



President's Note

Building Community by Getting to Know Our Neighbors: What is KWPOA Doing About Fire Safety?

KWPOA has committed lots of attention to the issue of fire safety. We're doing everything we can to ensure that homeowners learn how to "harden" their homes against wildfire and how to evacuate if necessary. Several years ago, we were certified as a Fire Safe Community by FireSafe Marin by encouraging property owners to complete a required amount of fire risk mitigation work.

More recently, Bitsa Freeman, Chair of the Fire Safety Committee, has enlisted the help of Michelle Wilcox of Woodlands Sponsors to help neighbors get organized around helping and supporting their neighbors in the event of a disaster like a wildfire. And Mike Warner, our newly hired Hazard Mitigation Specialist, has been visiting member properties and advising owners what they need to do to clear fire risks from their properties.



Michelle Wilcox, Bitsa Freeman, & Mike Warner

Michelle Wilcox, President, Woodland Sponsors

Michelle leads Woodland Sponsors, the nearly 100-member women's social and charitable organization in Kent Woodlands. Bitsa convinced Michelle to take on the creation of a Neighborhood Response Group (NRG) here in Kent Woodlands, as part of the Central Marin NRG Program. As Michelle explains, "Our NRG will be a volunteer, grassroots-led organization based on the concept of Neighbor Helping Neighbor so that in the event of an earthquake, fire, or other natural disaster, no one is overlooked. The program has already been established in Larkspur, Corte Madera and the Greenbrae hills, and works in conjunction with Fire and Sheriff departments throughout the County. We believe that an NRG offers Kent Woodlands an important template for organizing, coordinating and supporting neighbors should a disaster strike."

At the heart of the NRG program is the "Block Captain." Michelle explained that "Block Captains act as the central communication hub for a "zone" of approximately 10 households. Each zone will have a Block Captain who is responsible for collecting information about each household and maintaining an updated "database" that would be actionable in case of an emergency. Initially, this would involve collecting only email addresses and phone numbers for each household. Block Captain duties would also include making sure that residents in their zone are prepared for an emergency by ensuring they have registered for Nixle and AlertMarin notifications. Additionally, Block Captains would help distribute evacuation tags and other relevant forms, such as FireSafe Marin brochures, to their zone residents."

If you'd like to become a Block Captain, and help launch the Neighborhood Response Group effort, contact Michelle Wilcox via email at michellerwilcox@gmail.com.

Mike Warner, Hazard Mitigation Specialist

Mike has conducted over forty consultations with property owners. He told me that the three problems he has found at almost every property he has visited are: 1) The lack of a visible address marker; 2) Vegetation within the 0-5' zone of homes; and 3) That "back corner" that hasn't been kept up.

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“The first, the address marker, can often be the most simple to fix,” Mike explains. “State and local fire agencies have encouraged all County residents to have numbers that are at least 4" in size and on contrasting colored signs that are visible while traveling both ways on the roadway. This will help first responders locate your home in the event of an emergency.”

“The second, vegetation close to your house, is sometimes a hard sell for folks, but it is the most critical to saving homes. Fire agencies recommend no vegetation within 5 feet of your home, if possible. If it’s not possible it’s strongly recommended to heavily prune the plant or plants, clean any dead leaf material out frequently and keep it as healthy and watered as possible.”

“Third and finally,” Mike continues, “many properties I have visited have that one section just out of sight where it has not been maintained as stringently as the more visible or more highly trafficked areas. Now is a very good time to explore these areas of your property and see what you can do to clean up your vegetation, and cover up or move those old wood piles or other debris.”

“Every resident I have spoken with has been very happy to receive any advice that I can give or connections to other resources. Wildland fire is on most people’s minds right now given the current news cycle. There are lots of things you can do to lower the risk of your own home.”

If you’d like a free site visit and fire risk consultation, contact Mike Warner, KWPOA’s Hazard Mitigation Specialist, at 415-721-7429 or via email at mwarner@kwpoa.com.

