

# Spring Knolls News

Murrieta, CA

Happy Holidays !

December 2025

## Nothing speeds our clocks up like a very busy time

It's considered cliché to start an article referring to the weather (so much rain and much cooler temps) or for a December article to begin about how fast the year's gone by....



Sandy Vollmer  
SK president

But, gee whiz the amount of rain we've just had and how fast the year has flown by is stuff for comment.

We complain about the cooler temps and when we have consecutive 100-degree days we complain about the heat. Or, it seems like yesterday we had our summer BBQs and are now scrambling to get ready for the holidays.

And, in Spring Knolls, we're trying to get the clubhouse reopened due to a main water pipe breaking. More on that on Page 3.

Anyway, let's go on to what else is going on around our community.

**The budget.** The 2026 budget has been sent out to you. Boy, this was a tough one. Board directors began 2026 budget talks in June

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## FIRED UP ABOUT SAFETY



Photo by Ted Vollmer

**GETTING FIRE WISER:** Murrieta Fire Marshal Doug Strosnider responds to questions about how residents can protect their homes at the Nov. 8 Wildfire Fair in Eaker Hall on Nov. 8. The panel discussion drew residents from all three units. **Story on Page 6.**

## 2026 Spring Knolls spending plan

### HOA budget OK'd; clubhouse hours cut to avoid larger member dues hike

The Spring Knolls Association board has approved a relatively bare-bones operations budget for 2026 that will require a \$5 per month dues hike.

The hike will address inflationary increases in some key operating expense areas for a total 7.01% jump over current spending.

The dues increase, the first in two years, will rise to \$87 a month, or a yearly total of \$1,044.

Treasurer Sharon Kilpatrick explained at the Nov. 19 board meeting

Dues invoices, owner/resident forms mailed out; See **HodgePodge**, page 3

that the dues hike would have been \$8 instead of \$5 had the board not also acted to reduce operating hours by two hours a day starting Jan. 2.

Although the new schedule has not yet been adopted, it is likely that both summer and winter hours will change, with summer hours ending at 7 p.m. instead of the 6 p.m. closing time during the winter.

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## 2025 directors



• *President.*  
**Sandy Vollmer**  
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• *Vice President / Architectural*  
**Jan Towers**  
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**Holli Hanson**  
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**Shawnee Miller**  
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• *Director: Facilities*  
**Ron Sieber**  
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• *Director: Common Grounds, Streets:* **Debby Adelhelm**  
760 717-9876



*Director, Compliance*  
**Charlene Kirkwood,**  
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## support Leaders

• *Support Leaders to the board:* **Roberta Jiron, 951 834-2076** (parking permits, estate sales); **Lynda Miller, 951 454-9910** (monitor vacant, for sale, rental properties).

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• *SK common grounds:* **Miguel Enriquez**

• *Library Coordinator:* **Karen Jacobs**  
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*Spring Knolls Boosters president:*  
**Debby Adelhelm, 760 717-9876**

## SKA president

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and even continued them until the Nov. 19 monthly board meeting shortly before its final adoption.

It's a difficult process because board members have a responsibility to our members and to the association's management, too. Balance isn't always easy to achieve.

I want to sincerely thank our treasurer, **Sharon Kilpatrick**, and bookkeeper **Kim Eaton**, for all their efforts. I also to thank our fellow directors for continuing to ask questions, explore possibilities for the finances (thinking outside the box) and being patient during the many hours of meetings this budget process took.

**Election's over.** Meanwhile, for the first time, election by acclimation was instituted this year for the 2026 Board directors. There were five openings and five candidates, so instead of mailing out ballots and hiring an "inspector of elections," on Nov. 19, the board approved the five uncontested candidates as elected.

The new board will start its 2026 year at the Jan. 10 Annual Meeting. Then it will meet to determine positions and responsibilities.

**The gym.** The clubhouse gym re-opening is still on schedule for

Monday, Jan. 5. We're hopeful that date can be met.

At the same time, board members are curious about the level of member interest there is in the clubhouse gym. We'll be monitoring usage to evaluate whether investing in more equipment is warranted.

