



Murrieta, CA

Happy New Year !

January 2026

*We're catching our breaths from '25 as we head into 2026*



Sandy Vollmer  
SK president

Well, 2025 was a busy year from start to finish, especially the finish.

The clubhouse's main water pipe broke, and as many of you know, that meant we had to close the clubhouse for a couple weeks. What a fiasco. Nearly six feet down, thick tree roots strangled and snapped the pipe right under a huge boulder. Geeeezz, what are the odds?

We also ended 2025 with a super-duper grateful thanks to Ron Sieber as he completes his

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## WHEN A PIPE DREAM BECOMES A NIGHTMARE



Photo by Ted Vollmer

**CLUBHOUSE CULPRIT:** Andrew Flores of Generations Plumbing holds a section of the water pipe that broke nearly six feet under the Spring Knolls Clubhouse grounds and led to a two-week closure while the break was located, finally unearthed, and then repaired. Tree roots had wrapped around the pipe which was buried under a large boulder. The leak forced the cancellation of numerous events. See Page 5

## Join us Jan.10 for a grand sendoff to Ron Sieber

The Spring Knolls Board of Directors invites you to help us celebrate Facilities Director Ron Sieber for his 10 years of service. We will have a luncheon and dessert at noon, Saturday Jan. 10 prior to



our 1 p.m. Annual meeting in Eaker Hall.

Ron has impacted so many in our community and given so unselfishly of his time that we want to give him a grand sendoff.

We're moving up the time to noon so we can all have lunch and dessert.



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## SKA president

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10th year on the Board of Directors. He's always been such a kind, caring, hardworking and thoughtful member of the Board as our Facilities Director. We'll miss him dearly, and at the same time wish him every happiness and the best with his new adventures.

So come and celebrate Ron with us — 10 on the 10th! Lunch, noon Saturday, Jan. 10th to kick-off our Annual meeting and celebrate Ron.

I'm sure the 2026 Board will have some new adventures of its own, too. The new Board will meet after the Annual Meeting to elect officers and determine areas of responsibility for each Board member.

Anyone who's interested in serving on the Board or running for election in 2026, we encourage you to visit the office on Friday mornings and attend monthly Board meetings. Both are great ways to get to know what projects we're working on, concerns being addressed and learn how the governing rules and guidelines impact our community.

Each year different aspects of the governing documents are worked on. For 2025, the election process was addressed. Election by acclama-

tion was approved and implemented. This process addresses the circumstance when there are the same or fewer candidates for the open positions. For 2026 there were five openings and five candidates. That meant that time, effort and money could be saved by forgoing a mailed ballot election. The Board approved the uncontested candidates in November.

The board spent a lot of time evaluating the 2026 budget to find ways to save money. Cutting employee hours to reduce the hours the clubhouse will be open; closing the large pool this winter and heating only the small one are just some things we approved to lower costs.

The income levels of our community's population over recent years have really diversified. There are those on a single Social Security monthly check; while others still have full-time jobs.

The Board is working hard to help those who are financially struggling while also keeping clubhouse amenities available and managing a 50-plus year-old complex that requires more and more repair. It will be an ongoing challenge for 2026.

I hope your 2026 is a great year for you, your family and friends. The very best to you all!

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

- The December meeting was canceled.
- The first regular meeting of the 2026 Board of directors will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 21, 2026 in Eaker Hall. This follows the Annual Meeting at noon, Jan. 10, 2026, in Eaker Hall.



On the front: Colorful golf carts assemble at the Spring Knolls clubhouse on Dec. 11 in preparation for a tour of decorated homes.

Photo by Ted Vollmer

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# Ron Sieber: His decade of service won't be forgotten

SK presidents, others who partnered with Ron bid him a fond *adios*

By Dennis Dillon

In hearing of Ron Sieber's retirement from the SKA Board as Director of Facilities I wanted to say thank you for his 10 years of care to our community.

My closest relationship with Ron began when I was President of the SKA board (2016). Ron quickly became a dear friend because he was a team player with great care and compassion for everyone.

Although there does come a time when we all step back from the daily details, our years and commitment to one another remains. I see Ron as that personal and emotional support to the next Director of Facilities. I hope the next individual will call upon his expertise.

