



RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT No. 1 SHELTER COVE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Request for Evacuation Assistance Information:

As we continue to work on disaster preparedness for the Cove, we would like to update the Evacuation Assistance List. If you need assistance, for any reason, during an emergency, please call or email:

Cheryl Antony: 986-7269, cybersnook@gmail.com

We need your name, address and any info that would help us help you. Additionally, if we lose all phone connectivity, CERT Members can stop by and check on you, if you wish. Again, we can help you evacuate if you just need help in general, have youngin's, weird pets, have no vehicle etc.

Information is available at the District office regarding Earthquake preparedness and wildfire prevention.

Fire Extinguisher Recharge:

The community may bring their fire extinguishers to the Fire House on the morning of Thursday, December 7th, for recharging by Eureka-Humboldt Fire Extinguisher, phone 822-2517. The cost of this service will depend on the unit size.

Seasonal Reminder:

Please ready your homes and vehicles for the winter season: Clean your chimneys and gutters, make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have working batteries, be extra careful with candles, and have water, snacks, blankets, and other emergency supplies close at hand. Slow down when driving as you may have to unexpectedly negotiate hazards such as rocks, fallen trees and deer on the roads.

COMMENTS: We encourage your comments, so please use your bill stub to provide feedback regarding matters within the District's control.

NOTES FROM THE GM's DESK –November 2017

Many have probably heard about all the charitable events and fund raisers being conducted by our southern county neighbors, and these are being done to assist the victims of the recent wildfires in Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma counties. Thousands were affected in one way or another by this devastation, it is agonizing to read about all that was lost in these disasters. These post-disaster events are quite noble, and the gesture and help to the community help the healing and recovery process. If all of this can be assembled and done AFTER a disaster, then, why is it so difficult to have a community pull together BEFORE a disaster? Why do we find it so difficult to exercise such noble efforts until a disaster strikes? What if, we come together for a noble effort to prevent the disaster? What if no one knows that we did it? Does that make it any less noble? Is it then less caring or less giving? Do we need a disaster in order to give and care so much? If so, why? The threat is real, it is clear, it is present, and it is a danger. What more is needed to motivate the community to act?

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/news/article/Deadly-Mendocino-County-fire-under-the-radar-of-12314462.php>

So, let us pull together now and prevent Shelter Cove from becoming "the news". Let us not be the ones looking at piles of ashes which used to be our homes, our memories, our dreams, our future. No one will do this for us, provide us funding, or encourage us to do it. No one. We must eliminate the threat of a devastating wildfire in Shelter Cove and use that
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to begin with as a goal – preserving the majestic beauty of Shelter Cove and the Lost Coast. This is where we live, our neighborhoods and our neighbors are a huge part of this majesty. Can you imagine staring at it as just ashes and tree stumps? I can't, so I come to you and plead with your best senses to group together and take action. Start by reducing the large stands of trees in your neighborhoods and these stands should be viewed as large, uncontained fuel depots, and the ONLY THING that can use them is a fire. Get together with your neighbors and work together (as difficult as that might be for some), and just do it. The challenge of tree reduction may seem insurmountable, but we have to start somewhere. Just cut that first tree. Just do it. Then cut another. Before you know it, you will be able to see the ocean from your lot again!!!

The Pioneers and SCPOA are examining ways to help these endeavors, but I do not believe we can wait for another fire season to come to us without being prepared. Since July of 2013, the RID has endeavored to create fuel breaks where possible, widening electrical line easements, and working with CalFire on an extensive shaded fuel break in the northeast corner of the Shelter Cove boundary. Under the right conditions, I fear this fuel break will be a mere speed-bump for the right kind of fire. More importantly, if a fire starts within Shelter Cove, this fuel break is meaningless, and some of the best fuel stands around here are on private property within the Cove.

Remember though, SAFETY is paramount. Do not attempt to do more than what your capabilities will

allow. If you do not have the means or ability to cut trees, contact the Pioneers and or SCPOA. These organizations do not have definitive plans yet, but if a list of names is started, the organizations will know this need is real. This week, knock on your neighbor's door and say "hey, you want to drop some trees?" Work together, plan your work, prioritize safety. Get a burn permit to burn the "slash" (cut branches and shrubs) here:

<http://www.ncuaqmd.org/index.php?page=burn.permits>

Put the cut rounds on the side of the road and people who burn wood will come and get them. Make the cutting an event, have picnics, bbq's, etc. or make it a block party for the neighborhood. Get all who are able to participate involved.

For vacant property lots, contact the property owners for their permission, and a form letter and the owner contact information is available at the RID office. Let's do this, protect our community, preserve the environment and the natural beauty from being destroyed by a wildfire which WE ALL CAN HELP PREVENT.

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