**Dogs off leash.** Wow, don't you get tired of hearing about this over and over again? I sure get tired of repeating myself, but it just doesn't seem to sink in because dogs off leash attacking other dogs continues to happen in our community.

And what's just as bad is that owners who let their dogs off leash are exposing their pets to injury or worse from roaming coyotes. And finally, to drive the point home, we've reminded you many times that California has mandatory leash laws and no one's exempt. And no area is exempt, except for fenced dog parks or your own fenced yard.

Enough of that, let's go back to the weather. As of this writing, Murrieta experienced record rainfall in November - 4.67 inches, which significantly exceeded the 30-year average of .78 inches. See, that was interesting, don't you think?

I hope your holidays work out for you, your family and friends. Take care, be safe. I'll see you next year or before, that's if the pipe's fixed!

## Spring Knolls Board report for Nov.19, 2025

**Approved:** By acclimation, the election of four incumbents, **Debby Adelhelm, Sharon Kilpatrick, Shawnee Miller and Jan Towers** as well as new member, **Vicki Duffy**. The newly constituted board will take office after the Jan. 10 Annual Meeting in Eaker Hall.

**Approved:** 2026 operations spending plan that includes a \$5 per month, or \$60 a year, dues increase. The budget includes no new initiatives and reflects projected hikes in various programs as well as reductions in several others.

**Treasurer's report:** As of Oct. 31, 2025: Total bank accounts: **\$683,758.06**. Total operating funds **\$185,179.52**. Operating/checking expenses: **\$275,658.07**. Reserve expenses, **\$144,680.95**. Reserve funds: **\$498,578.54**.

• The next board meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Dec. 17, 2025 in Eaker Hall.

**Spring Knolls: (A 55+ age-restricted community)**  
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951 677-6862 [springknolls1@verizon.net](mailto:springknolls1@verizon.net)

# HodgePodge

IT'S IN THE MAIL: ... Or, you may already have received your 2026 Spring Knolls dues invoice. Your annual payment of \$1,044 is due by Jan. 1, with a 10% late fee if paid after Jan. 15. The dues amount can be paid in two \$522 installments, the second of which is due July 1, or in monthly \$87 installments. Payments by check or Zelle; cash is not accepted.

Included with your invoice is a yellow copy of the 2026 owner/resident form, which must be filled out and returned by Feb. 1.



The state requires the form to ensure that Spring Knolls and other 55+ communities comply with age requirements.

The yellow 2026 form must be updated with any new information about ownership or renters, and must also be filled out and returned even if no information has changed since your 2025 form. Late submissions may result in a fine.

You also should be receiving a separate mailing with copies of the 2026 budget, an insurance summary, the HOA's annual policy statement and an invitation to get most Spring Knolls mailers by email instead of in your mailbox.

## 'Tis the Season for giving in Murrieta

Two boxes are being filled outside Eaker Hall with non-perishable food and unwrapped gifts for kids up to age 17. The contents will be picked up Dec. 16.

During the temporary water main repair closure, if you'd like to drop off donations, ring the doorbell by the double gates and someone will take the donations for you.

If you miss the Dec. 16 deadline, and you'd still like to donate, the City of Murrieta's food and toy drive will accept donations from Dec. 1 through Dec. 19. Collection boxes are at City Hall, the Community Center, Police Department, and the Senior and Youth centers.



The Murrieta Santa Stops with Santa riding on a trolley through Murrieta neighborhoods are set for Dec. 2-4, and Dec. 8-11. The event collects toys and food for area families. Visit [murrietasantastops.org](http://murrietasantastops.org) for Santa's schedule.

And, Renewing Hope Strategies is hosting a Breakfast and toy give away with Santa Dec. 20 at 41551 Date St., Murrieta. It includes photos with Santa and a holiday breakfast. Contact [office@renewing-hope.org](mailto:office@renewing-hope.org) or call 951 465-3664. See notice below.



## SK clubhouse closes after water pipe break; events canceled until repairs finished

An underground main water pipe serving the Spring Knolls clubhouse and grounds broke Sept. 23, and it's unclear when repairs will start or be finished.