— Dennis was Spring Knolls president from January 2016 to January 2017 after serving as board secretary



Ron is always willing to help - he has been the one person who helps me with the flag set-up every spring and fall. He's also been a fixture at all SKERT meetings and events. Ron, you're a great guy!

— Alan Hanson, chair, Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team.

Long before the Spring Knolls board approved a remodeling of our library in 2020, Ron was a strong supporter and resisted efforts to reduce its size. The entire community should be grateful.

—Karen Jacobs, SK Library coordinator



Being on the board with Ron for the last six years has been wonderful. He's that quiet soul that comes with a bright smile. Gates and fobs, that was our thing, he had knowledge and I was learning. Going to miss you Ron but I know you will stop in to see us. — Director Candy Lee

I'm sure anyone who knows Ron will say the same thing: "he is the nicest man." Ron is easy going and very easy to talk to. He never has a harsh word to say about anything or anybody. Besides volunteering for the board, Ron also volunteers for an organization called Project Touch, which provides services for the homeless. - Director Charlene Kirkwood

Ron is such a wonderful Christian man who has always treated the people around him with genuine respect and kindness. A leading example of the goodness in others that we all should aspire to be. I wish him and his loved ones many blessings in his retirement going into the New Year — April North, former Spring Knolls caretaker, who reported to Ron.

Ron is a very committed man. He loves God, his family, his community and all mankind. It was a pleasure to serve alongside him but even more so to be his friend.

— Cindy Woody, former board member and leader of Spring Knolls Area Coordinators.

By Sandy Vollmer

After serving for 10 years on the Spring Knolls Board, Ron Sieber is retiring. That sentence and that thought are hard to take in for a variety of reasons.

First and foremost, Ron has been a key board director, helping in so many ways all these years.

He's taken care of facilities, given clubhouse tours to new arrivals to our community, participated in almost every event and all Board meetings; and he's been doing all this for ten years.

That's commitment, and character, to always give back. And that's his demeanor: a kind, thoughtful and people-loving person.

He will be missed on the Board, but will continue to be loved and respected in our community.

We wish him the very best with his new adventures.

—Sandy has been Spring Knolls president since June 2020 after serving as board secretary

## Ron Sieber at a glance ...

- Spring Knolls resident: Since summer of 2015. Down sized from larger home after 28 years living in Murrieta.

- Spring Knolls board director: Since January 2016. Initially, Ron was in charge of clubhouse interior, but later took on exterior duties as well. He responded to repair and remodeling issues involving the library, caretaker quarters, board office, Eaker Hall, Jacuzzi and security gates. Conducted tours for hundreds of new residents. For years he's also been an Area Coordinator.

- Past employment: Worked for 18 years on the Apollo space program before moving to sales with Pitney Bowes.

- Other interests: Volunteer with Project Touch, helping homeless. Also served as volunteer chaplain for Temecula and Murrieta law enforcement departments.





# 2025: Happy events, police activity... and a busted pipe



**January:** The Murrieta Fire Department congratulates Spring Knolls for securing the city's Firewise designation and says it will promote it as a model for other Murrieta communities.... Volunteers armed with shovels, brooms and trash barrels launch a cleanup of Via Princesa debris,

including thousands of pine needles as part of a fire prevention effort. .... Riverside District Attorney fraud investigator Michael Stalnecker offers advice and takes questions about scams aimed at seniors in his talk during the Spring Knolls annual meeting.

**February:** The Boosters hold their first Mardi Gras dinner in Eaker Hall. Thousands of beads, dozens of masks and a happy crowd dine on Cajun fare. ... On Valentine's Day, a high speed chase through Spring Knolls ends when a suspect loses control of his car and strikes a retaining wall at Via Princesa and Via la Colina. Police arrest the suspect and the wall is repaired several weeks later. ..The HOA



board approves a standing committee, led by Treasurer Sharon Kilpatrick, to examine the Reserve Fund's use.



**March:** Firewise inspectors tour the Spring Knolls clubhouse and grounds and note a variety of steps that could be taken to harden the facility, including plugging roofing vents, removing fire risk plants and replacing the single-pane windows with dual panes.



**April:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Senior Resource Fair features representatives from more than a dozen agencies and organizations, who offer advice to about 100 visitors from all three Knolls units. ... Meanwhile, the Boosters celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of "Lady and the Tramp" with a spaghetti dinner in Eaker Hall.

