



Kent Woodlands Journal

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The monthly newsletter of the Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association

President's Note: FIRE

First, the good news: Supervisor Katie Rice has assured me that much-needed fire suppression clearing work will be done on the wildlands to the west of Kent Woodlands.

Marin County Parks has a major vegetation management/fire fuel reduction project planned for Open Space lands abutting private property along southern end of Ridgecrest and Blue Ridge Roads. This project (a collaboration of Marin County Open space, Kentfield Fire, and CCNB) is funded through a Cal Fire grant and will create four acres of extended shaded fuel break by removing dead material for 200ft from property lines, with additional thinning/clean-up in a larger area downslope. Shaded fuel breaks reduce the chance of ignition, create a buffer, and can slow the progress of an active fire. Similar work is being planned for the entire length of Ridgecrest to Crown.

Now, the bad news: The Ridgecrest-Blueridge vegetation management/fire fuel reduction work won't happen until Spring of 2020. The Ridgecrest-Crown work has not been scheduled: timing will be dependent on funding and work crew availability.

If you don't want your home to burn down in a wildfire during this fire season, you need to "harden" your home and "create defensible space" around your home now. Bear in mind that even after this vegetation management work has been done, hardening your home and creating defensible space around your home are the best ways to protect your home. This vegetation management work will help reduce our risk, but even more important are our own home hardening and defensible space efforts.

Hardening Your Home and Creating Defensible Space Around Your Home:

For information on how to harden your home: www.firesafemarin.org/home-hardening

For information on how to create defensible space around your home: www.firesafemarin.org/defensible-space

For a list of contractors who have been vetted by FireSafeMarin – who meet basic qualifications and have undergone local training to provide wildfire hazard reduction, construction, or design services to Marin residents: www.firesafemarin.org/contractors

— Ann Becker, President

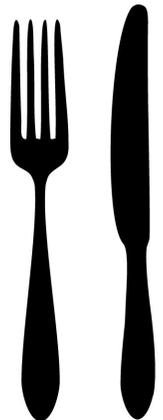
FOOD TRUCKS!

Sunday, September 22

5:30-7:30pm

in the KWPOA parking lot at
the bottom of Woodland Road

Join us for this fun family event! This time, we'll be introducing a new vendor, who will be serving fabulous fried chicken and sides, as well as our returning vendors providing Latin food, Hawaiian shave ice, and face-painting for the kids. Don't miss it!



An Important Message from Kentfield Fire District

Since 2015, California and the North Bay have experienced a dramatic increase in the number, frequency and intensity of catastrophic wildfires. Marin has a long history of devastating wildfires, including many in Kentfield and nearby communities.

The California Fire Code, International Wildland Urban Interface Code and Public Resources Code require that any person who owns, controls, or leases property located within a designated Wildland Urban Interface “WUI” Zone maintain 100-150 feet defensible space around structures, 14 feet of vertical clearance over roadways, and 10 feet of horizontal clearance along roadsides and driveways.

The Kentfield Fire Protection District has identified high hazard areas in Kentfield where improvements can be made to reduce the amount of hazardous vegetation located along primary and secondary evacuation routes. Many properties located in and around the Kent Woodlands have been found to be non-compliant and do not meet roadside vegetation clearance standards.

The Kentfield Fire Protection District has partnered with FIRESafe MARIN and CAL FIRE to provide funding for the initial clearing of vegetation located along nearly 9 miles of roadways, with a project budget of \$130,991. Funding for this project is provided through a cooperative Fire Prevention Grant by CAL FIRE and California's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. During the months of September and October, 2019, for a period of 4-6 weeks, personnel from the Fire District and FIRESafe MARIN will be working with private contractors to begin the clearing of vegetation along the roadways. Clearing these areas will not only improve fire engine access, but will also reduce the amount of heat that evacuating residents might be exposed to during a fire, improve visibility, and expand the usable width of roadways on narrow hillside streets.

