separate fire districts to combine forces. Occidental Fire District could receive as much as \$1,400,000. More information is needed to understand how combining with Sonoma County Fire District would impact OFD. The measure needs two-thirds approval to pass.



Improvements on Harrison Grade!

Sonoma County Transportation and Public Works Road Division recently cut and cleared trees and plant overgrowth along the shoulder of Harrison Grade. It looks fantastic! This has been an ongoing concern at our meetings. It will provide critical access for emergency vehicles and evacuation. Now we need property owners to maintain the plant growth along Harrison Grade and other neighborhood roads.

Visit our website www.harrisongrade.org for meeting schedules, agendas, notes from meetings, articles on emergency preparedness

Also visit www.firesafeoccidental.org for information of all of Occidental area