**May:** The annual Friday Night BBQs open with a bang on May 30 with a near record of more than 120 lining up for burgers, dogs and the trimmings. The weekly dinner and social gatherings attracted



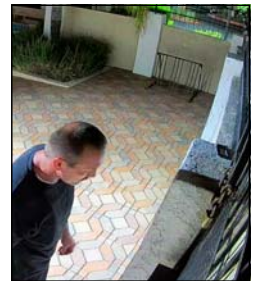
similar crowds throughout the summer, especially when specials like Patty Melts are on the menu.

**July:** The traditional July 4 parade through Warm Springs Knolls and Spring Knolls attracts dozens of flag-decorated golf carts, vintage cars from the Drifters, and bicycles. Miguel Enriquez is grand marshal and the festivities are topped off by a free hot dog lunch in Eaker Hall.



**August:** Street signs and traffic advice is offered in anticipation of a street-widening project on Murrieta Hot Springs Road between Margarita Avenue and Winchester Road. The construction, expected to continue through June, will expand capacity from four to six lanes on the road leading to Spring Knolls' two entrances.

**September:** A new surveillance system that more than doubled the cameras from an outdated one, is put to good use on Sept. 22, when cameras film the early morning trespassing of two individuals who had climbed the clubhouse fence into the pool areas. Murrieta police are furnished copies of the video and are investigating the apparent break in.



**October:** The Oct. 10 and 11 Boosters 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Treasures and



Bake Sale draws its usual crowd of bargain hunters. The next week, SKERT holds a well-attended Wildfire Fair in which safety and insurance experts answer a variety of questions about protecting their homes... And, the Oct. 25 Halloween Party is likely the best attended in years with guests decked out in costumes ranging from humorous

to original types....And, finally, five residents declare their candidacies for five board positions.

**November:** The Spring Knolls board adopts the 2026 budget that includes a \$5 per month dues increase. To avoid a larger boost, clubhouse hours are trimmed by two a day ... The Boosters' Veterans Day luncheon on Nov. 12 draws two dozen veterans and their guests.... And, the board OK's by acclamation the election of five 2026 board candidates.



**December:** An underground water pipe break shortly after Thanksgiving triggers the closure of the clubhouse for more than two weeks as repair services are lined up and identifying the location of the 55-year-old pipe is completed. The faulty pipe is finally unearthed and repaired on Dec. 12.





Photos by Ted Vollmer

**PIPES ARE BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER:** (Clockwise from top) Alex Flores from Generations Plumbing waits in an excavator as his son Andrew locates broken water pipes about 5-1/2 feet down. The break on Nov. 30 forced a Spring Knolls clubhouse closure until Dec. 13, as workers identified utility lines and prepared for the dig. (Above, right) Just some of the 55-year-old piping that was found crushed by tree roots and a large boulder. It was replaced by two-inch PVC pipe (above left). Inset shows boulder, about two feet in diameter, that rested on broken pipe. The clubhouse reopened on Dec. 13.

## HoogePodge

**DUES DEADLINE:** Don't forget that your membership dues' deadline of Jan. 1, with a 10 % late fee after Jan. 15. Your annual payment is \$1,044. It can be paid in two \$522 installments or 12 monthly payments of \$87. Payments can be made by check, money order or Zelle. Neither cash nor credit cards accepted.

**OWNER/RESIDENT FORMS:** Those yellow forms you received with your invoices must be filled out and returned by Feb. 1 to ensure that Spring Knolls remains a 55-plus community.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARKING:** To avoid impaired driving on New Year's Eve, the Spring Knolls rule against street parking without a permit between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. is suspended for Dec. 31.

**COYOTE SIGHTINGS:** We received a report that two coyotes were recently seen on Via Magnolia. So, make sure your pets are always on a leash, and supervised in your yards because coyotes can easily hurdle most fencing.

**SHARING SHELF:** The larger Sharing Shelf outside Eaker Hall has been loaded. All items are free. Donations can be dropped off next to the shelf.







**Dorothy  
Vaughn**  
Boosters VP



The Spring Knolls Boosters wish our community a wonderful 2026 and look forward to seeing you at our events.

We also welcome you to join us and offer ideas for our events and for new and exciting ones.

