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Squatters try to occupy Knolls houses despite efforts to thwart them

All Knolls units see squatter issues

By Ted Vollmer, *Spring Knolls News*

Like the famous Whack a Mole game, illegal squatters have recently been popping up and down Knolls streets in vacant homes.

This article is an updated version of the one distributed to Spring Knolls homes on July 30.

One couple reported to law enforcement authorities occupied a Unit 1 home until they were evicted by the owner.

After loading a rental truck, they moved to a

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So, what can we do about squatters?



**Sandy
Vollmer**

SKA
president

Squatter: *a person(s) who unlawfully occupies a vacant building or unused land.*

Recently, your board, support leaders and the other units' respective counterparts have been looking out for squatters and underage persons trying to move into our communities.

I say "trying" since recently, due to many of us driving streets at all hours of the day and night, we've caught one or two.

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How to protect yourself, property from squatters

- Regularly inspect your property. Or, have someone inspect it for you.
- Secure all property entrances.
- Register your property with local police as vacant and post "No Trespassing" signs.
- If a squatter is in your property, call the sheriff immediately.
- Hire a property management company to check your property regularly, if you cannot.
- Keep the HOA informed of any status changes of your property.

SK election season's here

How you can help take care of Spring Knolls

The annual election process for directors of the Spring Knolls Association is underway.

There will be four positions on the ballot for the nine-member board. Each is for a two-year term.

Residents interested in seeking one of the board positions must indicate their intentions to Chris Heilbron, Chair of the Nominating Committee or at the Oct. 22 General Meeting in Eaker Hall.

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SKA President Squatters pose new challenges to Knolls

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In one case underage squatters were relocating from one unit to another. With all three boards sharing information, and then contacting the Murrieta Police, the Riverside Sheriff's departments and the property owner the squatters were removed. Unfortunately, we suspect that they're still trying to relocate within one or more of our Knolls communities.

This problem is not unique to Spring Knolls. The primary line of defense is the individual property owner, according to the law. Unfortunately, for many reasons victim owners are often unaware these home invasions have occurred or learn only after squatters are entrenched.

How times have changed.

Most of us remember as children that when someone moved into our neighborhood it was exciting, especially if kids — and new playmates — were involved. "Look, look, there's a little girl! She looks my age! Can I go meet her?" Or, "oh yuck! Just boys."

At our home, we'd make a traditional banana bread gift for any newcomers. I began making them as a youngster, having learned from my grandma from the farm who taught me to bake at a very young age.

Years later, such excitement also follows when newcomers move into Spring Knolls.

When newcomers are squatters however, that excitement immediately changes to deep concern — and even fear. The squatters clearly know they should not be breaking into vacant houses that aren't theirs. They count on neighbors avoiding a confrontation or calling police, or just looking the other way.

Your Board of Directors, however, cannot — and will not look the

other way — where squatters are involved. We expect all residents — homeowners and tenants — to follow HOA rules. And, where squatters are concerned we'll enforce the rules, and have already, as best we can, to protect our community.

While the law places the onus on property owners, squatters are clever. They choose homes they learn are vacant due to a part-time resident, one that's empty due to a death, homes in foreclosure or that are idle for other reasons. And, they often will show phony rental agreements when police confront them.

Nevertheless, it's the responsibility of a property owner to monitor or have someone monitor their vacant property. Some owners use their homes here only seasonally, or for vacation. They need someone to regularly monitor their property. What occurs on a property is the owner's responsibility whether they're here or somewhere else.

And, as required by our governing documents, owners are to ensure they immediately update the HOA on any occupancy changes. This includes times in which squatters might be in an eviction process, or renters have left.

These monitoring and reporting steps are critical for the continuation of our 55+ age restricted status and the safety and peace and quiet of our neighborhoods.

Everyone, please let's work together on this effort. If you see something that doesn't seem right call the Murrieta Police Department and make a report. Reporting something to the Board does not give us any leverage when dealing with illegal activity; and police will not file a report based on third party information or hearsay. You make the call!

Your Board is here to enforce our governing documents. The Board, in cooperation with law enforcement, can be very effective in protecting our community.

You've heard "it takes a village" here, it takes a community!

Election

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Also at the Oct. 22 General meeting, not only will candidates introduce themselves to their fellow residents, but there will be a presentation of the 2023 annual budget.

This year, three incumbents are seeking reelection, Holli Hanson, Jan Towers and Sandy Vollmer. A fourth open position does not include a current office holder.

Other directors elected this past January will continue to serve during their second year. They include Ron Sieber, Candy Lee, Shawnee Miller and Bill Williams. Jim Carmichael recently resigned from the board, effective July 12, after 5 1/2 months in office.

