



Kent Woodlands Journal

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The monthly newsletter of the Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association

President's Corner: Road Rage

Road Rage (noun): A motorist's uncontrolled anger or violent behavior, often as a manifestation of stress or other motorists' irritating behavior. Now officially classified as a medical condition. Related to Intermittent Explosive Disorder (abbreviated IED), a behavioral disorder characterized by extreme expressions of anger, often to the point of uncontrollable rage, that are disproportionate to the situation at hand.

Just when you thought it just couldn't get any worse, it did. Years of neglect from underfunding left our Woodlands roads broken, uneven and crumbling. Then came pipe work, and the mess grew to be intolerable. Each day we've entered the war zone of careening vehicles, bobbing and pitching over foot-high road buckles or swerving to avoid crater-sized potholes. Normally peaceable denizens of these bucolic woods, who smilingly write five-figure property tax checks twice yearly, flipped. Disappointment and disbelief became disgust and anger and now full-blown rage. Like Howard Beale in the movie *Network*, with clenched fist and snarling visage, the voices shout out, "I'm MAD AS HELL and I'm not going to take it anymore." From grass roots activism to suspected mass IED, across the Woodlands the call has gone out to take action now.

Gratifyingly, some huge steps forward have occurred recently to repair and repave roads in our neighborhood. Thanks and appreciation is due to our public servants (quaint expression that it is) and road crews for a job well done. But it's not enough. Portions of Evergreen and South Ridgewood among other roads are as bad as anything you'd encounter in the Third World. Except there you might at least see a warning,

"Peligroso." How to get these roads fixed is simply not as simple as we'd like it to be, but one gets the distinct impression around town that ain't nobody goin' take no for an answer no more. This must all be channeled constructively, working together with the people who can help us. A town meeting on our roads is being scheduled in the immediate future with representatives of the Department of Public Works and our County Supervisor's office. We need to listen. But they will hear first-hand that this road rage is every bit proportionate to the situation at hand.

— Josh Rafner
President

P.S. Many readers expressed interest in Mt. Tamalpais and Marin County history from last month's column, and we thought you may be interested in some additional information:

Many years ago, Fred Sandrock founded the Mount Tamalpais History Project. He edited a newsletter about the mountain called *Facts and Fancies*. Good references to learn more about our mountain are the Mount Tamalpais Interpretive Association at www.mttam.net. There are many different legends of the "Sleeping Princess" or the "Maiden of Tamalpais". Visit the California Room at the Civic Center Library to find a small book with a compilation of the various versions. Also, don't miss <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tpl7ZBuB9GA> for a hypnotic clip from the 1976 student film *The Crookedest Railroad in the World*. Another interesting resource is www.marinnostalgia.org.

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: October 3rd at 7:00 pm

All KWPOA members are encouraged to attend!

Chickens in Kent Woodlands

We have received a number of recent inquiries regarding whether or not members are allowed to keep chickens on their property. Per our CC&Rs, the answer is no. Article VIII, Section 3 states that:

“Section 3. Animals or Pets: Only usual and common household pets, such as caged birds, fish in aquariums, cats and dogs shall be kept on any Lot. Common household pets shall not be maintained in unreasonable numbers or bred for commercial purposes. No pet in heat shall be permitted to be unconfined. Each person who owns or maintains a pet within Kent Woodlands shall be solely responsible for the conduct and actions of the animal. The Board of Directors shall be entitled to adopt further reasonable rules and regulations concerning the maintenance of pets in order to ensure that the same do not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of other Owners and residents. Among other things, the rules may define what constitutes a "reasonable number" of various kinds of permitted pets, depending on their size, disposition, maintenance requirements, and other reasonable factors.”