## Spring Knolls Boosters

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Debbie Adelhelm,<br>president     | Karen Jacobs        |
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| Charlene Kirkwood, sec.           | Sharon Kilpatrick   |
| Norma Arroyo                      | Lisa McKinney       |
| Sandra Bright                     | Lori Miller         |
| Linda Dunn                        | Lynda Miller        |
| Lorraine Haber                    | Mary Lou Morgan     |
| Alan Hanson                       | Lee Porter          |
| Holli Hanson                      | Frank Rosales       |
|                                   | Persephonie Saucier |
|                                   | Jan Towers          |

The Spring Knolls Boosters meet monthly at 10 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday in Eaker Hall. They hold events all year and help the SK board. All Spring Knolls residents are invited to join.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

|                    |                     |                 |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Guadalupe Arangure | George Larson       | Kay Schmidt     |
| Lori Bryant        | Tinarae McKay       | Jerry Scruggs   |
| Gloria Castaneda   | Carl Metts          | Dana Sickles    |
| Ed Carey           | Gisela Moll         | Pam Spence      |
| Sylvia Cervantes   | David Nicolette     | Ann Spitz       |
| Mike De Shane      | Betty Niggemann     | Evelyn Totten   |
| Robert Guerra      | Lori Olson          | Katie Turner    |
| Sonja Guerra       | Larry Price         | Tony Urso       |
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|                    |                     | Eileen Zelda    |



Roberto & Aurora Chavez  
Art Corral & Persephonie Saucier  
David & Nancy Maurice  
Rafael & Graciela Rocha  
Patrick & Karen Townsend  
Donald & Marie Whitfield

## Let's get everyone in 2026

We've try every month to honor our residents celebrating a birthday and/or anniversary. Please let us know if we've missed you. Text the editor at 951 502-5602 or emailing tscjnews@gmail.com

**Kenneth E. Callahan**  
(Aug. 1930 - Jan. 2000)  
Via Escarlata

**Richard L. Campbell**  
(Jan. 1929 - Jan. 1994)  
Via Amarilla

**Jay Gordon Hale**  
(Sept. 1921 - Jan. 1997)  
Via Escarlata

**Morris Katz**  
March 15, 1908-Jan. 2, 1981  
Via Magnolia

**Willy Theodora King**  
(March 1920 - Jan. 2013)  
Via El Pavo Real

## IN MEMORIAM

**George F. Larson**  
Jan. 6, 1928-Jan. 22, 2024  
Via Playa Del Rey

**Marvin L. Prohovsky**  
(Jan. 1931 - Jan. 2025)  
Via Escarlata

**Jesse Villanueva**  
(Oct. 1940 - Jan. 2025)  
Via la Espalda

**Harold Levine**  
(July 1917 - Jan. 2007)  
Via Playa del Rey

**Jack Alexander MacDonald**  
(June 1922 - Jan. 2009)  
Via Magnolia

**Geraldine May Moseley**  
(Feb. 1925 - Jan. 2007)  
Via Escarlata

**Theresa Claire Nunnaro**  
(May 1929 - Jan. 2014)  
Via Norte Vista

**Dorothy Tatiner**  
(Jan. 1924 - Jan. 2013)  
Via Princesa

# HAPPY NEW YEAR TO KNOLLS VETS

Photos by Alan Hanson, taken at the Nov. 12 Veterans Day luncheon in Eaker Hall



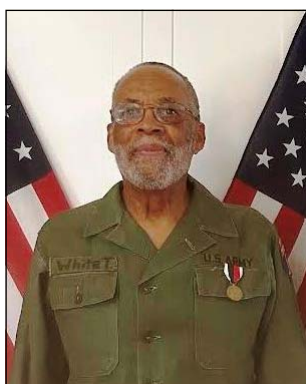
Nancy & Bill Desmond (Navy) # 1



Dennis Dillon (Air Force) & Ginny #1



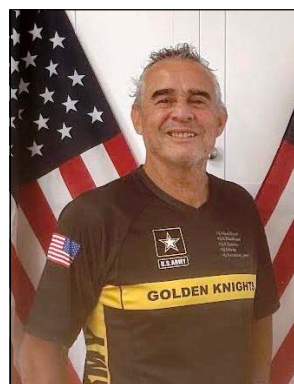
Persephonie Saucier & Art Corral (Army) #1



