



Kent Woodlands Journal

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The monthly newsletter of the Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association

President's Corner: Lore and Remembrance

Without Mt. Tamalpais, the Kent Woodlands might resemble the Pine Barrens. Its scaling ridges and carved valleys and canyons shape our green hamlet, the shoulders and boughs of a great presence, the home of our homes. We walk, drive, run, bike, sit on our decks, enjoy a cocktail, play bocce or take a swim on this mountain or at its feet. Its waters sustain us. What we see of it, or from it, defines much of our Woodlands lives.

However taller or grander may other mountains be, few are more beautiful. We owe our mountain the views we covet, the privacy offered by a hillside's reach, a slope's curve, the distance of a valley's breadth, the bounteous trees that its rich soils feed. It transforms our light, our wind, our rain. This impressive mountain, holy to many, is what makes the Woodlands the Woodlands. It brought us here.

There are many stories of the mountain's origin. The most familiar is that of the Sleeping Lady, the beautiful Miwok maiden whose heartbroken sobs the mountain heard and in pity changed its form to take on the shape of her supine body, our beloved Mt. Tamalpais. To the Lakota Sioux, Mt. Tamalpais is the holy right eye of the Great Turtle, on whose back rests the Earth. Great leaders of the Lakota were brought on pole litters across the country and buried on the mountain. The Hopis found the beaches of Mt. Tamalpais a source of religious Ka-china shells.

The Mountain's rich, storied history spans the Mexican land grants that divided the mountain into ranchos, and later the Republic of California which saw hotels and camps and trails and the steam trains of the "crookedest

railroad in the World." "Turn on the gravity!" cried the brakeman of an engineless car that careened down the mountain from the tavern at the peak (where, note the parenthesis, moonshine was plentiful during the drought years).

More recently, New Agers discovered Mt. Tam, which was considered one of the center points of the Harmonic Convergence of 1989 (didn't you know). People gathered to meditate and hold ceremonies for the healing of the Earth. No New Ager, the Dalai Lama visited the mountain to pray for peace. Annual circumambulations of the devout occur on the summer solstice. People will carry the ashes of a loved one deep into the redwood forests for a respectful burial.

A Woodlands family recently returned from travels afar reported visiting a sacred mountain were the ancient Champa kingdom built its temples. Their mountain they revered as the center of the universe, its base the earth, its middle the human world, its peak the world of the spiritual. They called it "My Son," which means "beautiful mountain."

We who have the good fortune to today inhabit these slopes and ridges revere our mountain in personal ways. It centers us from what may distract or trouble. Our little community's challenges over trees and views may benefit from some collective Ommm. Maybe the mountain will hear us.

Wherever your summer travels take you, may your way home be warmed by the site of our Beautiful Mountain. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

— Josh Rafner, President

EVENT

Kent Woodlands Community Workshops: Views and Trees

Please join us for a facilitated community discussion on issues related to views and trees in Kent Woodlands. We have scheduled two workshops to be held in the Kent School Library:

Session One: September 14th at 7:00 pm

Session Two: First week of October—Exact date TBD

All members are encouraged to attend. Additional information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

Sheriff's Report

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

Vacation Homes	14 homes
Vacation Checks Completed	93 checks
Alarm Activations	11 responses
Citizen Assists/Misc. Service	3 incidents
Suspicious Circumstance	2 incidents
Suspicious Person	1 person
Fire Dept/Medical Assist	2 incidents
Animal Complaints	4 incidents
Civil Matters	2 incidents
Solicitor Complaint	1 incident
Peace Disturbance	1 complaint
Petty Theft Report (No Merit)	1 incident

Traffic Related Matters:

Traffic Stops	2 stops
Parking Complaint	1 complaint
Parking Citations Issued	2 citations
Suspicious Vehicles	2 reports
Assist CHP	2 incidents

— Submitted by Deputy Glenn Hinchee
Marin County Sheriff's Office

Repaving Delayed

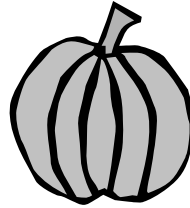
We have been advised that the MMWD Fireflow work on and around Woodland Road has been delayed and is now scheduled for completion in September. As a result, the

scheduled repaving of Woodland Road by the County will also be pushed back until after MMWD has completed their project.

We'll do our best to keep you apprised of any additional delays. If you have specific questions for MMWD, you can reach them at 415-945-1400.



Upcoming Social Events!



Halloween Parade
Monday, October 31
5:00 p.m.

Autumn Party
Late September
Date TBA



Holiday Party
Early December
Exact Date TBA

School starts this month...please drive safely and watch for bikes and pedestrians!

ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATIONS

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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
New Applications		
Silen	8 Buckeye	C1: Minor Change - Tree Removal
Stern	234 S. Ridgewood	C1: Minor Change - New Solar Panels
Smith	240 Evergreen	C1: Minor Change - Removal of Window at Garage
Smock	30 Rancheria	C2: Minor Addition - Window/Door Replacement, Change of Exterior Paint Color
Continued Applications		
Cummings	310 Goodhill	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance - Minor Addition and Remodel
Applications Approved		
Stiles	611 Goodhill	C1: Minor Change - Tree Removal & Replacement
Rodriquez	224 Woodland	C2: Minor Addition - New Exterior Finishes
Goshay	81 Rock	C7: Changes to Approved Plans - Misc. Changes/Additions
Harrison	170 Rancheria	Removal of Trees (Exempt)
Farley	99 Rancheria	Roof Replacement (Exempt)
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) **COORDINATOR:** Alison Schlosser

MEETINGS: Held at the KWPOA 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, August 25

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. Officers' Reports
6. County Update
7. Fire, Traffic & Safety Committee Report
8. Social Committee Report
9. Administrator's Report
10. Next Board Meeting Agenda
11. 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 place on the agenda, please notify the office.