For the third consecutive year, California laws governing how homeowner associations conduct their elections are being followed.

The laws require a specific schedule of mail ballot notifications and events and the appointment of an outside Inspector of Elections.

For the third year, Notary Public Yvonne Ruiz will supervise the ballot count shortly before the Jan. 14, 2023, Annual Meeting in Eaker Hall.

Yvonne will then announce the election results and the new board will meet to select officers.

2023 ELECTION SCHEDULE:

- **Soon:** Nominating Committee members headed by Chris Heilbron will be contacting residents about running for the board.
- **Oct. 22, 1 p.m., Eaker Hall:** General meeting when candidates will introduce themselves to Spring Knolls residents. At the same meeting members will hear a budget presentation.
- **November/December:** Mailing packet sent to all property owners will include candidate bios and an official mail-in ballot.
- **Jan. 14, 2023, 1 p.m., Eaker Hall:** Annual meeting. Triple counted ballot results announced; new board takes office.

Squatters

From page 1

Unit 2 house. Vigilant Board members driving the Knolls streets spotted the moving truck. The Warm Springs property owner was notified and summoned police about the apparent trespassing. That was followed by another removal after Spring Knolls officials alerted the absentee owner.

However, with some determined squatters, things are not always as they appear. They may very well reappear either at their first destination or another. In other words, this problem has not yet been resolved.

Hampering the HOA are state and federal laws granting certain squatter rights. Under those laws, an HOA has virtually no rights to directly confront a squatter.

Legally, such a situation is viewed as a landlord/tenant dispute.

Therefore, the owner of the property occupied by squatters is responsible for dealing with them. That includes initiating eviction proceedings, dealing with law enforcement and, if necessary, facing HOA fines if they ignore such responsibilities.

More fines can be levied against the owner if squatters are not only occupying the property, but, in the case of Spring Knolls, breaking HOA rules about underage occupancy, noise, overnight parking and speeding.

There are ways to address the squatter issue that can avoid fines, such as maintaining communication

among the three Knolls units, law enforcement and absentee owners. Such communication can at least lead to the required eviction efforts.

The rise in squatting is due in some part to the high cost of rentals which makes a quick occupation of a home that is sitting vacant due to a recent death, foreclosure or other reason an attractive alternative to homelessness.

Laws also offer squatters strong long-term incentives to stay put in their "homes" — eventual ownership of the property. If they can show they have not only occupied the property for at least five years, but also have made improvements, paid property taxes or even rent to an absentee owner, they can apply for ownership.

While that eventuality may be rare, some squatters find clever and devious ways to take temporary possession of homes owned by someone else.

Squatters often try to fool police or nearby residents with phony rental agreements and stories that forestall eviction or an arrest for trespassing.

"It's very unfortunate for owners of the property because if the squatters are not caught within the first couple of days, it's a very costly and lengthy process to get them out," said Spring Knolls president Sandy Vollmer.

She asked residents to help identify squatter activity by contacting Murrieta police. She also advised owners to monitor vacant properties and notify the board of ownership or occupancy changes.

— HOA Director Shawnee Miller contributed to this article.

Spring Knolls Board, July 20, 2022 meeting update

Approved/Reported:

- **Set:** Oct. 22, 1 p.m. at Eaker Hall for General meeting to meet board candidates, 2023 budget presentation. Jan. 14, 2023, 1 p.m. Annual Meeting.
- **Announced:** Resignation of Jim Carmichael as Architectural Director.
- **Named:** Director Shawnee Miller to complete two-year open term, ending January 2023. Architectural Director position, open.
- **Project:** Pavement & Fencing for Clubhouse approved not to exceed \$8,750
- **Treasurer's Report** (June 2022) Total operating funds: **\$180,393**. Total reserve funds: **\$498,231**. Year-to-date NET ordinary income: **\$232,567**.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022 in Eaker Hall. All Spring Knolls Association members are welcome to attend.



By Holli and Alan Hanson

Last year's July 4 parade went over so well with the addition of many Drifters Car Club vehicles, we thought we'd do it again!

With more than 30 participants from Spring Knolls and Warm Springs, and anything from golf carts, old and new cars and pickup trucks, a motorcycle, and bicycles, we had a great turnout. There even were more than a dozen dogs and a cart from Golf Knolls.

Former HOA president /Vietnam Veteran Dennis Dillon was this year's parade Grand Marshall. Dennis and his wife, Ginny, waved from the back seat of Alan's convertible at the head of the parade, which began after Dennis led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The entrants slowly drove through the Spring Knolls and Warm Spring Knolls neighborhoods, hitting almost every street, honking our horns and



acknowledging the cheering spectators. It was a ton of fun!