Tommy White (Army) #1



Diane & Sam Velasquez  
(Military police) # 1



George Osario (Army) #1



Dwane & Amparo Fields, (Marines) #2



James Sebring, (Navy) #2



George & Karen Mora, (Navy) #3



Bruce Singer,  
(Air Force) # 3



Yoka Corbet,  
(Air Force) #3



Eddie Lopez,  
(Marines) #2



Margaret & Roger Marceau  
(Air Force) #3



Bob Freiberg (Army)  
#3



# SKERT moves forward in '25 to protect residents

By Alan Hanson, chair of Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team (SKERT)



**JANUARY:** We received our Firewise designation late in 2024! We hoped this, along with Murrieta's listing as a Fire Risk

Reduction Community, would allow us to get reduced homeowners insurance rates.

Unfortunately, with the Palisades and Altadena fires insurance premium reductions would not happen. I also asked members to advise me if they were trimming trees, clearing their yard, etc. for the 2025 certification update.

**FEBRUARY:** We decided to hold another Senior Resource Fair in April with some new exhibitors.



**INSPECTION:** Firewise representatives Nicole Vazquez and Enid Arana tour the Spring Knolls grounds and clubhouse on March 19, to advise SK officials how to protect the facilities from a wildfire.

building and landscaping and soon began implementing improvements.

**APRIL:** We held another successful Senior Resource Fair on April 26 in Eaker Hall with more exhibitors than in the 2024 event and more than 100 attendees from all three Knolls units.

Michah North has been installing wire mesh on resident's homes to harden them against wildfire.

**MAY:** Due to the lack of members in SKERT, we decided to hold a membership drive. Wish us luck!

Also, Holli and I passed out a flier to residents along Via Princesa who back up to the golf course, advising them to call Code Enforcement if the golf course owners are neglecting dried brush that pose a fire risk.

**JUNE.** We held our SKERT membership drive- success! We added six new members, with several taking Area Coordinator roles. Among new SKERT members were Connie Power, Vickie Duffy, Patricia Forsythe, Charlene Uttecht, Bette Endresen, Kari Mateski, Joe Valdez and Nancy Tomlinson.

**JULY.** Patricia Forsythe and Vickie Duffy (new members and retired nurses) inspected the SKERT supply



**RESOURCE FAIR:** A representative from Michelle's Place answers questions about the organization at the April 26 Senior Resource Fair.

room. We found a number of expired medical supplies in storage, and ordered replacement items.

We also looked at the defibrillator, it was also out of date, so new batteries and pads were ordered for it.

**AUGUST:** Patricia Forsythe led CPR defibrillator training, I learned a new skill!

**SEPTEMBER:** Charlene Uttecht and Connie Power attended the recent CERT class in Murrieta and enjoyed it, congratulations!

We took all members on a "field trip" to the SKERT storage room to familiarize them with what we have. Many had never seen it.

**NOVEMBER:** On Nov. 8, we held the second annual Wildfire Fair, to satisfy Firewise requirements of public outreach to residents. Rachel Hollinger and Fire Marshal Doug Strosnider (picture to the right) spoke, as well as a home hardening expert, Kit Swift, and a rep from the insurance world, Steve Jensen. They answered all our questions and enlightened us on the latest in wildfire prevention.



**DECEMBER** No meeting was held. However, Firewise notified us on Dec. 1 that our 2026 renewal had been granted.



# New laws address cat claws, censorship, bags, immigration

## Other California laws aim to protect those with dementia, diabetes, food allergies

Following is a summary of new California laws in 2026:

