

HARRISON GRADE NEIGHBORHOOD
Emergency Preparedness Meeting
JULY 7, 2019
Notes

1. Introductions

- Attendees introduced themselves and what POD they are in.

2. Evacuation

- New egresses provided by private residence on Dupont to Fuller Lane passed Miramar Winery to Graton Road. Another egress is being developed from private property on Stoetz to Morelli for emergency evacuation. Do we need more? Discussion as to where else we need more egresses for evacuation.

- Discussion as to which PODS have a location to use for shelter in place areas? We need to have clearer criteria and identify more. Jim & Humm Berreyesa have a small lake for shelter.

- POD leaders should carry contact lists in GO bag to contact neighbors during emergency

- Evacuation signs for front doors still available – see Carol (swangirl@comcast.net). Also signs for water tank etc. available at Occ. Hardware

- **Occidental Fire Safe meeting-July 30-6pm to 8pm** at Occidental Center for the Arts. Lynda Hopkins will attend for Q & A. Lots of info. on evacuation will be provided.

3. Emergency Alerts – Discussion about various types of communication during an emergency.

- Weather radios
- ‘One Call’ and ‘Reverse 911’ are both services you subscribe to.
- Area-wide alarm system – number of siren alarm repeats have no meaning at this time. Local districts are trying to agree on meaning to number of repeats.
- Fog-horns – Pods may want to use

4. House hardening

- What has everyone been working on? Removing dead plant debris, trimming trees.

- Outdoor primer paint, flame retardant coating – ‘Forcefield Fireguard’; E84’. Intumescent primer-water based - Order at Home Depot. 5 gall. – \$330. ASTM E 84 class A. Wall paint also available.

- Pump possibility – see these videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MoX0BUs-gM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhBH2Gb6eJc>

Cost around \$1200

5. Defensible space

- Debris box vs. chipper costs – discussion. Recology Company. Available in 10,20 30 cubic yards. Delivery & pick up \$40. Rental cost \$300 3-4 days. Also charge for weight

of debris. Example: 20 c.y. \$450. total

- Informal walk-throughs – who wants one? Contact Carolyn (carolynsell@gmail.com).

6. Our website

- It's ready for testing; (Evan presenter) Security is strong. Who would like to volunteer to sign in and create password and property information?
- Chip is completing usability function. We're almost there.

7. Other important info.

- Meetings are first Sunday of every third month. January, April, July, October.
- Our HGR newsletter is sent out one month before each meeting.
- Update our contact list – attendees added new info. for contact list
- Summer priorities review list:
 1. Is your GO bag ready?
 2. Is your address number in an easy to read location at entrance to your property?
 3. Have you cleaned you roof and gutters?
 4. Have you moved flammable items from underneath your deck?
 5. Have you covered area under deck with hardware cloth to block embers? 50 yards \$200. (Available at Friedman's).
 6. Have you identified your water source with the "W" signs Occ. Fire Dept has requested we use? (at Occ. Hdwr.)
 7. Have you cut back foliage from the road bed 3-5 feet in front of your home?
- Occidental Fire Dept received a grant to do mandated property inspections; Cal Fire also doing inspections
- PG&E – Amy Beilharz from Neighborhood 16 is a contact person for faulty, dangerous and/or uninsulated lines (amy@amybeilharz.com)
- Safe and courteous debris burns – discussion regarding effect of burns on neighbors. Choose a good location with little impact on others. Recommendations from Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (NSCAP)
- OFS District wide effort update – go to: www.occidentalfiresafe.org

8. Conclusion

- Next meeting on October 6 @ 3-5pm. Location to be announced later.
- Go to our website for notes, agendas, newsletter: www.harrisongrade.org