Until repairs are completed the clubhouse will be closed and several weekly events canceled.

It's unclear until digging begins exactly where the pipe broke, and why, or how large it is. The pipe is believed to be more than 50 years old, and was installed when the clubhouse was built when Spring Knolls opened for residents in 1970.

Diggers Hotline was called Nov. 24, to mark utility lines since the pipe is buried. The last utility was finally marked Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 26.

Spring Knolls president Sandy Vollmer has sent a couple of *In the Know* e-mail blasts regarding the pipe break to keep you updated.

She added that the association is seeking bids on the project. As of Friday, Nov. 28, three contractors have inspected the project and a fourth is coming Monday, Dec. 1. This does not include companies who, after reviewing the project, turned it down.

Until the work is completed, there is no water reaching the clubhouse except for a small emergency line. That leaves no running water for restrooms, showers or the caretaker's quarters.

Meanwhile, the chair exercise classes, the weekly prayer group meeting and any other events for the week of Dec. 1, were canceled. E-mail blasts will keep residents updated on the progress of repairs.

## A Q&A on Spring Knolls' 2026 budget

**Editor's note:** Below is a Question and Answer breakdown of the recently adopted 2026 Spring Knolls budget. On Page 5 is a graphic with more details. If you have questions about either, please contact Treasurer Sharon Kilpatrick at 951 385-7800.

### ***Q. What will be the monthly dues starting in January?***

A. Annual dues for 2026 will be \$1,044. For those on a monthly dues plan, the amount will be \$87 per month.

### ***Q. Is this higher than 2025?***

A. Yes, this reflects a \$5-a-month increase. After a thorough review of projected increases and reductions there was a net increase to the budget of \$22,250 for 2026. The dues hike offsets the budget net increase.

### ***Q. Could the hike have been larger?***

A. The dues increase size helps meet the association's spending projections for 2026. The board had considered that dues be raised by \$8 a month, but decided against that in favor of trimming or reallocating operating costs to keep the increase at \$5 monthly.

### ***Q. What were our largest cost increases?***

A. There were three areas/categories of expenses that markedly increased in the overall budget.

The largest two were (1) Payroll (3 employees), (2) Utilities (electricity) and (3) Administrative. Our labor attorney reviewed and corrected our caretaker contract so that the Association and the employees are legally compliant. This included payroll and compliance corrections which resulted in an increase in payroll. As for utilities, we researched cost projections for 2026 and the most significant was for electricity, with hikes ranging from 12% to 18% across the nation. There

was also an increase in administrative costs due to rising fees for association attorneys, CPA & Reserve Consultants.

### ***Q. What were the main expenses cut (reduced) for 2026? How were we able to cut (reduce) them?***

A. We compiled and worked through the "actual costs" of all operating cost centers for the past several years. We then compared actual costs to each year's budget and looked to identify where costs could be reallocated or reduced.

The largest reallocation for 2026 is a \$12,000 cut in the facilities budget, from \$30,000 this year to \$18,000 in 2026. The facilities budget covers all components of common grounds inclusive of maintenance, repairs, pest control and security. Besides facilities, reallocations were also made in Office, Landscaping, Insurance and Tax expenses.

### ***Q. So, how much larger is the 2026 budget than this year's?***

A. After all reductions and increases are factored, the operating budget will increase by only 7.01%, to \$339,750.

### ***Q. Will that be enough?***

A. No one ever knows exactly what the future holds. However, we spent considerable time analyzing past spending and projected cost increases. We're confident we can address any emergencies that might arise.

### ***Q. What changes will there be in our reserve account?***

A. The annual OPERATING budget will deposit the \$80,000 (Allocation/Funding) to our RESERVE account. The Reserve account funds cover those expenditures which either replace a common area component or extends the "life" of that component, i.e., streets, roof, etc.

## Budget

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The unanimous board vote came after the treasurer and bookkeeper, Kim Eaton, examined years of HOA expenses.

