

HARRISON GRADE NEIGHBORHOOD

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GROUP

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Happy New Year Everyone!

WHAT CAN YOU DO THIS SEASON?



- Check your GO bag for earthquake evacuation. Here is a link for a thorough list from FEMA:
https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fema_earthquake_earthquake-safety-checklist_110217.pdf
- Burn season is here. File your burn permit with the county. (Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (NoSoCoAir) Call (707) 433-5911)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Interested in BIOCHAR for your property?

One of the benefits of removing the undergrowth at our HGR Ecological Preserve, is that our burn piles produced excellent Biochar. What is Biochar? It is made by burning forest debris in an oxygen free environment at about 1000°F (e.g. burn pile). It is great for healthy plant growth. If you're interested, contact Carolyn. (carolynsell@gmail.com)

Harrison Grade Road Ecological Reserve Clean Up

Thanks to neighbors who helped with chain saws, loppers, food for Ameri Corps workers and more. Thanks to Charlotte Knox who took all the wood chips generated from the project and John and Pauline Rhodes who helped bring them to her property with their tractor.

Harrison Grade Road is Adopted!

Mary Barsony and Michael Kozart, Dupont neighbors, have adopted our street with the Zero Waste county agency. We all benefit from their effort. Kudos and many thanks to them.

NIXLE SURVEY COMING TO YOU SOON!



You will be receiving an email with a survey about Nixle. Recently there were two Nixle alerts that went out; a tsunami warning and an 'armed and dangerous' alert. Many people in the west county area did not receive the alerts. Its critical that the county is made aware of the problems with spotty reception. Please complete and return the survey so we can improve the alerts and protect ourselves in these situations.



Bird Nesting Season

How can you avoid nesting birds during tree trimming? Plan your work outside of the nesting season. California Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists have defined the nesting season as February 1st through August 15th.



Consider becoming a volunteer

It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors. Fire Safe Occidental needs your help. If you're interested in joining the steering committee, contact Carolyn Sell.

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