We had 16 golf carts, 6 classic cars from the Drifters, 8 newer cars, two E-bikes, and a motorcycle.

After the parade, we had a free hot dog /chips/ root beer float lunch at Eaker Hall. Outside the clubhouse, the classic car and truck drivers showed off their vintage vehicles that spanned

70 years, from 1948 to 2018. The car show went on for a few hours afterward.

We're looking forward to a bigger and better parade in 2023!!

-- HOA Treasurer Holli Hanson served as parade organizer. Alan emceed the event and drove the lead car with the Grand Marshall.

13 pages of parade photos! To see them, sign up for **In the Know in Spring Knolls!** intheknowsk22@yahoo.com

Ho^{dog}gePodge

LOCKING MAIL BOXES: There was a time when mail delivered by the US Postal Service arrived on time. It still does, but sometimes, when people are stealing it from your mailboxes, it disappears without you knowing it had ever been inside. Just like you lock your home and vehicle now because of possible theft, you should consider a **locking mailbox**.

Recently, it's been reported that a man was going up various Knolls streets looking into mailboxes. If you're expecting regular checks in the mail, and don't wish to get a locking box, consider having those checks deposited directly to a bank account.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: We know that dogs love to go with you on walks, or just about anywhere. When you're walking on hot asphalt, know that even at a moderate 77 degrees air temperature, asphalt can heat up to 125. If it's 90, it can heat up to more than 140! So, walk your dogs before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m. A simple test? Place your hand on the surface. Too hot? It's then also too hot for Fido.

RENTER VETTING: An appeal to rental property owners. Please thoroughly check your tenant applications to ensure that prospective renters: 1.) Are at least 55. 2.) Will not be moving in with people under 55. 3.) Have previous rental references that you can check, and 4.) They are furnished with all Spring Knolls governing documents. If renters are found to be in violation of any rules, the HOA will be contacting property owners directly. The board may then levy fines or impose other penalties following a private session with board members.

Spring Knolls Recipe Quest

SW Chicken Soup...Sweet Italian turkey/pepper medley

Recipe Quest.

Each month, depending on the submissions of our residents, we hope to include two or three recipes that Spring Knolls residents have created or discovered, and, most importantly, are happy they did. Two appear below.

Southwestern Chicken Soup

From Karen Jacobs

"I love this soup, and so have guests at the Boosters Halloween Soup and Salad events."

Ingredients

- 1 16 oz jar La Victoria salsa verde (medium)
- 1 rotisserie chicken skinned and torn into bite-size pieces.
- 1 15 oz can black beans, drained
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 3 cans chicken broth
- 1 tsp Cumin
- 1 can white hominy, rinsed
- Handful of salad or small shell pasta
- 2 green onions, chopped
- Sour cream (for garnish)

Directions

1. Empty salsa into large stock pot. Cook 2 minutes over medium heat.
2. Add broth, water, beans, corn, hominy, cumin and pasta.
3. Cook until pasta is almost done.



4. Add chicken, and heat, stirring occasionally.
5. Serve in bowls topped with sour cream and green onions

Sweet Italian Turkey & Pepper Medley

From Cindy Woody

Ingredients

- 4 sweet Italian sausage links (1lb.)
- 1 Tb. Olive Oil
- 2 cloves garlic
- 4 Medium red/green or yellow sweet pepper cut in thin strips.
- 1 large onion cut into thinly sliced rings
- 1 14-1/2 oz. no salt diced tomatoes

- 1-1/2 tsp dried Italian seasoning—crushed.
- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan Cheese.

Directions

1. In a nonstick skillet, cook sausage on medium heat for 5-8 minutes until browned with clear juices. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and cook 10 minutes more. Slice into thin slices and set aside.
2. Add olive oil. Increase to medium heat. Add garlic. Cook 30 seconds. Add peppers and onions. Cook about 5 minutes more.
3. Add sausage, undrained tomatoes, Italian seasoning, etc. to skillet. Bring to boil, reduce heat. Simmer uncovered for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

The success of Recipe Quest is in your hands. If you have favorite recipes you'd like to pass along, email your entry and a short reason why you did to tscjnews@gmail.com or mail to:

Recipe Quest

Spring Knolls Clubhouse
38441 Via la Paloma
Murrieta, CA 92563

FRIDAY BBQ'S: A THRILL FROM THE GRILL!

