



Kent Woodlands Journal

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President's Corner

Music to our ears...Walk along a Woodlands road and you may find an unlooked-for treat. Listen closely: Sounds of music-making abound. With luck, an open window, the wind the right way. A piano played by a Bacich little leaguer moonlighting as a music student, a searching middle-aged professional dusting off old repertoire, a high schooler rehearsing his rock band, a budding seven year-old violinist just developing her ear, a teenager whose best afternoon is improvising for hours on a keyboard. Voice lessons, trombone practice, drums, pianos, strings, more pianos, maybe a harp, a harmonica, and lots of guitars. Almost secret behind the doors of our green hamlet is such a richness of tonal creation and talent, not just kids learning but all us of us remembering, having fun, practicing, rehearsing, and making music from Rachmaninoff to Benny and the Jets. To find in these hills such love for music is a gift greater than buried gems. Nothing against buried gems, but how gratifying it is to see here in the hubbub of our digitalized, way-too-busy, facebook-trodden mundaneness the place that music has in so many Woodlands lives, young and old. A reaffirmation of things that matter. We are lucky to have this.

The recent Kent Middle School year-end band and chorus concert was packed with proud parents who glowed to hear what magic just a few years' time had wrought. With thanks to the KIK Foundation's generosity that makes the program possible. Our community is blessed with world-class private music teachers, and nearby offerings include programs at the College of Marin and Dominican University which have broad performing arts curricula. Our local Marin Symphony and any number of ensembles and local performers of all genre are just wonderful. And San Francisco now boasts one of the world's leading music conservatories. There's a reason the

new Marin Rock museum belongs here. Private homes in the Woodlands hold music events and fundraisers for student scholarships. Nearby towns host music festivals like the newly launched Tiburon summer festival. Speak to a local piano tuner and he'll tell you about all the magnificent instruments to be found secreted away right here, where we live.

None of this can be taken for granted. It reflects how special our Woodlands community and surroundings are. It shows what at bottom people really care about, that however confused and confusing our 21st century lives, when an answer to our daily prayers is merely smooth new asphalt on the road home, that the commitment to music and the teaching of music is fundamental. How else to explain that a walk down a wooded lane in this neighborhood of ours might bring unto the porches of your ears a Great Gate, a Blue Danube, a Bald Mountain, a Trout, a Ghost, a Moonlight, a Jupiter, a Clock, a Surprise, a requiem for the dead, harmonies for a New World, or a fanfare for the common man. Could it be that all of these sounds exist in the heavens, waiting for a hand to reach up and create from the transcendental substance of tone, something that changes us, quickens the pulse, moves to tears, taps the foot, keeps on rockin', marches to battle, or just keeps us carrying on. No greater altruism, the transmission from one generation to the next of an appreciation for this heart of our culture, for music. Long live the skills to make it, and the love to inspire it. Whether it's a gifted prodigy whose playing brings tears to your eyes, or a bunch of older guys managing to put a band together who can't help but bring a smile to your face, this capacity to make music is one sure, unequivocal sign of the divine in all of us. Keep it up, Kent Woodlands.

— 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 Middle School Library:

September 14th at 7:00 pm

September 28th at 7:00 pm

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

A Neighborly Approach to Design and Construction

With sunny summer weather approaching in Kent Woodlands, we know that many of you are planning projects for the upcoming months. It is the AC's experience that those project proposals that come in for design review with prior support of their neighbors tend to move through the process most efficiently and with the least amount of re-work. Therefore, we would like to encourage you to engage your neighbors early in the planning and design process to minimize potential impacts on their property and engage in a working process that encourages their support. While we are also on the topic of being mindful of our neighbors, we would also like to remind homeowners whose projects are in construction to adhere to the KWPOA construction rules with respect to hours of work, construction noise, and maintaining a clean site.

