



Kent Woodlands Journal

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The monthly newsletter of the Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association

President's Corner

The life of goldfish... They say that goldfish have a three-second memory and with every lap of their fishbowl they see the world for the first time. Turns out that's not true, not completely anyway. It's selective: They learn who feeds them and what to be afraid of, just like us. Now warthogs, they say a warthog's memory is so bad that they'll forget why they're running from a pursuing predator, and stop. Bad selection. Poor Pumbaa.

At last! Warm, sunny days. Last week, the rain nearly driving us out of our minds, and now it's almost out-of-mind. It may be selective memory, but when Spring comes each year, it's like seeing the world for the first time. Another lap around the fishbowl. Okay, a rainy winter, but just why does it rain so darn much here in Kentfield? Typical Pacific storm, there we are, top of the list: last 24 hours, SFO, 1.25 inches, San Jose, trace, Kentfield, 8 inches (might as well be). It's official, Kentfield has one of the highest average rainfalls of any community in the San Francisco Bay Area. Normally 47.47 inches of rain falls each year on an average of 66 days. Not more rainy days, just more rain on the days it rains. When it rains, it pours. The most rainfall in a month was 26.95 inches in February 1986, and the most in 24 hours was 11.56 inches on January 21, 1967. And a recent record seasonal total? 83.44 inches recorded on the Marin College campus in 1997-98. Yikes. So why do we get more than double the rainfall in San Francisco,

Will the Road Work Ever End?

Between MMWD's fire flow project and Ross Valley Sanitary District's ongoing sewer replacement project, homeowners have had to contend with a number of inconveniences on our roads.

There is relief in sight: we recently contacted the Ross Valley Sanitary District for an update on their work on Goodhill Road. We are advised that the final pavement overlay for Goodhill will occur on April 18th, weather permitting, and should take 2-3 days. This should make for a much smoother ride down the hill to Woodland Road.

MMWD's fire flow work will continue on and off through August.

barely 15 miles away? Orography. Kentfield is the poster child for the "orographic" or lifting effect of topography on air masses. This lifting causes more cooling, more cooling causes more condensation, and more condensation causes more rain. Mt. Tam is the major contributor to this "lifting" of moisture-rich air masses coming into the area along this section of the California coast. At last you know, and have a new word for hangman while you're waiting for the waiter.

Memories matter... A community group is forming a committee to make plans to honor the rich and largely unexplored history of Kentfield. The centennial of the 1914 opening of the Kent School is being focused on as the catalyst for celebrating those who have contributed to our wonderful community. Who would know, for example, that our little bridge on College Avenue is where the original Ross Landing trading post was, where steamers would come up Corte Madera Creek to participate in what is described as the "wholesale liquor business." While books have been written about many of our neighboring towns, the stories of Kentfield remain largely untold. Any volunteers to form a historical society? This is an exciting project: Treasuring the past can enrich our future. We will publish notice of upcoming meetings of this group. Enjoy Spring!

— Josh Rafner, President

Make Way for Pedestrians

With the arrival of spring comes an increase in pedestrians and bicycles along our roads in Kent Woodlands, particularly the kids who can now enjoy a little sunshine on their way to and from school. Please be conscious of your speed and stay alert on the roads. Thank you!

SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

www.kentfieldschoolsfoundation.org

www.redwoodhsfoundation.com

We are pleased to announce that we have launched our re-designed web site! New features include:

- Expanded content
- Community resources
- Association Calendar

The web site will continue to provide access to board meeting minutes, past newsletters, and design review applications.

We are still fine-tuning some portions of the site, and would love to hear your feedback at info@kwpoa.com

Keep it Clean, Please

The association has received several comments regarding increased litter in Kent Woodlands, particularly along Woodland Road. We'd like to ask for everyone's help in keeping the neighborhood a clean and pleasant place. We especially ask that you pick up after your dogs when walking them on our streets. It's easy to carry a small plastic bag with you, and it would show great courtesy to your neighbors.

Are You Breeding Mosquitoes?

With the large amount of rain received this spring, local officials are concerned about a spike in West Nile Virus. Please take a look around your home and identify the possible sources for mosquito breeding grounds:

- Unused or out-of-order swimming pools
- Ornamental ponds and fountains
- Other containers such as barrels, buckets, etc.
- Any type of standing water

Pool maintenance is of particular importance. Did you know that chlorine does NOT kill mosquito larvae? A filter and skimmer should be operated every day to remove mosquito eggs and larvae, and appropriate drainage should be provided for filter and pump sumps. If you use a pool cover, keep it tightly sealed and remove any rainwater that may accumulate on top.