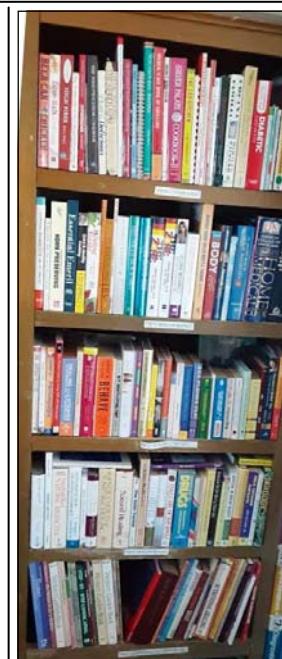
Five more this year! Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Sept. 2



THE MENU

Hamburgers	\$6
Cheeseburgers	\$6.50
Veggie burgers	\$6
Hot Dog	\$5.50
Chili for burgers / hot dog	\$5.50
Specials*	\$7
Sodas/Water	\$1

(Includes potato salad, beans, trimmings, watermelon, chips)



COOKBOOK , etc. CENTER:
The Spring Knolls gym now has an expanded library satellite bookcase filled not only with cook books but also, health books, craft books and landscaping books. These are all free for the taking. Please help yourselves.

Boosters Bits

After BBQs end, get ready for many new events!



Dorothy Vaughn
Boosters president

Hi everyone. Our Spring Knolls BBQ Season is moving right along with about a half-dozen left. (Not that we're counting down the days!).

We enjoy seeing all of you.

Right now, we're trying to plan something a little different for the last BBQ on Friday, Sept. 2!!!

Also on our agenda, we will be having our Soup and Salad Halloween party (music booked

already) so, start thinking about those costumes!! Date is Oct. 29.

See Page 5 for BBQ Menu, prices

Looking ahead, in November we'll have our Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon on Nov. 11. All veterans and partners, from Unit 1, Unit 2, and Unit 3 are our invited guests. We really look forward to this event.

Last year we were honored to welcome veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam from many branches of the military.

We're also planning a Christmas Open House Party, in December.

And, we plan to have our 2nd Hand Treasure Sale in 2023. We will keep you posted, and let you know when we can collect those "treasures"!!



Phyllis Bala
Richard Bielski
James Bronson
Julia Cabrera
Aurora Chavez
Glennis Clancy
Shirley Dudman
Don Gibbons
Jody Goodreau
Mary Ellen Guerra
Lorraine Haber
Alan Hanson

Susan Hogman
Patricia Hubner
James Johnston
Doreta Kempton
Richard Klein
Zonia Luke
Dolly Martinez
Pat Mayer
Linda North
Laura Oldham
Robert Paschelke
Tim Profitt

Mary Ratcliff
Patricia Ratcliff
Paula Raquel
Melinda Shepherd
Bonnie Skinner
Andrew Simon
Susan Steen
Tom Tapp
Jan Textor
David Thompson
Nancy Tomlinson
David Villareal



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
Bill & Mercedes Crowder
Bill & Nancy Desmond
Tim & Kathi Ellis
Bob & Lynn Kaplan
Tim & Susie Profitt
Ted & Sandy Vollmer



IN MEMORIAM

Clyde Frank Caruso
(March 1940 - Aug. 2015)
Via Norte Vista

Irving A. Drayman
(Jan. 1927 - Aug. 1998)
Via Playa del Rey

Jennie Lee Hartnett
(Oct. 1932 - Aug. 2018)
Via El Pavo Real

Betty Jean Hoskins
(Aug. 1921 - Aug. 2007)
Via Del Largo

Andrew Edward Hudig
(Sept. 1930 - Aug. 2013)
Via Azul

Jerome Jordan Lexer
(Dec. 1929 - Aug. 2006)
Via La Espalda

Marsa Lexer
(April 1942 - Aug. 2017)
Via La Espalda

Pauline V Maffin
(Nov. 1928 - Aug. 2018)
Via Princesa

Bernard McKernan
(Aug. 1929 - Aug. 2016)
Via Amarilla

Robert John Oddo
(Nov. 1929 - Aug. 2005)
Calle de la Siesta

Edward Popovich
(Nov. 1918 - Aug. 2007)
Via Princesa

Hyman Siegman
(July 1911 - Aug. 1999)
Via Playa del Rey

Karolyn Kay Stoner
(Dec. 1934 - Aug. 2016)
Calle de la Siesta

A note to readers: Since March 2021, the *Spring Knolls News*' In Memoriam section has listed the names of Spring Knolls residents who have passed away.

We feel that, regardless of when they lived here, these residents were once part

of our community and should be remembered in some small way.