The entire Board also met numerous times to review and discuss the association's needs and projected costs for 2026. All nine board members brainstormed ways to trim the budget.

In addition to reduced clubhouse hours, cuts were also made in facilities, landscaping, office supplies and services and insurance.

Sharon indicated there is no fat in the spending plan but if an emergency arises there is flexibility in shifting allocations to meet unexpected needs.

A copy of the adopted budget is on Page 5, and a Q&A budget rundown appears elsewhere on this page.

The budget was adopted the same night the board's 2026 director candidates were approved by acclimation. Because there were only five director candidates for five open seats, a regular election was ruled unnecessary under a new procedure adopted last summer.

This is the first time the acclimation steps were used, and it resulted in savings in printing, mailing and the cost of hiring an independent inspector of elections.

In addition to the five board candidates approved — Debby Adelhelm, Vicki Duffy, Sharon Kilpatrick, Shawnee Miller and Jan Towers — the 2026 board will include Holli Hanson, Candy Lee, Charlene Kirkwood and Sandy Vollmer. Vicki Duffy will succeed Ron Sieber who is leaving the board after serving five two-year terms as Facilities Director.

The 2026 board will choose officers and director slots after the Jan. 10, Annual Meeting at 1 p.m. in Eaker Hall.

## *Spring Knolls Assn. adopted budget for 2026\**

Spring Knolls Association 2026 Approved Budget		Budget		
Description	2025	2026	\$60 Annual Increase in Dues	
<b>Income</b>				
4001 Assessments (your Dues) \$60 annual increase per lot	377,856.00	400,896.00	23,040.00	
4800 Cell Tower Income \$1,742.40 10% income increase	17,424.00	19,166.40		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>395,280.00</b>	<b>420,062.40</b>	24,782.40	
<b>Expenses</b>			<b>Increases &amp; Reductions ↑↓</b>	
Total 5500 ADMINISTRATIVE (Attorney, CPA, etc)	37,000.00	41,350.00	4,350.00	11.76%
Total 5900 OFFICE (Supplies, Services/Software Subscription, etc)	15,000.00	9,000.00	(6,000.00)	-40.00%
Total 5902-1 FACILITIES (Maintenance, Repair, Pest Control, Security, etc	30,000.00	18,000.00	(12,000.00)	-40.00%
Total 5912-1 LANDSCAPE (Monthly Service, Repairs, Tree Maintenance)	38,000.00	30,500.00	(7,500.00)	-19.74%
Total 5915-1 INSURANCE/LICENSES	31,000.00	29,050.00	(1,950.00)	-6.29%
Total 5922 POOL	19,000.00	20,200.00	1,200.00	6.32%
Total 5931-1 UTILITIES (Electric, Gas, trash, Water, Phone/Internet)	82,000.00	88,800.00	6,800.00	8.29%
Total 7000-1 TAXES	7,500.00	6,000.00	(1,500.00)	-20.00%
Total Payroll Expenses (Caretaker, Bookkeeper, Relief Caretaker)	58,000.00	96,850.00	38,850.00	66.98%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>317,500.00</b>	<b>339,750.00</b>	<b>22,250.00</b>	<b>7.01%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	77,780.00	80,312.40		
<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>11,650.00</b>	<b>11,650.00</b>		
<b>Total Net Operating +Interest Income</b>	<b>89,430.00</b>	<b>91,962.40</b>		
<b>ANNUAL ALLOCATION/FUNDING TO RESERVE</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>9,430.00</b>	<b>11,962.40</b>		
Total of budget increases & decreases nets to a budget increase of \$22,250.00				

\*The 2026 budget was prepared by Treasurer Sharon Kilpatrick and bookkeeper Kim Eaton after research and board of director discussions, and approved on Nov. 19, 2025. Above figures in parentheses ( ) are reductions.



Rachel Hollinger, Scott Strosnider and Kit Swift (right) present safety information to the Nov. 8 Wildfire Fair in Eaker Hall. Residents from all three Knolls units attended.