Ornamental ponds and other water features are another high concern. To properly maintain your pond, keep the water level up, screen the inlet of the recirculation pump, and remove leaves/debris. Also, consider stocking your pond with mosquito fish, which are very effective in mosquito control and are available free from the Marin/Sonoma Vector Control District by calling 800-231-3236. Find more information about mosquito control at www.msmosquito.com.

Sheriff's Report

The following is a recap of Sheriff's activities in Kent Woodlands during the month of February 2011:

Vacation Homes	3 homes
Vacation Checks Completed	48 checks
Alarm Activation Responses	8 responses
Citizen Assists/Misc. Service	7 incidents
Suspicious Circumstance	3 incidents
Suspicious Person	1 incident
Assist Fire Dept./Medical Calls	3 incidents
Animal Complaint	2 incidents
911 Hang-up call	1 incident
Theft from an unlocked vehicle	1 report

Traffic/Vehicle Related Matters

Traffic Stops	2 stops
Parking Complaints	2 complaints
Parking Citations Issued	2 citations
Traffic Hazards/Assist CHP	2 incidents
Suspicious Vehicles	7 incidents

**Submitted by
Deputy Glenn Hinchee**



BULLETIN BOARD

Do you like classic literature?

I am interested in creating a book club that only reads and discusses classic novels and, perhaps sometimes, an important work of non-fiction. Contact Birgit Milstein at 464-0220 or birgimi@gmail.com.

Please send bulletin board submissions to info@kwpoa.com, or call us at 721-7429.

ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATIONS

APRIL 2011

Please note: This newsletter is your official notice from the KWPOA regarding property improvements submitted for approval by the Architectural Committee. Please review this section very carefully as some planned development may affect you.

Applicant	Property Address	Category/Project Description
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New Applications

Laurberg	10 N. Ridgewood	C1: Minor Changes - Driveway Replacement
Stoll	15 Blueridge	C2: Minor Additions - Driveway Replacement, Window & Paint Changes
Franklin	33 Spring	C3: Preliminary Review - Teardown/New Single Family Residence
Antipa	80 Idlewood	C3: Preliminary Review - New Garage, Roof Expansion/Replacement
Goshay	75 Rock	C3: Preliminary Review - New Entry, Modification to Breezeway Roof
Nelson	80 Westwood	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance - New Addition/Remodel
Clifford	125 Woodland	C7: Changes to Approved Plans - New Generator, Misc. Changes

Continued Applications

Fish	12 Laurel	C7: Changes to Approved Plans - Location for New Generator
Orlick/Minisce	44 Diablo	C5: Substantial Remodel - New Addition/Remodel

Applications Approved

Siperstein	11 Vineyard	C2: Minor Addition - Removal/Replanting of Trees
Henn	200 S. Ridgewood	Resurfacing of Pool (Exempt)
Barker/West	65 Rock	Removal of Trees and Replacement Planting (Exempt)
Carbone	4 Spring	Removal of Tree (Exempt)
Willard	50 Ridgecrest	Removal of Tree (Exempt)

Applications Denied

Fletcher	5 Rancheria	C7: Changes to Approved Plans - Modification to Link Between Garage & House
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Open Enforcements

Winchester	26 Rock Road	Unauthorized construction: retaining wall
Smith	111 Idlewood	Unauthorized construction: retaining wall and pool
Hopkins	111 Diablo	Unauthorized removal of trees/and unauthorized installation of fence

Note: Architectural Committee actions are not final until ratified by the Board.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE INFORMATION

MEMBERS: Bill Riley, Jim Schafer, Betty Segars (Chair) / **CONSULTANT:** Emeritus member Lee Windheim (AIA)
COORDINATOR: Alison Schlosser **MEETINGS:** Held at the Association Office at Kent Middle School on **the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** To be noticed in the Newsletter and placed on the agenda, **COMPLETE** applications must be received by the 21st of the preceding month (or the Friday prior if the 21st falls on a weekend or holiday). All calls concerning Architectural Committee matters should be directed to the KWPOA office at 721-7429. Materials and applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 404, Kentfield 94914, or delivered to the office by appointment only.

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Other Important Phone Numbers

All Emergencies: 911
Fire Department: 453-7464
Sheriff's Department: 499-7234 or 479-2311

Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: KWPOA office at Kent Middle School

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes
4. AC Report and Ratifications
5. County Update
6. Fire, Traffic & Safety Committee Report
7. Social Committee Report
8. Administrator's Report
9. Next Board Meeting Agenda
10. New Matters
11. Unfinished Business
12. Adjournment; reconvene in Executive Session for any legal, personnel or enforcement actions

The KWPOA Board of Directors' regular meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Board meetings are open to all Association members. If there are issues you would like to be placed on the agenda, please notify the office.