We don't have the names of everyone, and will try to include those we learn about during the anniversaries of the months they died. More recent passings will be

included in a future edition as soon as we learn about them.

If you know of anyone we've missed, please email me at tscnews@gmail.com or call or text me at (915) 502-5602.

Thank you, Ted Vollmer, editor

SKERT (Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team)

Be prepared to prepare at Oct. 20 Shake-Out event with Murrieta FD

Big news from the SKERT world. We're going to have a joint Shake-Out event with Rachel Hollinger and the City of Murrieta Fire Department!

It will be on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 10:20 (10/20 at 10:20). The 10-20 (fire and police call numbers for "location") is the Unit 1 Clubhouse.

This is an annual earthquake / emergency preparedness drill put on by the Earthquake Country Alliance (ECA), and routinely attracts 10 million-plus participants in California.

We plan on having a few neighborhoods highlighted for the event, and



Alan Hanson
SKERT chair

will be setting up the first aid station at the clubhouse.

More news!

As a prequel to the ShakeOut, we will be doing a block party on a Spring Knolls street on Aug. 20, when residents will be briefed on the ShakeOut for an emergency drill. More info later.

We're still getting calls for furniture straps, please advise if you need some. The only "charge" is to get photos of the installations.

In the Know in Spring Knolls

You want to know? Sign up now!

Wow can you believe it's August? Where has this summer gone? If you're not getting "In the Know in Spring Knolls" blasts, you may be missing important information.

Or, if you were signed up and — like one subscriber — wondered why you haven't seen any blasts lately, it's because you didn't sign up under our new email address.

Intheknowsk2022@yahoo.com was created after the old address was hacked a few months ago.

With our new e-mail address I've sent out blasts for weeks to about 110 of the more than 200 homes we once served. If you aren't getting them, contact me to get back on our email list.

For two years I've reported about goings on in Spring Knolls and the Murrieta areas that affect you, and that you may not otherwise hear about.



Cindy Woody
e-mail blaster



Actual samples from July:

- Request from Murrieta Fire Department not to call 911 about fireworks going off, but go instead to www.MurrietaCA.gov/fireworks.
- Weather forecasts regarding winds, heat..
- HOA board warning about squatters in Spring Knolls, and other board notices.
- Door-to-Door solicitor scams in the Knolls.
- *Spring Knolls News*. *In the Know* distributes an online color version that includes bonus pages, like the 13 pages of July 4 photos.
- Reminder to call Murrieta PD's non emergency number, (951) 696-3615, if you see something suspicious.

So, renew with our new email address. Send me an email; include your name and Lot number. I'll send you a confirmation email once you're added.

Intheknowsk2022@yahoo.com

Area Coordinator Corner

Please welcome home visits for emergency info

Our SKERT (Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team) has a lot planned, especially in the August-October time frame, so stay tuned.

Area Coordinators or other SKERT members may stop by your home to gather emergency-related information, which will be kept confidential.

They also will be spreading the word about our exciting upcoming activities. (See Alan Hanson's article on this page.)

Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team



Ron Sieber
Area Coordinator

Visiting SKERT members will always wear a badge like those on this page, that includes their photograph.

The SKERT program is a wonderful benefit offered in our community. It promotes being good neighbors and there for you in times of need.

We hope to see you at our activities and invite you to participate in SKERT. We meet monthly on the second Wednesday, 6 p.m., Eaker Hall, Spring Knolls Clubhouse.

—Cindy Woody

Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team



Cindy Woody
SKERT CO-CHAIR

Drought calls for water conservation: What are *you* doing to help?

Leaks:

- Check your water bill to make sure you're only using water within your water budget. If not, you may have leaks.
- Check water meter before *and* after a 2-hour period when water's not being used. If the meter changes, you likely have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks with a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 15 minutes you have a leak.
- Check faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for water outside the pipe.
- **Outdoors:** Check garden hoses or in-ground irrigation systems. If hose or

connection leaks, change the washer.

- **Toilets:** replace the toilet flapper if water is running constantly after you flush. Compare the old removed flapper to a new one to make sure you have the right style.
- **Shower heads:** Most leaky shower heads can be fixed using Teflon tape around the pipe stem.
- Visit www.emwd.org/drought for a variety of ways to save water during this ongoing drought.
- Also visit emwd.org/water-supply-status to learn about how serious the drought is and what you're being asked to do.

—Source EMWD



Photo by Sandy Vollmer

BEAUTY FOR A DAY: On July 11, this Night Blooming Cactus showed off two blooms from its home along the Via Princesa gardening project. Planted by Warm Spring Knolls vice president Henry Kantrowitz, the beautiful and fragrant cactus blooms last only 24 hours. But when they show up, they put on quite a show!!