## 2nd Wildfire Fair focuses on concerns about 'hardening', insurance coverage

By Alan Hanson  
SKERT Chair

SKERT held a very successful Wildfire Fair on Nov. 8. It was a required public outreach event so Spring Knolls can maintain its accreditation as a Firewise community.

Among topics she discussed, Murrieta Emergency Manager Rachel Hollinger told about 50 guests about the Genasys Protect alert system, which is what fire departments use to monitor fires. Anyone can download the Genasys Protect app for regular updates about wildfires in our area and around the country.

Murrieta Fire Marshal Doug Strosnider, meanwhile, discussed what to do if a neighbor has a dangerous fire

risk at their home that may affect your property. He suggested that you report your concerns to Code Enforcement and if that doesn't work, to call the mayor.

Strosnider also talked about the fire-risky gullies on either side of our Knolls developments and how the city was granted \$2 million for remediation, but the work has been delayed due to environmental concerns.

Kit Swift of Team-Resource Conservation District gave a presentation that included tips on making your homes safer, and a video showing how effective that can be. Identical structures were either destroyed by fire or safe depending on hardening steps taken.

Insurance broker Steve Jensen ad-

vised the Eaker Hall residents of their options if their fire coverage was canceled due to insurance industry losses such as from the tragic Pacific Palisades fire and other wildfire disasters. He said the California Fair Plan could help gain insurance protection for their properties.

In related news, Firewise notified Spring Knolls that it has approved Spring Knolls' accreditation for 2026. Remember, to ask for insurance discounts that may be available.

### What you can do to protect your home

1. Clear roof and gutters of debris.
2. Install 1/8-inch metal screens on all vents.
3. Seal any eave, siding or roof gaps.
4. Keep decks clean and don't store anything under them.
5. Replace wood fencing with noncombustible material.
6. Upgrade roofing to Class A materials.
7. Upgrade to tempered or dual-pane windows.

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## SK Booster Bits

### Final month ends with parade and hearty welcome to 2026

Please join us for a golf cart parade that begins at 5 p.m. Dec. 11, outside the clubhouse gates. If you want to decorate your walkers, wheelchairs, wagons or whatever you have that rolls, we'll love it.



**Dorothy Vaughn**  
Boosters VP

Afterwards we'll warm up with hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas carols.

A few days later, at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 16, the contents of our Toys and Food boxes for Murrieta's needy will be picked up outside Eaker Hall. This is the giving season, so please help us help others.

Then, on Dec. 31, the Boosters will be having a New Year's Eve party from 5 - 9 p.m. (midnight New York time) in Eaker Hall. There will be a delicious dinner of tri-tip with scalloped potatoes, veggies, salad, dinner roll and dessert. There also will be

#### Spring Knolls Boosters board

Debbie Adelhelm, president, 760 717-9876  
Dorothy Vaughn, v-president, 951 696-0871  
Diane Velasquez, treasurer, 951 850-8107  
Charlene Kirkwood, secretary 951 348-0042

dancing, balloons, noise makers, etc. Tickets, at \$20, will be pre-sold. Please join us for a good time and we can all ring in 2026.

We wish all our friends and neighbors a happy holiday season, and thank you for your support.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rosa Andrade  
Anthony Andrea  
Debra Baldwin\*  
John Braswell  
Leland Britt  
Esther Cale  
Rosa Cork  
Raul Cosio  
Grey Cottrell  
Clarice Diorio  
Robert Derusha  
Nancy Desmond  
Beverly Getzler  
Lorraine Graham  
Betty Gregg  
Chris Heilbron  
Stephen Herrera  
Gordon Hough

Russ Ingraham  
Rodney Kay  
John Manzke  
Vera Nedeljkovic  
Maxine Nelson  
Nancy Nicolette  
Karen Niver  
Barbara Nogueira  
Lorraine O'Canna  
Nolen Olsen  
Kathy Osborne  
Charlotte Pratt  
Carol Rishe  
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Frank Rosales  
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Ron Scott  
Skip Sloan  
Lee Sterling  
Karen Steinert  
Carolyn Tarin  
Denice Tucker  
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David Vollick  
Sandy Vollmer  
Bill Williams  
Phyllis Williams  
Martha Withers  
Betty Witt  
Jacob Wyatt  
David Zaite  
Fakri Zubek



