



# Kent Woodlands Journal

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The monthly newsletter of the Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association

## President's Note

### *Building Community by Getting to Know our Neighbors*

*"The year is 2035, and the crew from the first expedition to Mars is returning to Earth. The crewmembers are anxious to get home, and ennui pervades the ship. The mood is broken by a series of mysterious events that affects their safety..."*

— from the back cover of *The New Martians*

This is no ordinary space thriller – for two reasons. First, it's based on decades of research in Space Psychology and Psychiatry and realistically portrays the psychological issues that could affect a crew returning from a long-duration Mars expedition. Second, it was written in Kent Woodlands.

Nick Kanas is an Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at UCSF. He has more than forty years experience conducting research and writing about psychological and interpersonal issues affecting people living and working in space. For over twenty years, was a Principal Investigator of NASA-funded research on astronauts and cosmonauts. He has lived in Kent Woodlands with his wife, Carolyn, since 1987.

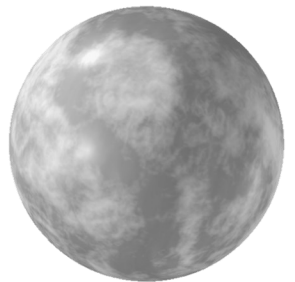
As a kid, Nick says he was a "space cadet." And his childhood interest in space has permeated his life. He has been an amateur astronomer since childhood. He has collected antiquarian celestial maps for over thirty years and has given talks on celestial cartography to amateur and professional groups.

The "Star Maps" which Nick has authored won't help you find the homes of Hollywood stars. They feature images from actual, antique celestial books and atlases. Nick explained the reason for star maps as follows, "Before amateur telescopes had computers embedded in them, you had to 'star-hop' to find what you hoped to see. You would find a bright star and would orient yourself to that, then hop from star to progressively dimmer stars to find the nebula or galaxy you were interested in, using a star map to guide you." Nick was the first to publish a book on them, and later he published a book on solar system maps.

Nick is also the author and co-author of many professional books based on his research at UCSF and the VA Hospital in group therapy for psychotic patients. And he has published three science fiction novels, one of which is described above. (His publisher calls them "scientific novels" because each contains an Appendix which reviews the science behind the story. In the Appendix, results from "actual psychological and interpersonal studies of people living and working on-orbit" are summarized and linked to specific events in the novel.)

In closing, Nick stated that he and Carolyn love living in Kent Woodlands. "The peace and stability of the neighborhood make it easy for me to write."

— Ann Becker, President



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If you know a Kent Woodlands resident who you think would be a good subject for a future column, please let me know. Email me at [info@kwpoa.com](mailto:info@kwpoa.com) with "Possible Subject for President's Note" in the subject line.

## Sheriff's Report

The following is a recap of Sheriff's activity in Kent Woodlands during the month of January:

Alarm Activations	11 Activations
911 Hang-Up	3 Incidents
Vacation Homes	10 Homes
Vacation Checks Completed	64 Checks
Extra Patrol Request Completed	37 Checks
Citizen Assist	5 Incidents
Civil Advice	1 Incident
AOA Fire	4 Incidents
Assist Outside Agency	4 Incidents
Verbal Disturbance	1 Incident
Noise Complaints	3 Complaints
Thefts	2 Incidents
Traffic Stops	11 Stops
Parking Complaints	5 Complaints
Suspicious Vehicles/Persons	5 Incidents
Traffic Accidents	1 Accident

Residents are reminded to lock their doors and vehicles and set their alarms even if their property is gated. And, of course, never leave anything of value in your vehicle.

— Deputy Scott Anderson

## Pedestrian Safety

We have recently heard reports of near-misses between cars and pedestrians who are walking with their heads down and looking at their mobile phones.

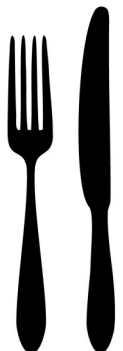
On our narrow roads with blind curves, it is especially important for pedestrians to be alert at all times. Please keep in mind the following tips:

- Don't use your cell phone or engage in other distracting activities while walking. Keep your head up and your eyes on the road!
- If you're using headphones, ensure the volume is at a reasonable level so that you can hear any potential dangers and alerts before they become an issue. Noise-cancelling headphones should always be avoided while walking so that you can be aware of your surroundings.
- If you must talk or text or respond to that email, move to the side of the road and stop walking while doing it. If you're a parent, teach your children not to use their mobile devices while walking or driving.
- **DRIVERS** — please keep your speed down and keep an eye out for pedestrians and bikes.

***Thanks for keeping  
our streets safe!***

**SAVE  
THE DATE!**

**KWPOA's next  
FOOD TRUCK EVENT**  
**Sunday, May 3rd • 5:30-7:30pm**  
*All residents welcome — bring the whole family!*



## **Architectural Applications: March 2020**

**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.

***THIS MONTH'S ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MEETING: Tuesday, March 10, 2020***

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Category/Project Description</b>
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### **New Applications for March**

Walker	122 Goodhill	C1 Minor Changes
Morgan	10 Diablo	C5 Substantial Remodel

### **Continued Applications to be considered in March**

Barber	26 Rancheria	C5 Substantial Remodel
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### **Applications Approved in February**

Yates	455 Woodland	C1 Minor Changes
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### **Open Enforcements**

7 Rancheria  
14 Madrone  
67 Ridgecrest  
421 Crown

### **Exempt and Administratively Approved Applications**

Ireland	14 Fern	Roof Color
8 Vineyard	8 Vineyard	Tree Removal
Tiernan	115 Evergreen	Tree Removal
Mallouh	43 Evergreen	Window Replacement

**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE:** Jim Schafer (Chair), Anne Barr, Trina Lavigna, Tom Nicholson, 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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## *Next Regular Board Meeting*

**Date:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 - 6:00PM

**Location:** 1010 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. #200

- Call to Order
- Public Comment
- Approval of February 27th Meeting Minutes
- AC Report and Ratifications
- Fire Safety Report and Related Votes
- Officer Reports
- County Update
- Social Events Update
- Administrator's Report
- Next Regular Board Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn and Reconvene in Executive Session

### **Executive Session Agenda:**

- Call to Order
- Approval of February 27th Executive Minutes
- Enforcements and Legal Matters
- Personnel
- Adjournment

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

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