Report: Murrieta's 12th safest California city

A security product review platform has ranked Murrieta the 12th safest city in California.

SafeWise cited crime reports and other demographic information to reach the rankings.

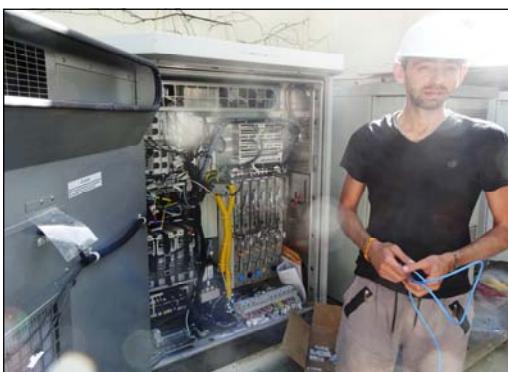
The state's safest city is Danville, according to the firm's report which considered violent and property crime numbers. Danville was also No. 1 in California last year.

No California cities made the 10 safest cities in America list, which included 230 cities studied.

Murrieta, with nearly 118,000 people, moved up 8 points from last year when it was 20th in the state rankings. Considered were crime statistics from 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Wildomar was the only other Riverside County city to make the California safest city list, coming in #22.

T-Mobile 5G tree tower upgraded behind clubhouse



Photos by Ted Vollmer

CELL PHONE UPGRADE: For weeks, workers toiled to first expose the disguise of a cell phone tower, upgrade with 5G technology and, finally, cover it back again. The tower sits near pine trees behind the Spring Knolls Clubhouse and was originally owned by Verizon. T-Mobile now owns it. The disguise is seen as a way to blend into the scenery and to protect birds.



By Holli Hanson

Every month I'll be interviewing new Spring Knolls residents. Hopefully, one day soon we'll be able to have an in-person orientation for all of them.

Join in welcoming six new residents:

Bob Fulk, 29989 Via Magnolia, since June 15. From Vista, CA, Bob is a retired production planner. He has a son and loves gaming.

- **Randy Bennett and Gladys Bennett** (Randy's Mom), 38581 Via Escarlata, since June. From Lake Elsinore, Randy retired from retail management. He used to race motorcycles.

- **Debra Baldwin**, 28870 Via Norte Vista, since May. Debra moved to Spring Knolls from Golf Knolls.

She's an optician, and has three children.

• **Tim and Kathi Ellis**, 38561 Calle de la Siesta, since June 1. From Denair, CA, (about 15 miles southeast of Modesto) Tim and Kathi are both retired teachers. Tim is an ordained pastor.

They have three sons and five grandchildren. They both love to read, travel and be involved in their church.

*If you're a newcomer to our community and would like to be introduced in the Spring Knolls News, please call board treasurer **Holli Hanson** at (661) 972-0799. Or, if you've met a new neighbor, please call Holli with details so she can connect with them.*

Spring Knolls Free Classifieds

OAK ROLL TOP DESK: Beautiful condition with 12 drawers, two slide out platforms, inner drawers and nooks. Asking \$150 or best offer. Buyer must arrange pickup. Call Donna @ (951) 834-8133.



TWIN BED: Pillow top twin bed, with box spring and frame. Like new, used only a couple times. Chiropedic twin, 74" X 38". Asking \$100 or best offer. Buyer to arrange pickup. Donna @ (951) 834-8133.



ANTIQUE VANITY W/MIRROR: Mahogany vanity. Has some flaws, but in nice shape. Comes with original wooden caster wheels. 45" wide x 18" deep and 65" to top of mirror. Asking \$75 or best offer. Buyer must arrange pickup. Call Donna @ (951) 834-8133.



LOST CAT: "Pepper" has been missing since May 9 in the Calle de la Siesta area. She's black, very small, about 9 pounds and 2 years old. Call Marianne @ (206) 290-8803.



SEEKING 4 A GOLF CART: \$1,600 - \$2,000, 48-volt, 4 seats. Call Sandra Bright @ (951) 443-5083.

WALKER-WHEELCHAIR: Like new. Light weight; 250-pound capacity. Asking \$100. Call Diana @ (951) 677-3211.



CAREGIVER: I am an experienced caregiver living in the Spring Knolls neighborhood. I have worked for clients privately and through agencies, including IHSS (In Home Supportive Services), through the County of Riverside, where I am registered with a background check. I can provide services such as shopping, meal prep, laundry, light housekeeping, medication management, etc. Please call or text me. Call Kathy Osborne @ (661) 755-1422.

