



# Kent Woodlands Journal

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The monthly newsletter of the Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association

## President's Note

Hello, everybody! Our fifth in a series of fire evacuation drills is coming on Saturday, October 1st at 9:00AM, thus completing a full circle for all of Kent Woodlands' residents. This year the drill area includes lower Rancheria, lower Evergreen, lower South Ridgewood, Fern, Madrone and nearby College Avenue.

**"Being prepared"** for a major fire is of great importance for you and your family. As you have seen in the news recently, several major fires have burned up complete communities, causing thousands of people to lose everything and become displaced. Tragedies like this could happen right here in the Woodlands.

So, if you've missed a fire drill in the past or are in the drill area, I urge you to make every effort to participate, learn how to **"Be Prepared"** to leave your home in ten minutes with an emergency pack, prepare safety instructions for your family, and have distant contacts should you be separated!

We pray that a firestorm will never occur in our community, but if it should happen, get your household organized to protect you and your family! It's of the utmost importance!! By the way, installing a rainbird sprinkler on your roof is a very effective way to save your house!

Another related topic, many thanks to PG&E for their generous grants, Todd Lando of FireSafe Marin, Kentfield Fire Chief Mark Pomi, the Tam fire crew, as well as your KWPOA, all of whom are responsible for the extra wide clearing in progress along the dirt portion of Crown Road and Woodland emergency road. This will facilitate a full size fire engine to pass. Job well done!!

— Barry Evergettis, President

## Important Reminder for Tree Removal and Pruning

KWPOA approval is required for **all tree removals and significant pruning**. KWPOA requires prior approval for removal of any tree over 6" in diameter and for significant pruning.

For dead, diseased or hazardous trees, owners may submit a NO-FEE APPLICATION along with either: 1) and arborist's report; 2) a letter from the Kentfield Fire District; or 3) an inspection by a member of the Architectural Committee or AC Staff. Hazardous tree applications are expedited and do not require a hearing.

Failure to obtain prior approval for any tree work or other improvements may result in fines or other enforcement action. Application forms are available on the KWPOA website and materials may be submitted via email to [mbarber@kwpoa.com](mailto:mbarber@kwpoa.com) for the most rapid turn-around.

## SAVE THE DATE!



Mark your calendars now for the annual **Kent Woodlands Halloween Parade Monday, October 31st at 5:00pm**

Ghosts and goblins of all shapes and sizes will show off their costumes as they trick-or-treat along Woodland Road.

More info to follow!

*Interested in hosting a treat table along the parade route? Let us know!*

**[info@kwpoa.com](mailto:info@kwpoa.com)**

# Fire Safety News

## OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> FIRE EVACUATION DRILL

This year's fire evacuation drill will take place on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9AM. It will encompass about 100 properties along Rancheria, Evergreen, South Ridgewood, Fern Way, Greenwood Way, Madrone Way, and College Avenue. It will last about an hour.

The evacuation meeting place will be in the COM parking lot opposite the Woodlands entrance. Those of you in the drill area and those who were unable to participate a prior drill (and those who did) are encouraged to meet there for refreshments and to meet old and new neighbors and friends, as well as the professionals who will help us in the event of an actual disaster.

The drill will provide an opportunity both for Woodlands residents and fire district and sheriff's personnel to prepare for the all-too-real possibility of a major fire in our neighborhood. Your participation is voluntary, but strongly recommended – for their benefit and yours.

You will be receiving additional information about the drill by mail, personal contact by committee members and the Boy Scouts later this month, and TENS messages from the fire district shortly before and at the time of the drill.

If you have not already prepared for that fire, we strongly urge you to do so NOW. The fire won't respect our time table or your delay.

## Sheriff's Report

The following is a recap of Sheriff's patrol activity in Kent Woodlands for the month of July 2016:

Alarm Activations	7 Activations
911 Hang-up Calls	1 Incident
Assist Citizen Calls	3 Incidents
Suspicious Circumstance	4 Incidents
Assist Fire Dept./Medical Calls	11 Incidents
Noise/Disturbance complaints	5 Incidents
Burglary/Theft	0 Incidents
Vacation Homes	15 Homes
Traffic Stops	8 Stops
Assist Other Agency (CHP)	2 incidents
Abandoned Vehicle	3 Vehicles
Parking Citations	6 Citations

— Submitted by Deputy Chuck Thompson

## CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

The Marin Sanitary District will collect up to 14 32-gallon bags of yard waste (14 bag limit) at the curbside on your regularly scheduled collection day during the week of Sept. 5 - 9. Take advantage of this opportunity by putting out flammable yard waste the evening before your collection day. For questions, call the Sanitary Service's customer service number at (415)456-2601.

## BRUSH CLEAN-UP

At the suggestion of Barry Evergettis, the Kentfield Fire District prepared a proposal for a PG&E grant to clear out a large amount of flammable brush from the closed off area between Crown and Woodland Roads and in the area between the end of Woodland to Goodhill Road. FIREsafe Marin submitted the proposal, the grant was approved, and the work has been completed. Our thanks to all involved.

## EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Emergency officials in Marin uses a rapid alert system that could save your life. Landline numbers are listed in that system; however, cell phone and voice over internet phones are not. Register for **AlertMarin** to receive emergency alerts sent by voice, text or email at [www.AlertMarin.org](http://www.AlertMarin.org). For additional information, please contact the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services at 415-473-6584.

## Book Club

The Neighborhood Book Club meets at the Woodlands Cafe at 9:00 a.m. Newcomers welcome!

**September 8:** *My Life on the Road* by Gloria Steinem

Please send questions to [LMellberg@gmail.com](mailto:LMellberg@gmail.com)



## Architectural Applications: September 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](http://www.kwpoa.com) under "Design Review".

### **THIS MONTH'S ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MEETING: September 13, 2016**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Category/Project Description</b>
<b>New Applications for September</b>		
Nicholson	206 S. Ridgewood	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance
<b>Applications Approved in August</b>		
Valentine	660 Goodhill Road	C1: Solar
<b>Applications Continued in August</b>		
Hsu, Su	640 Goodhill	C3: Preliminary review
<b>Exempt Applications</b>		
Fowler	60 Westwood	Tree Removal
Smith	144 Rancheria	Tree Removal
Dixon	25 Kent	Garage Door Replacement
Franklin	33 Spring	Tree Removal
Yates	455 Woodland	Landscaping

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 4<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> of the preceding month (or the Friday prior if the 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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, Sept. 22, 2016 - 6:00PM  
**Location:** 1010 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. #200

- Call to Order
- Public Comment
- Approval of August 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- AC Report and Ratifications
- Fire Safety Committee Report
- Annual Meeting: Finalize Date and Details
- Security Committee Report and Related Votes
- Officer Reports
- County Update
- Administrator's Report
- Vote on Resolution to Proceed with Trustee's Foreclosure Sale of Member Liened for Non-Payment of Assessment
- Next Regular Board Meeting Agenda (Oct. 27, 2016)
- Adjourn and Reconvene in Executive Session

### Executive Session Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Approval of August 25, 2016 Minutes
- Litigation Report
- Personnel
- Adjournment

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

## KWPOA Contact Information

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