- **Medi-Cal asset limit:** Starting Jan. 1, California will reinstate stricter asset limits for long-term care Medi-Cal eligibility. The state has proposed reverting to a limit of around \$2,000 for individuals, which could impact eligibility for thousands of seniors.
- **Geriatric training:** Medical professional continuing education must now include a focus on geriatric and dementia care for certain physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.
- **Dementia-related incidents:** Law enforcement officers will now receive training on responding to calls involving people with Alzheimer's, autism, or other dementias, in cases of wandering.
- **Long-term care facilities:** Improvements must be made in the provision of dental hygiene services in long-term care facilities
- **Plastic Bag Ban:** Most people used thick plastic bags only once, so they're being outlawed beginning Jan. 1. Consumers will have to buy a paper bag or use their own reusable bags.
- **Food deliveries:** Food delivery platforms like Uber Eats, DoorDash and Postmates must now provide full refunds if an order is not delivered or if the wrong order was delivered. The companies must provide service by humans if automated systems do not resolve the customer's concern, and to disclose an itemized breakdown of pay, tips and bonuses for delivery drivers.
- **Streaming services:** Starting in July streaming services are prohibited from playing ads with a louder volume than the show or movie being watched. Current FCC laws ban this on TV broadcasts, but that law wasn't applied to streaming services.
- **Home Improvement:** Property owners may now cancel a home improvement or home solicitation of goods by email or by phone.
- **Cannabis:** Incorporation of industrial hemp raw extract into food, food additives, beverages or dietary supplements unless it has a purity level greater than 99% and does not contain any tetrahydrocannabinols or synthetic cannabinoids is banned.
- **Food Allergens:** Starting in July restaurants with 20 or more locations nationally must list major food allergens as ingredients on each menu item. Examples are milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts, soybeans and sesame seeds.
- **Food safety labels:** Also starting in July, food manufacturers must use standard date labeling terminology. "Sell by" dates will be replaced with terms like "Best if Used by" for peak freshness or "Use or freeze by" for items that may spoil after a certain date.
- **Insulin cost:** Caps the out-of-pocket cost of insulin to \$35 for a 30-day supply for health plans regulated by the state of California. The law applies to large insurers while smaller health care providers must comply with the cost limit by 2027.
- **Cat declawing:** California becomes the latest state to ban declawing a cat to prevent them from scratching. Removing a cat's toe bone would only be allowed for medical reasons like an infection, disease or injury.
- **Puppy mills:** Pet sellers must now disclose the health history and origin of dogs, cats and rabbits. Prohibits purchase contracts for pets with non-refundable deposits.
- **AI Transparency.** Beginning Aug. 2, social media platforms must provide watermarks or other tools to detect AI-generated content such as text, images, video or audio. Also, any medical advice or assessment performed by artificial intelligence may not be represented as coming from a human with a health care license.
- **Phone-Free Schools:** School districts have until July to adopt policies that limit or prohibit student use of smart phones while they are on campus or under supervision of a district employee.
- **Book Censorship:** Public and school libraries receiving state funding may not restrict access to materials based on content or the author. Minors may not be prohibited from checking out books with sexual content that is not obscene in nature.
- **Minimum Wage:** The hourly minimum wage in California will increase on Jan. 1 to \$16.90 an increase of 40 cents per hour.
- **Rental Dwellings:** Landlords must provide a working stove and refrigerator if the rental contract is signed in 2026 or later. Tenants may provide their own stove or refrigerator if it is mutually agreed upon with the landlord.
- **Social Security Tenant Protection Act of 2025.** This law authorizes a tenant of residential real property to assert Social Security hardship as an affirmative defense in an unlawful detainer proceeding based on the nonpayment of rent.
- **Gun storage:** State law now requires firearms stored in the home to be locked in a safe or other secure device when not immediately being handled. Previous law allowed unsecured storage if the gun owner did not expect children to be present.
- **Immigration:** State law allows a court to appoint a legal guardian for children if their parents are deported. Such legal guardians may include adults related by blood or adoption. The act also prohibits child daycare facilities from collecting information about a family's immigration status.
- **Immigration (2)** School officials and employees are now prohibited from allowing federal immigration enforcement agents to enter schools without a warrant or court order. Schools also must notify students, faculty and community members if federal immigration enforcement officers enter a campus.
- **Immigration (3):** A patient's immigration status is now protected medical data. Health care facilities must designate private safe zones where access by immigration enforcement agents is restricted.
- **Immigration (4)** Law enforcement officers in California who are not wearing a uniform must visibly display identification that includes their agency and either name or badge number.
- **Immigration (5)** Makes it a crime for a law enforcement officer (including federal agents) to wear a mask or facial covering while performing their duties.



By Mary Lou Morgan  
SK News Welcome writer

To begin the New Year, we welcome eight new residents to Spring Knolls. Let's get to them right away, Okay?

Patrick & Karen Townsend,  
28943 Via la Espalda.