**Don & Tami Boyer**  
**Alan & Holli Hanson**  
**Roger & Susan Melanson**  
**Sam & Rose Soria**  
**Dave Thompson & Karol Parker**

### Let's get everyone in 2026

We've tried every month to honor our residents celebrating a birthday and/or anniversary. Despite those efforts some people are unintentionally omitted because we were unaware of their special days. Please let us know if we've missed you. Text the editor at 951 502-5602 or emailing [tscjnews@gmail.com](mailto:tscjnews@gmail.com)

**Gail Elaine Caruso**  
(Feb. 1940 - Dec. 2005)  
Via Norte Vista

**Sheila R Friedkin**  
(Dec. 1941 - Dec. 2008)  
Via Amarilla

**Sylvia Leib**  
(Dec. 2016 - Dec. 2015)  
Calle de la Siesta

**Bette Levinson**  
(May 1916 - Dec. 2005)  
Calle de la Siesta

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mario Eusto Lizarraga**  
(Aug. 1924 - Dec. 2008)  
Via La Calma

**Richard William Mezin**  
(Sept. 1938 - Dec. 2002)  
Via Norte Vista

**Jose Francisco Montiel**  
(July 1916 - Dec. 2011)  
Via Princesa

**Jean Ruth Saez**  
(June 1930 - Nov. 2010)  
Calle de la Siesta

**Calvin E. Shannon**  
(Nov. 1926 - Dec. 2008)  
Via La Espalda

**Marvin David Stuart**  
(May 1923 - Dec. 2009)  
Via Escarlata

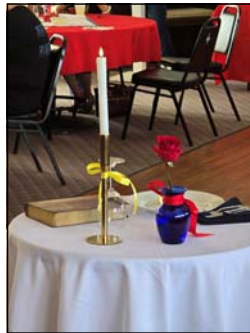
**Charles Alvey Whisner**  
(May 1918 - Dec. 2006)  
Via Princesa

# Boosters Veterans lunch draws dozens to chow down



Once again, the Spring Knolls Boosters rolled out the red carpet (make that red table cloths) to honor veterans from all three units on Nov. 12.

Serenaded by the ukulele band, the Good Time Strummers, veterans and their guests dined on ham, barbequed chicken, candied yams, corn, salad and pumpkin pie.



Photos by Ted Vollmer



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**ESTATE / MOVING SALES:** SK Estate sale, Dec. 5 & 6; moving sale, Dec. 12 & 13. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 28891 Via Norte Vista. Contact: Peter at 951 541-9755 or 951 837-9973.

**ALTERATIONS:** Need alterations? I'm right here in the neighborhood! Hems, resizing, repairs, custom tweaks — done with care. Call/text Jill Smart, 760 419-1740

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**Dear Spring Knolls Resident,**

Medicare Open Enrollment starts Oct. 15 and ends Dec. 7. Even if you're happy with your current plan, **it's important to check for any changes next year** and compare your coverage with other available options. You may save money, find better coverage, or both!

As a licensed insurance agent and Spring Knolls resident, I am here to simplify the process and my goal for you is peace of mind. Call me today to get more information.

**Sarah Human MHA; 310-980-9509**

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**FLOORING:** Hyman Elite Flooring. Vinyl plank, hardwood and carpet flooring. We're offering \$250 off any project over \$3,000. Call resident Tom Reardon @ 910 644-0434 for a free quote. and more information.

