



# Kent Woodlands Journal

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The monthly newsletter of the Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association

## President's Corner

**Favorite Places...**A thousand billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy, and a thousand billion galaxies spread through the cosmos. The number of stars, something like 1 with 24 zeros after it, in all. This is a rough calculation. And scientists now think that there are many more earth-like planets around sun-like stars than we previously thought. With early evidence from the planet-hunting Kepler mission, it may be that earth-like exoplanets are a dime a dozen. But even with our Hubble eyes searching across trillions of miles of space, no where have we found a place as perfect for us as our Earth. Moving through the unimaginably cold and empty blackness of space, our little blue-green planet, beautiful, ours.

In Baltimore Canyon where the Lady Bug trail down from King Mountain joins the Dawn Falls Trail, there's still a good run in the creek this time of year. The much-diminished stream is just a reminder of the winter torrents, but you can still hear the cascade of Dawn Falls in the stillness of night. A couple of years back a sturdy bridge was put up to greatly ease the preservation of dry shoes. You can stand on the bridge and watch the water move, or catch the flicker of sunlight through the tall surrounding red-woods, just enjoy the sylvan peace or catch your breath from a long run. Amblers coming up from

Larkspur or down from Crown Road cross here at the bridge, and everyone has a pleasant hello or a wet happy dog greeting to share. Beautiful, ours.

Roads getting torn up, repaved, re-torn up for new water lines now that new sewage lines are in place, and getting repaved again. Just please an odd number of times so it ends up nice. Our crusade to improve intersections and pedestrian byways while making the Woodlands entrance lovelier it turns out is a marathon and we're only at mile 3. But there are some water tables out along the race, and signs that our friends in San Rafael are listening and want to help. How anything gets paid for is an open question. What a surprise.

Making our neighborhood what we want for ourselves and our families is frustrating work. A few loud nays drown out a chorus of quiet support. But what can't be shot down or snuffed out is the persistent articulation of goals and vision for things that matter. Words build. And as we remember the uniqueness of this special place we call home, let's not give in or give up when it comes to making it better.

News from the Woodlands, the monthly postcard. And what we said of it became a part of what it is.

— Josh Rafner, President

## Views and Trees Update

The KWPOA board voted at its March meeting not to approve the most recent proposed changes to the view restoration guidelines. Given the extent of interest in the community, the Board plans to conduct neighborhood workshops to give an opportunity for further exploration and expression of views on the subject. Dates for these workshops will be announced soon.

Also, pursuant to action by the Board at a meeting earlier in the year to dissolve the previous membership of the View Restoration Advisory Committee, Board members Goldsmith, Garwood and Rafner will constitute an interim committee until further notice.

## Association Financial Statements

Pursuant to Corporations Code §8321, Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association Members have the right to receive a copy of the Reviewed 2010 Financial Statements. To obtain a copy at the Association's expense, please submit a written request to the Association office.

## Board Meeting Minutes

Just a reminder that members always have access to the latest approved board meeting minutes on our web site at [www.kwpoa.com](http://www.kwpoa.com) under the "Board of Directors" section. All board meeting minutes are also kept on file at the office, where members can stop by to review them any time during office hours.

## Neighborhood Dinners are Back!

Please join your friends and neighbors at

### **The Woodlands Café**

**Tuesday, May 17th, 6:00 p.m.**

**Adults — \$25**

Chicken Marsala or Halibut  
(beverages not included)

**Kids — \$10**

Pizza or Pasta with soft drink

*The restaurant will be closed to the public, so there's plenty of room for everyone. R.S.V.P. appreciated but not required. Tell your friends, and hope to see you there!*

*For more info call 721-7429.*



## Living with Coyotes

We have received a handful of calls in recent weeks regarding coyote sightings. Living with local wildlife comes with our mountain territory, and there are a few things you can do to co-exist with them peacefully.

Be sure your home is not attracting coyotes by using well-secured bins for trash and compost, picking up fruit fallen from trees, and closing off crawl spaces under decks and porches. Avoid leaving pet food outside, as this is an open invitation to coyotes and other critters.