The work will include the following:

- Cut back or remove vegetation and tree limbs that encroach into the roadway.
- Remove low hanging tree limbs that extend over the roadway to create at least 14-16 ft of vertical clearance.
- Remove hazardous or combustible vegetation located within 10 feet (horizontally) of a roadway. Vegetation to be removed includes (but is not limited to) broom, bamboo, juniper, cypress, acacia, prida madera, and grasses (jubata/fountain/pampas).
- Remove tree limbs to 6-10 feet above ground on mature trees within 10' of roadways.

Additional information on the program, with maps and specifications for the clearance work is available online at <http://kentfieldfire.org/evac-2019> . If you have any questions or if you we can provide any additional information, please contact Fire Inspector Larry Pasero at lpasero@kentfieldfire.org or 415-453-7464.

MARIN ON FIRE

"Marin on Fire" is FIRESafe MARIN's award winning video series, narrated by Peter Coyote, describing the conditions that make Marin susceptible to wildfire, and the concrete actions we can take to mitigate hazards and control our risk. Take the time to watch this four-part series and share it with your family and neighbors. These videos will give you simple tools to safeguard your home against wildfire.

Watch these videos:

- “House” — How fire resistant building materials will fortify your home against an approaching wildfire;
- “Landscaping” — How to create a landscape that will keep fire away from your house;
- “Clearing” — How to identify and remove vegetation hazards on your property;
- “Community” — How to develop a strategy to protect your neighborhood during the next wildfire.

The link to the videos: <https://www.firesafemarin.org/marin-on-fire>

Architectural Applications: September 2019

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: September 24, 2019

Applicant	Property Address	Category/Project Description
New Applications for September		
Broomhead	65 Rancheria	C2 - Minor Addition
Guay/Wong	3 Idlewood	C7 - Changes to Approved Plans
Christensen	101 Goodhill	C3 - Preliminary Review
Brownridge	115 Woodland	C3 - Preliminary Review
Continued Applications to be considered in September		
None		
Applications Approved in August		
Musser	605 College	C7 - Changes to Approved Plans
8 Laurel Way LLC	8 Laurel Way	C2 - Minor Addition
Applications Denied in August		
None		
Open Enforcements		
67 Ridgecrest		
7 Rancheria		
421 Crown		
14 Madrone		
Exempt and Administratively Approved Applications		
Ramsey	31 N Ridgewood	Tree Removal
Foreman	15 Blue Ridge	Minor Addition
Johnson	61 Ridgecrest	Tree Removal

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 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.



Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association
PO Box 404
Kentfield, CA 94914

Regular Board Meeting

Date: September 26, 2019 - 6:00PM
Location: 1010 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. #200

- Call to Order
- Public Comment
- Approval of August 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- AC Report and Ratifications
- Officer Reports
- County Update
- Fire Safety Report and Related Votes
- Social Events Update
- 2020 Assessment/Budget Discussion and Vote
- 2020 Annual Meeting: Set Date and Location
- Communications Discussion
- Administrator's Report
- Next Regular Board Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn and Reconvene in Executive Session

Executive Session Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Approval of August 22, 2019 Executive Session Minutes
- Enforcements and Legal Matters
- Personnel
- Adjournment

(This is a preliminary agenda. Final agenda posted at our office 96 hours prior to meeting, or available by email upon request).

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KENT WOODLANDS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Request for Annual Notice of Address, Representative and Rental Status

Civil Code, Section 4041 requires each owner of a separate interest to provide written notice to the Association of all the following information annually. Please provide the information in the form below and return the completed form to the Association within 30 days. If the requested information is not provided, the property address of the Owner's separate interest will be used for notices.

1. The address or addresses to which notices from the Association are to be delivered.

2. An alternate or secondary address to which notices from the Association are to be delivered.

3. The name and address of your legal representative, if any, including any person with power of attorney, or other person who can be contacted in the event of your extended absence from the separate interest.

4. Is the separate interest --

- Owner-occupied? Rented out? Developed, but vacant?
 Undeveloped?

5. Member Name

Property Address

6. Return form to:

KENT WOODLANDS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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KENTFIELD CA 94901

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