Sheriff’s Report

The following is a recap of Sheriff’s activities in Kent Woodlands during July 2011:

Vacation Homes	15 homes
Vacation checks completed	133 checks
Alarm Activations	7 responses
Citizen Assists/Misc. Service	5 incidents
Suspicious Circumstance	1 incident
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6 incidents
Assist Fire Dept./Medical Calls	2 incidents
Extra Patrol Request	2 requests
Extra Patrol Checks	36 requests
Civil Matter	1 incident
Lost Property Report	1 report
Animal Complaint.	1 incident

Traffic Related Matters

Traffic Stops	3 stops
Parking Citations Issued	2 citations
Traffic Hazards/Assist CHP	5 incidents

— Submitted by Deputy Thompson
Marin County Sheriff’s Office

Roads Update

As of press time, the paving project for Woodland Road is nearing completion. We are well aware that there are many roads in Kent Woodlands that need urgent attention, and are working with the relevant agencies to get results. KWPOA has invited officials from the Department of Public Works and MMWD to participate in a community meeting to discuss the state of the roads in Kent Woodlands; we hope to announce the date of such a meeting soon.

Evergreen Drive:

Residents of Evergreen Drive have formed the “Evergreen Drive Action Committee” in a further effort to press the County for immediate road improvements. They have created an online petition calling on the Board of Supervisors to allocate the necessary resources for the repaving of Evergreen. If you are interested in signing, please visit:

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/paveevergreen/>.

We thank you for your patience and hope that you will support these efforts toward safer roadways for all our residents.

Directory Supplement

Next month, we will be sending out a supplement to the **Kent Woodlands Directory** that was published earlier this year. If you are not currently in the directory and wish to be added, please contact us by **September 20th**. You can call the office at 721-7429, or email the following information to info@kwpoa.com:

- Name
- Children’s names (if desired)
- Address
- Home Phone
- Cell Phone
- Email Address(es)

The supplement pages will be inserted into the October newsletter, so keep an eye out!

Coyote Sightings

We continue to receive reports of coyote sightings in various areas of Kent Woodlands.

Be sure your home is not attracting coyotes by using well-secured bins for trash and avoiding leaving pet food outside, as this is an open invitation to coyotes and other critters. Keep your pets safe by keeping them indoors at night and the early morning hours when coyotes are most active. Never let your dogs roam free, and consider keeping cats inside.

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
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New Applications

Henn	200 S. Ridgewood	C1: Minor Change - Removal of (3) Trees
Moran	21 N. Ridgewood	C2: Minor Addition - Pool Fountain, Barbeque Ring and Seating
Miller	71 Ridgcrest	C2: Minor Addition - Deck Expansion
Park	27 Evergreen	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance - Remodel & Addition
Rhoads/Goltz	20 Upland	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance - Pool and Site Remodel
Stratakos	10 Rock	C2: Minor Addition - Window/Door Replacement
Bronstein	17 Treetop	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance - New Cabana and Deck

Applications Approved

Cummings	310 Goodhill	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance - Minor Addition & Re-
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 C2: Minor Addition - Window/Door Replacement, Change of Ext.
Smock	30 Rancheria	Paint Color
Moran	21 N. Ridgewood	Replacement Pool Decking (Exempt)
Applegarth	609 College	Replacement of Pool Decking & Equipment (Exempt)
Brockbank	109 Crown	Re-painting of House with Same Color (Exempt)
Ebert	456 Woodland	Removal of Trees (Exempt)
Rubinstein	513 Goodhill	Removal of Tree (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 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, September 22, 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. Officers' Reports
6. Board Election and Vacancy
7. County Update
8. Fire, Traffic & Safety Committee Report
9. Social Committee Report
10. Administrator's Report
11. Next Board Meeting Agenda
12. New Matters
12. Unfinished Business
13. 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.



Join Your Neighbors for

Cocktails in Autumn

The Mandin Estate
77 Ridgecrest Road
Sunday, September 25th
5:00 — 8:00 P.M.
\$30 per person

*Celebrate fall with hosted wine and
beer & hearty hors d'oeuvres!*

All Kent Woodlands residents welcome!
Please RSVP to KWPOA office
at 721-7429 or info@kwpoa.com

Make checks payable to KWPOA
PO Box 404, Kentfield 94914