HANDYMAN: Repair appliances, yard, electric, plumbing/driving service, to doctors, store Call Steve Lopez @ (626) 622-4552

DOG WALKER: Need someone to walk your dog or do pet sitting (when you need it) right here in our community? Call Nina @ (951) 414-9554.

Spring Knolls News Classifieds

If you have items to sell, wish to buy, or you are offering or seeking a service, email your ad(s) to the **Spring Knolls News** at tscjnews@gmail.com by the 15th of the month or send a copy of your ad to **38441 Via Paloma, Murrieta, CA 92563**.

(In the Know files...)

Some scams come right to your front door

Following is an actual July 13, In the Know blast:

"My fellow residents of Spring Knolls. If you see something, say something. This includes calling the police. For example, yesterday after I sent out the alert about the guy/girls with the Social Security scam, I had over 9 people send me an email telling me they had just

come to their house. You really need to call the police before you let me know."

"First, I can't report it, as it didn't happen to me. It happened to you so you need to call right away. I am sure if all of you would have called yesterday the police would have sent a car out." intheknowsk2022@yahoo.com

COOLING CENTERS: There are two nearby locations that have opened cooling centers when summer heat rises. One is the Murrieta Senior Center, 5 Town Square, Murrieta. For seniors only, it's open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, (951) 304-7275. Also, the Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 6th St. Temecula. Open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (951) 694-6464.

HYDRATION: Thirsty? No? That doesn't mean your body isn't craving water. Dehydration can cause mental confusion; a drop in blood pressure, chest pain, a coma and even death.

Health experts suggest you drink about half the number of ounces per day as your body weight (eg. 100 ounces if you weigh 200.)

COVID UPDATE: Covid 19 and its variants continue to infect Riverside County residents at a high rate with nearly one-third of tested residents showing positive results. Other quick county facts announced July 25: There were 260 Covid patients in the ICU, compared to 222 a month ago... About 85% of seniors have received at least one vaccination shot... Since the pandemic began there have been more than 688,000 reported cases, more than 6,584 deaths; more than 68.3% residents partially vaccinated; nearly 62% are fully vaccinated. While Riverside officials say no mask mandate will happen here unless the state orders one, the Centers for Disease Control recommends that high-risk individuals wear masks indoors.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

COVIDtests.gov

Residential households in the U.S. can order their FREE At-Home COVID-19 Tests



* Limit 4 tests per household

covid19.ca.gov

What's up in Spring Knolls?

UPCOMING EVENTS ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	WHO?
Friday night BBQs	Fridays, 5 – 6:30 p.m. (Menu, page 4)	Clubhouse, Eaker Hall	Debby Adelhelm, (760) 717-9876; Dorothy Vaughn, (951) 696-0871
SKERT ShakeOut event w/ Murrieta Fire Department.	10:20 a.m. Oct. 20, 2022	Clubhouse, Eaker Hall	Alan Hanson, (714) 493-1709; Cindy Woody, (319) 239-7797
HOA General mtg., board candidate introductions	1 p.m. Oct. 22, 2022	Eaker Hall	Any board member (See list, Page 2)

ONGOING GROUP, BOARD, TEAM EVENTS

Best Years (formerly Singles)	11:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. (1st Wednesdays)	Eaker Hall	Doreta Kempton, 696-6877
Boosters	10 a.m. - noon (2nd Wednesdays)	Eaker Hall	Dorothy Vaughn, 696-0871
SK Emergency Response Team	6 p.m. (2nd Wednesdays)	Eaker Hall	Alan Hanson, (714) 493-1709
SK Board Monthly meeting	9:30 a.m. (3rd Wednesdays)	Eaker Hall	Any board member (See list, Page 2)
Bible Study	10 a.m. - noon; (Tuesdays)	Eaker Hall	Mellie Villarreal, 442-5052
Bingo	1 - 4 p.m. (2nd Thursdays)	Eaker Hall	Debby Adelhelm, (760) 717-9876

Events on clubhouse grounds require advance Board of Directors approval. Contact **Sandy Vollmer @ (951) 319-6749** at least two weeks in advance.

What's open & when

Office Open: Fridays - Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26.
9:30 a.m.-noon

- Clubhouse Hours, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Daily. Gym, library, main swimming pool, Jacuzzi (18+) billiards room. Residents must accompany guests. Masks are not required, see below. Small pool open to residents & guests 18 and younger. Large pool open to those older than 18.

To access the billiards room, you must be at least 18. Contact Facilities Director Ron Sieber at (951) 541-6276 for more information.

- Showers: Showers now available
- Eaker Hall: Open for gatherings. Masks are highly recommended by the Calif. Dept. of Health for everyone indoors.