Please remember that **complete project applications** are due on the 21st of each month to be heard on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of the following month. We determine our design review agendas on a first-come, first-served basis so we encourage you to submit your complete applications as early as possible. As always, we are available to answer questions about the process and to assist you in defining requirements for a complete submittal package. Please also bear in mind that the **County design review and permitting process can only take place after receiving written approval from the KWPOA** so please plan for these activities in your overall project schedule.

Design Review application requirements and forms can be found on the KWPOA website, www.kwpoa.com or by contacting the KWPOA AC Coordinator, Alison Schlosser at aschlosser@kwpoa.com or 415-721-7429.

Sheriff's Report

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

Vacation Homes	6 homes
Vacation Checks Completed	42 checks
Alarm Activation Responses	15 responses
Citizen Assists/Misc. Service	6 incidents
Suspicious Circumstance	3 incidents
Suspicious Person	1 person
Assist Fire Dept./Medical Calls	5 incidents
Animal Complaint	3 incidents
Lost Property	1 incident
Civil Matter	1 incident
Burglary Report	1 incident
Petty Theft	2 incidents
Fraud/Identity Theft	1 incident

The burglary and petty thefts involved thefts from unlocked cars, including one that was within an unlocked garage. The identity theft involved the fraudulent use of a social security number.

Traffic/Vehicle Related Matters

Traffic Stops	3 stops
Parking Complaints	2 complaints
Parking Citations Issued	3 citations
Traffic Hazards/Assist CHP	1 incident
Abandoned Vehicle/ 72 hr. Violation.	1 incident

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

Treasurer's Report: Q1 2011

Net income was right on target at 100.3% of projection for the 1st quarter. However, upon closer inspection, this is because the shortfall in assessments was made up by higher than anticipated design review fee income. At the end of the quarter we had 28 members that had not yet paid (compared with 45 the same time last year). However, as of today that number is down to 9 (compared with 14 at this same time last year). It was just a few short years ago that at this point in the year we would have 100 or more members delinquent on the annual assessment. These improved statistics are the result of a more organized approach to handling this important function and the diligence of our office manager, Jeanne Williams. The timely payment of the general assessment is vital to the Association's financial health so "thank you" to those that paid on time.

We continue to look for ways to trim expenses, even if only a few dollars a month. Because of this our expenses were less than budget by over \$9,000. Our net income was \$137,037 which was 107.5% of budget.

— Jesse Gossett, Treasurer

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday

10:00—3:00 pm

If you're planning to stop by the office, it's always a good idea to call first, as staff members occasionally have business off-site. Thank you!

ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATIONS

June 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
New Applications		
Franklin	33 Spring	C6: Teardown - New Single Family Residence
Dabora	16 Spring	C6: New Construction - New Single Family Residence
Cummings	310 Goodhill	C3: Preliminary Review - Minor Addition & Remodel
Goshay	75 Rock	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance - New Entry/ Breezeway Modification
Garwood	11 Rock	C2: Minor Addition-Laundry Room Conversion, New Roof & Skylights
Continued Applications		
Fish	12 Laurel	C7: Changes to Approved Plans - Location for New Generator
Applications Approved		
Sanderson	40 Spring	C1: Minor Changes -Tree Removal
Dacey	210 Evergreen	C7: Changes to Approved Plans - Railing Material Change
Antipa	80 Idlewood	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance- New Garage, Roof Expansion/ Replacement
Curtis	90 Westwood	Structural repair of Deck Foundation, Wood Retaining Wall (Exempt)
Garwood	11 Rock	Removal of Trees (Exempt)
Hall	22 S. Ridgewood	Removal of Tree (Exempt)
Buehler	18 Turnagain	Removal of Tree (Exempt)
Goff	233 Evergreen	Replacement Exterior Doors (Exempt)
Schafer	101 Idlewood	Repair/Maintenance of Deck & Hot Tub (Exempt)
Applegarth	609 College	Repair Exterior Siding, Re-paint, Replacement windows & door (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) / **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, July 14, 2011 (**NOTE CHANGE!**)

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.