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## Kirkland Ranch

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To: planning@amadorgov.org,

Hello

We would like to formally invite you to our open house June 22 noon to 4 11125 Courier Rd Plymouth.. The board of supervisors has been invited as well  
www.kirklandranch.net

We will be better prepared at next meeting. Here is some background on the ranch and our plan for it's use.  
Steiner Rd in the Shenandoah is named after Walt Steiner..Howard Kirkland's uncle. That's how far the family has been in the valley. Howard and Kay Kirkland were very generous hospitable people. The door was always open to neighbors. Howard was a fatherly figure to all the youth...teaching them to ride bicycles, fish in his pond ,shoot, work on equipment, ranch and farm - ride motorcycles. He was a great story teller telling them tales of his World War 2 experiences and his purple heart awarded him in France. One of his favorite stories was meeting Gen George Patton.

Their Christmas display was legendary...covered by channel 3 and 10 on more than one occasion. He hosted an antique truck show at the ranch for 28 years. In the 70's he was a county supervisor.

Dena Kirkland, Jim Giuffra and Greg Briski teamed up in 2018 to completely renovate the ranch. We are all 3rd generation Amador County residents The underling goal was to preserve as much K Ranch history and Shenandoah history as possible and share that with the public. Howard and Kay's dream for the ranch was always to share it's beauty and diverse landscape with others. This was extremely evident by all the people stopping by during renovation and sharing stories and their fond memories. We want to bring the Ranch back to life for future generations to create their own lasting memories.

We will host weddings with 3 sites to chose from. Kay's View..the highest peak in the valley with 100 mile panoramic views, Dena's Pond...Beautiful natural pond with majestic oak tree and "the Vinyard".

The vacation rental Comer's Hideout (Howard's middle name) is entirely decorated with Kirkland history with descriptions of all artifacts. It will be available for guests, corporate retreats, Horse kid camps, boy scout events etc. Mountain biking , hiking. We have a certified fire arms instructor available to teach shooting sports, Personal Chef service with Taste Restaurant, plans for archery coarse. We are one of the few vacation destinations in Nor cal where you can bring horses ( we have accommodations for them) and stay on property to ride our several miles of groomed trails down to Consumnes River and beyond onto BLM land. They can wine taste on horse back from the ranch. Not even Napa offers that. Our vineyard management will teach about farming if asked.

We run a tight ship. Before we even knew about ordinance issues our contract states no smoking no fire policy. Noise ordinance 10pm curfew. No one can rent house under 25 years of age. We have an extensive contract. We are not absentee owners. we all live close and have 2 full time owners on property. A full time rental house and our 5k sq ft building is leased to Bella Grace Winery. No one rents vacation rental with out a complete run down of how things work and an extensive contract. For wedding....all partners will be on site including our events manager.

We are offering the property rent free to Amador Co. Sheriffs dept for SWAT and search and rescue training. Our responsible property management will be a plus to A. Co. Not a negative.

Thank You, Jim Dena Greg