Keep your companion animals safe by keeping them indoors at night when coyotes are most active. Never let your dogs roam free, and consider keeping cats inside permanently.

Coyotes typically keep their distance from humans, but if you encounter one, avoid eye contact and do not turn your back or run away — leave the area calmly. If followed, make loud noises and try to make yourself appear bigger.

For more information, visit [wildcarebayarea.org](http://wildcarebayarea.org).

## Directory Supplement

Our 2011 Kent Woodlands Directory recently hit the mailboxes of every member and participating non-members. If you are a new resident, or if you didn't mail the "opt-in" authorization, we would love to include your listing in a directory supplement, which will be mailed out in September. Please contact us at 721-7429 for the necessary form. Thank you!

## Letter Carrier Food Drive

On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Campbell Soup Company and the United States Postal Service are partnering once again with the National Association of Letter Carriers to sponsor Stamp Out Hunger, the "nation's largest single day food drive".

Kent Woodlands residents can help by placing bags filled with nonperishable food items next to your mailbox. Your letter carrier will pick up and deliver them to local food banks. If you wish, you can leave a check donation in an envelope for your letter carrier to pick up. Checks can be made out to Marin Food Bank and the envelope should be clearly addressed to Marin Food Bank – Donation.

It's that easy to make a big difference. For more information visit: [HelpStampOutHunger.com](http://HelpStampOutHunger.com).

Your donation is very much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

**Sincerely, Your Letter Carriers –  
Carol, Joaquin, Lori and Reuben**

## Sheriff's Report

The following is a recap of Sheriff's activities in Kent Woodlands during March 2011:

Vacation Homes	5 homes
Vacation Checks Completed	30 checks
Alarm Activation Responses	10 responses
Citizen Assists/Misc. Service	10 incidents
Suspicious Person	1 incident
Assist Fire Dept./Medical Calls	4 incidents
911 Hang-up call	11 incidents
Petty Theft	1 report
Fraud	1 report
Burglary (tools from construction site)	1 report

### Traffic/Vehicle Related Matters

Traffic Stops	1 stops
Parking Complaints	3 complaints
Parking Citations Issued	2 citations
Traffic Hazards/Assist CHP	2 incidents

**Submitted by  
Deputy Les Richardson**

# ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATIONS

**MAY 2011**

**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.**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Category/Project Description</b>
<b>New Applications</b>		
Sanderson	40 Spring	C1: Minor Changes -Tree Removal
Dabora	16 Spring	C3: Preliminary Review - New Single Family Residence
Dacey	210 Evergreen	C7: Changes to Approved Plans - Railing Material Change
Antipa	80 Idlewood	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance - New Garage, Roof Expansion/Replacement
<b>Continued Applications</b>		
Fish	12 Laurel	C7: Changes to Approved Plans - Location for New Generator
<b>Applications Approved</b>		
Orlick/Minisce	44 Diablo	C5: Substantial Remodel - New Addition/Remodel
Nelson	80 Westwood	C4: Significant Changes in Appearance - New Addition/Remodel
Laurberg	10 N. Ridgewood	C1: Minor Changes - Driveway Replacement
Stoll	15 Blueridge	C2: Minor Additions - Driveway Replacement, Window & Paint Changes
Clifford	125 Woodland	C7: Changes to Approved Plans - New Generator, Misc. Changes
Curtis	90 Westwood	Deck Foundation Repair (Exempt)
Gaylord	222 Evergreen	Removal of Tree (Exempt)
<b>Open Enforcements</b>		
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 unauthorized 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) / **CONSULTANT:** Emeritus member Lee Windheim (AIA)  
**COORDINATOR:** Alison Schlosser **MEETINGS:** Held at the Association Office at Kent Middle School on **the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 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 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, May 26, 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. County Update
6. Fire, Traffic & Safety Committee Report
7. Social Committee Report
8. Administrator's Report
9. Next Board Meeting Agenda
10. New Matters
11. Unfinished Business
12. 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.