Both were born in Los Angeles and moved here from Apple Valley. Patrick was in the concrete business and Karen was a customer service rep for a large food service company.

They have 3 children, 5 grands and 7 great grands. They are huge Kansas City Chiefs fans. Patrick was in the Reserves. They are very happy they chose Spring Knolls for their retirement years.

Gary & Brenda Garrison,  
28809 Via Playa del Rey

Gary was born in Seattle, Brenda in Connecticut. They moved here from Land of Lakes, WI. Gary and Brenda served in the military doing the exact same thing, being Senior Chief in the Navy, retiring as E7's.

After retiring from the Navy they worked as contractors. Their child is a very loved dog named Axel. Gary cherishes riding his e-bike and Brenda loves her Yoga time.

John & Margarita Hewett,  
28876 Calle de la Paz

John was born in Berkeley Springs, WV; Margarita in Upland, CA.

They moved to Spring Knolls from Rancho Bernardo. John served in the Navy for

4 years, then went to work for UPS until his retirement. He then became a caregiver. Margarita was a legal secretary until their triplet daughters were born. The girls became her full time job.

John enjoys the outdoors and reading, Margarita is a great cook and enjoys playing the piano.

Tom & Valerie Gensheimer  
29170 Via Princesa

Tom and Valerie were both born in New York; Tom in Oceanside and Val in Queens. They moved here from Long Island to spend time with their grandchildren.

Tom was a general contractor, so his favorite pastime is fixing things. Val enjoys spending time with her grandchildren..

They have two children, four grandchildren and a Boston Terrier named Harvey.

## Spring Knolls *Free* Classifieds

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**OAK TABLE & CHAIRS:**  
Painted oak dining table (47-inch diameter) and four chairs. Asking \$50 for set. Call Marla @ 951 694-2874.

**NOTARY PUBLIC** (Spring Knolls resident Mary Ann Friely): I come to you. Are you in need of a reliable notary service? Have a tight schedule? I am an experienced and professional mobile notary. Easily schedule by phone: 951 401-8649, or email [maryannfriely@icloud.com](mailto:maryannfriely@icloud.com)

**REALTOR:** Paula Rodig, a Knolls resident Realtor. Call or text 949 324-5141. Stanfle Realty, DRE# 01731868.

**RIDES/ LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING:** Will provide rides to people needing to go to doctors, grocery shopping. No deep cleaning. Call Cindy @ 562 879-6988

**ROOMMATE WANTED:** Spring Knolls resident seeks female-roommate, at least 55. You would have your own bedroom and bathroom, kitchen accessibility and living room. Rent, \$650 per month. Contact Lavonne for details, 951 264-9477.

**HAIRCUTS / BEAUTY SERVICES:** Hair cut and other beauty services in your home for your convenience (female & male). I'm a licensed cosmetologist with more than 18 years' experience. Call Nancy @ 951 414-9554 .

**HANDYMAN SERVICES:** Handyman services, gardening, window cleaning, power washing, driver to local areas, etc. Steve Lopez, 626 622-4552.

**Medicare Recipients:**

Let's find the plan that fits your need!

□ Turning 65?

□ Have Medicare and Medicaid?

□ Have a chronic illness?

You've got plan options! Set up your no-cost plan review. Call to speak with a licensed insurance agent!

**Sarah Human MHA**

310-980-9509, (TTY 711 ) (M-F 9a-3p) License #0K16275



**Helping Seniors Live Independently.** My services provides a support system to maintain well being and dignity in the comfort of their own home, Cooking and meal prep; housekeeping, transportation, companionship, medication management, light exercising, medical appointments. Call Spring Knolls resident Alyson Gutierrez, 951 477-7135 or email [alysongutierrez713@gmail.com](mailto:alysongutierrez713@gmail.com)

**FREE EASY CHAIR:** We have an easy chair in very good condition but not enough space to keep it. It is free to whomever wants to come get it. Call Jim at 949 290-7071



**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.

**LIFT OR RAMP WANTED:** I live in Spring Knolls, am housebound due to constant oxygen and seeking a lift or a ramp that anyone might be selling. **Call Susan at 909 732-9033.** Any help would be appreciated.



