



Kent Woodlands Journal

Newsletter #308

July 2021

The monthly newsletter of the Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association

Fire Safety Updates

Because the risk of a catastrophic wildfire is on our minds, rather than my usual column I asked Bitsa Freeman, Chair of our Fire Safety Committee, to provide an article about fire risk mitigation for this month's newsletter. Please be assured that KWPOA has worked hard to do all that is in its power to help Kent Woodlands residents to prepare for and hopefully avoid devastating wildfire, but the responsibility rests with you, the individual property owners, who must clear fire fuel from your properties to protect yourselves and your neighbors.

—Ann Becker, President

Together we can keep our community FIRE SAFE!

As the hot sun further dries out an already parched and thirsty landscape, the lush vegetation we all treasure in our bucolic neighborhood puts us at a very high fire risk. If you don't have defensible space — or don't maintain it — a wildfire will produce maximum ember, flame, and radiant exposures to your home. Everyone must be proactive to prevent their homes and our community from being vulnerable to wildfires. Kentfield Fire Department, Marin County Open Space, Marin Water and PG&E have undertaken large scale brush eradication projects on lands that surround Kent Woodlands (another project in Baltimore Canyon adjacent to Ridgecrest Road is scheduled for August), but without individual homeowners mitigating their own fire risk in our neighborhood, we are still highly vulnerable to a severe fire event.

KWPOA takes fire risk mitigation seriously. Since becoming a FireWise community and collaborating with FIREsafe Marin and Kentfield Fire to determine the most important steps our com-

munity should undertake — creating defensible space and evacuations — KWPOA has engaged a defensible space consultant who will work with homeowners to help them understand the steps they need to take. Woodland Sponsors, whose members are approximately 90 women living in Kent Woodlands, is in the planning stages of a program by which street captains would be recruited, text trees created, and fire evacuation information and instructions communicated.

— Your Fire Safety Committee



More Fire Safety

Introducing Kent Woodlands' Defensible Space Consultant

The KWPOA Board is pleased to announce that Mike Warner has been contracted as a part-time defensible space consultant free for homeowners in Kent Woodlands. Mike has attended the Wildland Fire Academy through Marin County Fire, is certified as a Firefighter Type 2, has evaluated hazardous trees and participated in defensible space projects on open space lands as a Park Ranger. He has personally worked dozens of small fires on open space lands as well as large incidents such as the Woodward, Tubbs, and Camp Fires. If you'd like Mike to visit your home for a consultation please email him at mwarner@kwpoa.com.



Evacuation Preparations

Woodland Sponsors, a neighborhood organization comprised of close to 90 members, is in the early stages of planning for emergency evacuations by creating street text trees led by street captains. If you're interested in learning more or volunteering as a street captain, please contact Michelle Wilcox, President of Woodland Sponsors, michellerwilcox@gmail.com

Visit kwpoa.com/fire-safety
for information and resources!

COUNTY OF MARIN PAVEMENT RESTORATION REQUIREMENT

Important information to all Marin residents that are considering some sort of project in the County road right of way! If a resident's work damages any County facilities or property, restoration is required. The permit for the work will include a restoration portion (including specifics of what's needed) for taking the county facility back to standard. The permit fee includes inspection before, during and after. Inspectors will be familiar with County requirements. The most common examples of work that triggers requirements are: sewer lateral replacement, water services, curb replacement, sidewalks, root damage. Note that every municipality has a pavement restoration requirement. For questions, call a County engineer with County's Land Use division at 415-473-3755.

Architectural Applications: July 2021

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 IS CANCELLED.

Important Notice: Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, AC meetings will be held via video- or teleconference until further notice. Please email mbarber@kwpoa.com for participation instructions. As this situation continues, it may be necessary to reschedule or change the format of AC meetings. Please consult the KWPOA event calendar at kwpoa.com for any meeting changes.

Applicant	Property Address	Category/Project Description
New Applications for July		
None		
Applications Approved with Conditions in June		
Morton / Kojima	330 Goodhill	C-2 Minor Additions
Open Enforcements		
14 Madrone (enforcement on hold)		
421 Crown (enforcement on hold)		
Exempt and Administratively Approved Applications		
Walcroft	216 So. Ridgewood	Tree Removal
Chan	11 Rock	Tree Removal

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ann Peckenpaugh Becker (Acting Chair and Board Representative), Bruce Raabe, Cori Snyder Schuman, Julie Johnson, Tom Nicholson

AC COORDINATOR: Michael Barber (mbarber@kwpoa.com)

MEETINGS: Held via tele/videoconference 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 via email at 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

Thurs. August 26, 2021 - 6:00PM via videoconference.
Contact jwilliams@kwpoa.com for log-in information.

- Call to Order
- Public Comment
- Approval of June 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- AC Report and Ratifications
- Exterior Paint: Proposed Addition of "Lighter Earth Tones" to Approved Color List - Update and Related Votes
- Fire Safety & Hazard Mitigation Report
- 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 June 24, 2021 Executive Minutes
- Enforcements and Legal Matters
- Personnel
- Adjournment

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

KWPOA Contact Information

Mailing address: PO Box 404, Kentfield 94914
Office address: 1010 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. #200
 Kentfield, CA 94904
Phone: 415-721-7429
Web Site: www.kwpoa.com
Email: info@kwpoa.com

Board Members and Staff

Ann Becker, President/AC Rep	abecker@kwpoa.com
Bitsa Freeman, Vice President	bfreeman@kwpoa.com
Sara Wardell-Smith, Treasurer	swardellsmith@kwpoa.com
Kirk Baierlein, Secretary	kbaierlein@kwpoa.com
Noah Hagey, Director	nhagey@kwpoa.com
Matt Kursh, Director	mkursh@kwpoa.com
Jeff Leh, Director	jleh@kwpoa.com
Jeanne Williams, Administrator	jwilliams@kwpoa.com
Michael Barber, AC Coordinator	mbarber@kwpoa.com
Mike Warner, Hazard Mitigation	mwarner@kwpoa.com