— Ann Becker, President

The “President’s Note” is intended to build community by spotlighting local residents. It is not an endorsement by the Association of any commercial product or service.

If you know of a Kent Woodlands resident who would be a good subject of a “President’s Note,” let me know by sending an email to info@kwpoa.com with “Possible Subject of President’s Note” in the subject line.

Sheriff’s Report

The following is a recap of Sheriff activity in Kent Woodlands during the month of July:

Alarm Activations	7 Activations
911 Hang-Up	3 Incidents
Vacation Homes	9 Homes
Vacation Checks Completed	79 Checks
Extra-patrol Request completed	22 Checks
Welfare Checks	2 Incidents
Citizen Assist	4 Incidents
Civil Advice	1 Incidents
AOA Fire	4 Incidents
Assist Outside Agency	3 Incidents
Noise Complaints	8 Complaints
Thefts	0 Incidents
Vandalism	0 Incidents
Traffic Stops	9 Stops
Parking Complaints	1 Complaint
Suspicious Vehicles/Persons	4 Incidents
Traffic Accidents	0 Accidents

ATTENTION PARENTS AND PET OWNERS!

Be on the lookout for blocks of **RAT POISON** like the one pictured below.

There have been two recent incidents in Kent Woodlands in which blocks of rat poison suspiciously appeared in people’s yards. In one instance, a pet was poisoned and became critically ill. The Sheriff has been brought in to investigate. In the meantime, please protect your children and pets and keep an eye out for this or other unusual items on your property. Anything suspicious should be brought to the attention of the Sheriff.



Architectural Applications: September 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 SEPTEMBER 21st.

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 September		
Garwood	22 Rock	C3-Preliminary Review
Applications Approved in August		
Morgan	10 Diablo	C14- Changes to approved project
Harper	16 Madrone	C4-Significant Change in Appearance
Blankenship	320 Crown	C4-Significant Change in Appearance
Open Enforcements		
14 Madrone (enforcement on hold)		
421 Crown (enforcement on hold)		
Exempt and Administratively Approved Applications		
Freschi	20 Idlewood	Tree Removal
Kelly	100 Rock	Tree Removal
Vaccaro	14 Fern	Tree Removal
Wilka	108 Woodland	Solar

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. Sept. 23, 2021 - 6:00PM via videoconference.
Contact jwilliams@kwpoa.com for log-in information.

- Call to Order
- Public Comment
- Approval of August 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- AC Report and Ratifications
- Possible addition of "Lighter Earth Tones" to the Color Board: Preliminary Report of the AC 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 August 26, 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.)

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FOOD TRUCKS ARE BACK!

Join your neighbors for
KWPOA's fall food truck event!

September 12, 2021

5:30 — 7:30pm

In the parking lot at the bottom of Woodland Road



- Food, beer & wine for purchase —
- Tables, chairs, bathroom available —
- Family friendly! —

Chipper Days: Week of September 13

FIRESafe MARIN, with Measure C funding from the Marin Wild-fire Prevention Authority, will conduct curbside pickup "Chipper Days" in Kent Woodlands the week of September 13th. **Space is limited and signup is required.** Signups are available at:

www.chipperday.com/marin.

Chipper crews will dispose of a 10'x4'x4' pile of cut vegetation at no cost to you. Lay all vegetation in your pile the same way with the base of the branch or plant facing toward the street (so that it can be easily picked up and placed in the chipper) at your curb by 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 13 for pickup by Friday of that week. Limbs must be less than 8 inches in diameter. Please note that grass clippings, loose leaves, soft vegetation can't be chipped and must be disposed of in your green waste cans.

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Home Sustainability Webinar Series

The Marin County Sustainability Team is hosting a webinar series this fall with topics including home energy audits, energy efficiency and electrification, solar and battery storage, and electric vehicles. The first webinar (Home Energy Audits) starts on September 18. You can browse webinars and register here:

www.marincounty.org/ClimateEvents