## Jan. 2026: What's up in Spring Knolls and beyond?

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| January flowers: Carnations and Snowdrops<br>January birthstone: Garnets<br>Zodiac signs: Capricorn ( <i>through Jan. 20</i> ); Aquarius ( <i>Jan. 21-Feb. 15</i> ). |  |  |   | <b>1</b> New Year's Day, clubhouse closed; trash pickup on Friday. | <b>2</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 a.m. ; Office 9:30 -12<br><b>CANCELED</b> | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b> Bible study, 10-11 a.m., Golf Knolls clubhouse  | <b>5</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.; Nat'l Bird Day             | <b>6</b> Bible study, 10 a.m.-noon; Epiphany | <b>7</b> Orthodox Christmas                           | <b>8</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1-4 p.m.       | <b>9</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. ; Office 9:30 -noon          | <b>10</b> Annual meeting, noon lunch, meeting begins at 1 p.m.        |
| <b>11</b> Bible study, 10-11 a.m., Golf Knolls clubhouse   | <b>12</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.                            | <b>13</b> Bible study, 10 a.m.-noon;         | <b>14</b> Boosters meet, 10 a.m.; SKERT meets, 4 p.m. | <b>15</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.                      | <b>16</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. ; Office 9:30 -noon         | <b>17</b>   |
| <b>18</b> Bible study, 10-11 a.m., Golf Knolls clubhouse   | <b>19</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | <b>20</b> Bible study, 10 a.m.-noon;         | <b>21</b> HOA board meets, 9:30 a.m.; Nat'l Hug Day   | <b>22</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.                      | <b>23</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. ; Office 9:30—noon          | <b>24</b> Int'l Day of Education; Nat'l Peanut Butter, Compliment Day |
| <b>25</b> Bible study, 10-11 a.m., Golf Knolls clubhouse   | <b>26</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.                            | <b>27</b> Bible study, 10 a.m.-noon;         | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.                      | <b>30</b> Chair exercises, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. ; Office 9:30 -noon         | <b>31</b> Nat'l Hot Chocolate Day                                     |

### Open'nClosed

#### open:

Board office hours: Fridays - Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. 9:30 a.m.- noon

- Clubhouse Winter hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (January) Library, small pool open.
- Small pool open to all. Jacuzzi or billiards room open to adults only. Call 951 677-6862 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, on leash and poop picked up in all areas.

#### closed:

- Clubhouse: Jan. 1, New Year's Day.



### Here: (Spring Knolls)

- Jan. 10: ANNUAL MEETING: Noon, Eaker Hall. Open to all Spring Knolls members. Lunch.
- Jan. 8: BINGO RETURNS to Spring Knolls, 1-4 p.m., Eaker Hall

### There: (Units 2 & 3)

- Jan. 22: GAME NIGHT: (Unit 2) 5 p.m. Open to all Knolls units. Bring snack. Various games available. (Game night will be 4th Thursday of the month.) Contact: Sherry Tater, 951 536-4604.

### Elsewhere . . .

- Jan. 15: MURRIETA MARKET NIGHTS. In the heart of historic Downtown Murrieta on the first and third Thursday of month, from 5-9 p.m. Vendors, food trucks, artisans, music, family-friendly activities. Free

- Daily: MURRIETA SENIOR CENTER. Game Days: Available Monday through Friday on a first come, first serve basis. (*note: Closed New Year's Day*) Popular games include Farkle, Hand & Foot, Mexican Train, Rummy Tiles, and Screwy Louie.

- Jan. 9-11: PECHANGA POW WOW: free, three-day event hosts hundreds of tribes from across the U.S. and Canada to showcase unique styles of dance, song, and tribal traditions.

Performances, Native American food, artisan crafts, and fireworks. Location: Pechanga Summit. Jan. 9, doors open 5 p.m.; Jan. 10 and 11, doors open 11 a.m. Complimentary parking in North Parking Garage off Pechanga Parkway.

- Jan. 31, Feb. 1. TEMECULA VALLEY BARREL TASTING. Local wineries offering barrel samplings and food pairings.
- Jan. 22: COFFEE WITH OFFICIALS. 8:30 A.M., Free. Have coffee with Murrieta officials every fourth Thursday of the month. The Theater, Murrieta Hot Springs Resort.



## *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>  |                   |                   | Increases & Reductions ↑↓    |              |  |
| 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.