Special thanks go to Spring Knolls residents Phillip Sayre and the estate of Donald Hutchins for their generous donations of novels, history book, cook books, health books and landscaping books. Also, many thanks to Robyn Archibald for her generous donation of hundreds of DVDs, 6 book and storage cases, two treadmills, a recumbent bike (below) and holiday decorations.



We want to thank everyone who helps. If you donate anything to fellow residents or to Spring Knolls, please let us know so we can acknowledge your generosity.

Celebrating our nation's 246th!!

Decorated cars, carts, trucks, even motorcycles join Spring Knolls' July 4 parade



(Top): Decorated carts from both Spring Knolls, Warm Spring Knolls and Golf Knolls await the signal to begin the July 4 parade.
(Right): Just before the parade begins, the Pledge of Allegiance is recited at the Spring Knolls Clubhouse..



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The reigning Grand Marshall **Dennis Dillon**

Left: Parade Grand Marshall Dennis Dillon, a Vietnam vet and the 2016 Spring Knolls president, addresses parade participants shortly before the July 4th parade begins. Behind him is his wife **Ginny** and to his right, **Alan Hanson**.

Below: Alan Hanson, and the Dillons give the camera a thumbs up as they pull out on Via La Paloma to lead the parade through Units 1 and 2 in Alan's 1971 Oldsmobile 414.



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Wheels are not just wheels when it comes to this July 4th parade

Clockwise, from Top: Tony DeMartino in his white 1964 F100 pickup Ray and Deb Clark ride the parade on their E-Bikes... Richard Hayden sits behind the wheel of his 1966 Chevy C-10 pickup that he's owned for 55 years. James and Nancy Wolf parade in their 1948 black Chevy pickup, the oldest vehicle in the paradeBill Martel joins the parade on his motorcycle ...





Clockwise, from Top: Bob and Joyce Guibord in their '67 GTO ... Kevin Conklin in his '68 Ford Pickup ... Don Barnett in his '66 Ford Galaxie .. Frank and Doria Lore in their '69 Ford Mustang ... Steve and Lorri Herrera in their 2018 Dodge Challenger.





From the Top: Cindy Woody with passengers Roberta Jiron and Rosa Andrade ... Jerry and Jan Towers in their yellow 2004 Corvette and ... Connie Power ...



Warm Spring Knolls fields 9 cart entries for July 4 parade



UNIT 2 DECKED OUT:
From top: Debbie Pfeifer (driver) Ilse Ledoux and Lorraine Sanders ... Steven Bartley (driver), Lindy Gordon, Randy and Natalie Bird, and their dog Minnie ... Deborah Peterson (Unit 1). and Nancy Misko (Unit 2) and Cody.



More Warm Spring Knolls entries: (Top): Chris Haas (driver) and Linda Haas ...
Bud and Dotty Rose ...
(Bottom left) Maxine Wagener and her pooches Oreo and Gabriel
(Bottom right) Brad Dorn (driver) and Anne Aspinall.





Warm Spring Knolls entries, Part 3: (Top) Teresa Sanchez and Artel Dyer, with Molly. (Below) Dale and Collette Allen, with Brandy.

Spring Knolls residents turn out with flags a'waving



Top: **Mary Lou Morgan** waves to residents in the back of the cart driven by **Holli Hanson** and passenger **Lorraine Haber** ... **James Dixon and Giri Gothfritch** were the first cart entries to line up ... **Betty Dutton** (driver) and **Doreta Kempton** wave during the parade ... **Judy Donnantuoni** and Marley await the start of festivities.



Top: Alan Hanson and Grand Marshall Dennis Dillon and his wife lead the parade through the streets of Units 1 and 2 as residents wave from their homes. The parade alternated cars and carts. **Below:** Parade organizer and Board treasurer Holli Hanson, accompanied by Lorraine Haber and Mary Lou Morgan, smile at residents watching the event from their homes.

**TOTALLY INTO IT:**

(Top) The most decorated July 4 parade entry was that of **Robert and Paula Raquel** from Spring Knolls. Here they await the beginning of the parade, which had more than 30 entries — carts, cars, trucks and motorcycles. (Below) Lori Miller and her flag-festooned cart was one of more than a dozen that joined the parade.





Norma Arroyo



GOLF KNOLLS
residents **Sharon** and **Dave Johnson** joined the parade in their decorated cart. It was the first time a Unit 3 cart joined the July 4 celebration in Spring Knolls.



After the parade, the celebration continued at the clubhouse with a Boosters sponsored free hot dog lunch, complete with root beer floats!!!