## Dec. '25: What's up in Spring Knolls & Beyond?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. <b>Canceled</b>	<b>2</b> Bible study, 10 a.m.-noon; <b>Canceled</b>	<b>3</b> Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities	<b>4</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. <b>Canceled</b>	<b>5</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. <b>Canceled</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Bible study, 10-11 a.m., Golf Knolls clubhouse Pearl Harbor Remembrance	<b>8</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Green Monday	<b>9</b> Bible study, 10 a.m.-noon Anti-Corruption Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Boosters Cart parade, 5 p.m. (see below)	<b>12</b> SK office hrs 9:30 a.m.-noon; Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Bible study, 10-11 a.m., Golf Knolls clubhouse; Hanukah begins, t (through Dec. 22)	<b>15</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>16</b> Bible study, 10 a.m.-noon	<b>17</b> HOA board meets, 9:30 a.m. Wright Brothers Day	<b>18</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>19</b> SK office hrs 9:30 a.m.-noon; Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>20</b> Int'l Human Solidarity Day
<b>21</b> Bible study, 10-11 a.m., Golf Knolls clubhouse Start of winter	<b>22</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>23</b> Bible study, 10 a.m.-noon	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve, clubhouse closed	<b>25</b> Christmas, clubhouse closed	<b>26</b> Kwanzaa starts, ends Jan. 1; Office closed	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Bible study, 10-11 a.m., Golf Knolls clubhouse	<b>29</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>30</b> Bible study, 10 a.m.-noon	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve; clubhouse closed, Boosters party	December flowers: Holly and Narcissus December birthstones Turquoise, Tansanite Months: Car Donation, National Foreign Language.		

### Open'nClosed open:

Board office hours: Fridays - Dec. 5, 12, 19. 9:30 a.m.- noon

- Clubhouse Winter hours: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Library, small pool open.
- Small pool open to all. Jacuzzi or billiards room open to adults only. Call Ron Sieber, 951 541-6276 for info.
- Eaker Hall: Clubhouse ground events need advance Board of Directors approval. Call Debby Adelhelm @ 760 717-9876 at least 2 weeks in advance.
- Dog Park, Clubhouse grassy areas: Owners must keep dogs under control and poop picked up in all areas.

### closed:

- Clubhouse: Dec. 24 & 25; Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.
- Also, due to main water pipe repair, clubhouse is closed at least through Dec. 5. Watch for In the Knolls alert update. *Water main story on Page 3.*



### Here: (Spring Knolls)

- Dec. 11: HOLIDAY CART PARADE: 5 p.m., Free. Gather in the clubhouse parking lot for hot chocolate and goodies, and a parade to see home decorations. Contact Dorothy 951 696-0871.
- Dec. 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. 5-9 p.m., Eaker Hall. \$20 per person, tri-tip dinner, dancing. Tickets, pre-sold, Contact Dorothy 951 696-0871 or Debbie, 760 717-9876. Details, page 7.

### Elsewhere . . .

- Dec. 4, 18: MURRIETA MARKET NIGHTS. In the heart of historic Downtown Murrieta on the first and third Thursday of each month, from 5-9 p.m. Local vendors, food trucks, and artisans, live music, family-friendly activities.
- Dec. 1, TREE LIGHTING, TEMECULA DUCK POND. 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Festive music, treats, Santa Claus visit.

- Dec. 5. SANTA'S ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE. 7 p.m., Old Town Temecula. Jefferson Avenue and Del Rio Road.

- Dec. 6: DONUTS WITH SANTA: 9-10:30 a.m. Free donuts for the first 500 kids. Animal Friends of the Valleys on site for pet adoptions. Murrieta Town Square Park and Amphitheater. Admission: One non-perishable food or pet item per child for first 500 kids..

- Dec. 6: TREE LIGHTING, MURRIETA. Festival of Trees and Tree Lighting, Murrieta Town Square Park, 5-8 pm..Decorated trees, families and organizations; Dessert Lane, photos with Santa. Free event.

- Dec. 7: HOLIDAY PAJAMA BINGO: Doors open 1 p.m. Vista Murrieta H.S. Gym. \$20 ticket for snacks, drinks, desserts, cash prizes. Door prize, 65-inch smart TVBus to event picks up at noon at Warm Springs clubhouse. VMHS Band Boosters-sponsored event. Leslie Larson, 760 936-5345 for ticket, bus details.

- Dec. 17: MURRIETA SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY PARTY. Noon to 3 p.m.; \$5. Food, entertainment, games, raffle prizes. Pre registration begins Dec. 1.