



Kent Woodlands Journal

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The monthly newsletter of the Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association

President's Note

Hello, Everybody — Going to be away for vacation? Lots of things to consider, including the security of your house! Knowing that you have done everything possible to protect your property from crime gives you added pleasure when you are away! Here are a few things you can do: First and most important is to notify your neighbors to keep watch for anything unusual. Then, stop those newspapers, the mail, and get those garbage cans off the street! Next, call the Sheriff dispatcher at 415-479-2311 and give them the information requested for a vacation watch. Also, get your timed lights set, call your security company if you have one, lock your doors and windows, and enjoy a time away from home.

Happy travels!

— Barry Evergettis, President

Fire Evacuation Drill Planned for Fall

The Kentfield Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office will be conducting a fire evacuation drill again this fall, with help from your Fire Committee. As in prior years, the drill will not only help residents prepare and practice for a fire emergency here, but will enable those agencies to practice their emergency procedures as well.

This will be the fifth year of these drills – the fire danger returns every summer – and the drill will cover the Woodlands properties not covered in prior drills. Of course, all residents are encouraged to participate, AND, whether or not participating, to prepare for a major fire in our neighborhood. For the protection of your home, your family and your lives, that preparation should be a high priority.

No matter what you did last year, remember that a year has gone by, and emergency water and other supplies need to be replenished, plans and lists updated, and memories refreshed.

We will provide more detailed information about the drill later in the summer. But, as always, the fire may pay no attention to our time schedule.

— Barry Evergettis & Paul Homrighausen
Fire Safety Committee Co-Chairs

Home Fire Safety Tip

Here is your safety tip for the month:

STOP THE FLAME!

Everybody has a place in your house where oils and paints are stored! How about you? Do you keep them in a special place, or scattered about the house?

First you should keep them in one place, and second, it needs to be cool and not in the direct rays of the sun! Flammables like paint and oil and oily rags can ignite over time from any number of heat sources and burst into flame (spontaneous combustion). It happens all the time! And it always seems to happen when nobody is home! So STOP THE FLAME! Consolidate your flammable storage in a safe place, not near the hot water heater or furnace room. And when you are painting, keep all rags and paint away from the sun's rays to reduce the risk of a major fire!



— Fire Safety Committee

Coyotes in our Midst

We're sure everyone has heard reports of coyote sightings throughout the county, particularly areas near open space. As we all know, living with local wildlife comes with our mountain territory. Since trapping and relocating coyotes is not an option (it violates the California Fish & Game Code), residents must learn to co-exist safely and peacefully with our coyote neighbors.

The following are excerpts from the brochure "Humane Ways to Live with Coyotes" from the Animal Protection Institute in Sacramento:

Keeping Coyotes at a Distance:

- ✓ Secure garbage cans with bungee cords or rope. Store trash bins inside sheds, garages, or other enclosed structures.
- ✓ Put garbage out the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- ✓ When composting, use well-secured bins. Don't add dog or cat waste, meat, milk or eggs.
- ✓ Keep bird feeders from overflowing.
- ✓ Pick ripe fruit off trees and keep fruit off the ground.
- ✓ Fence vegetable gardens or use a greenhouse.
- ✓ Eliminate artificial water sources and ponds.
- ✓ Install outdoor lighting triggered by motion sensors.
- ✓ Install motion-activated sprinkler systems. Use a powerful garden hose to scare away a coyote.
- ✓ Clear away bushes and dense weeds near your home where coyotes find cover and small animals to feed on.
- ✓ Close off crawl spaces under porches, decks and sheds.

Keeping Companion Animals Safe:

- ✓ Keep animals in at night (coyotes are primarily nocturnal).
- ✓ Do not allow companion animals to roam free.
- ✓ Don't leave dog or cat food outside.
- ✓ Walk your dog on a leash. If your yard is unfenced, use a leash on your property and do not leave your dog unsupervised while leashed.
- ✓ Spay or neuter your dogs. Coyotes can mate with unsterilized dogs.

Coyote Encounters:

Coyotes are usually wary of humans and will avoid people whenever possible. Aggressive behavior toward people is not normal and is most often a result of habituation due to feeding by humans. If you encounter a coyote, remember these tips:

- ✓ Never feed or attempt to "tame" a coyote.
- ✓ Avoid direct eye contact.
- ✓ Do not turn your back or run from a coyote.
- ✓ Attempt to leave the area calmly.
- ✓ If followed by a coyote, make loud noises and make yourself look big. If this fails, throw rocks.
- ✓ Keep yourself between the coyote and small children.
- ✓ If attacked, fight back.

If you have a situation involving sick, injured, dead or otherwise distressed wildlife, please call the Marin Humane Society's Animal Services Department at (415) 883-4621. For more information on living with wildlife in our area, visit Wildcare at www.wildcarebayarea.org.

Architectural Applications: July 2016

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. Note that Architectural Committee actions are not final until ratified by the Board of Directors. Architectural Committee **Agendas** and **Results** are posted on our web site at www.kwpoa.com under "Design Review".

THIS MONTH'S ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MEETING: JULY 12

Applicant	Property Address	Category/Project Description
Applications Approved in June		
Estes/Post	20 Evergreen	C7: Changes to approved plans
RMDG LLC	115 Woodland Rd	C6: Teardown - Addition, renovation of existing home. Reduction of existing detached structure, addition of 3 car garage.
Keefe	648 Goodhill Road	C2: Minor Addition
Musser	605 College Avenue	C2: Minor Addition
Applications Continued in June		
Lateef	210 South Ridgewood	C2: Minor Addition
Exempt Applications		
Brown	4 Coronet Way	Minor Door / Window change
Fowler	60 Westwood Drive	Tree Removal
Barber	26 Rancheria Road	Change to approved plan
Abecassis	440 Goodhill Road	Change to approved plan
Porter/Baron	45 Idlewood Road	Tree Removal
Alper	314 Woodland Road	Change to approved plan
Pritzker	8 Vineyard Way	Tree Removal
Miller	71 Ridgecrest Road	Tree Removal
Keon	5 Vineyard Way	Tree Removal

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE: Jim Schafer (Chair), Anne Barr, Trina Lavigna, Bill Riley

AC COORDINATOR: Michael Barber

MEETINGS: Held at the KWPOA office at 1010 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., #200, Kentfield, CA on **the 2nd and/or 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 Michael Barber at the KWPOA office at 415-721-7429 or mbarber@kwpoa.com. 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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Regular Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2016 - 6:00PM
Location: 1010 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. #200

- Call to Order
- Public Comment
- Approval of June 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- AC Report and Ratifications
- Fire Safety Committee Report
- Security Committee Report and Related Votes
- Officer Reports
- County Update
- Administrator's Report
- Next Regular Board Meeting Agenda (August 25, 2016)
- Adjourn and Reconvene in Executive Session

Executive Session Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Approval of June 23, 2016 Minutes
- Litigation Report
- Personnel
- Adjournment

(This is a preliminary agenda. Final agenda posted at our office 96 hours prior to meeting.)

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