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ASSOCIATION - PRESIDENT - PAT PIPHER

WANTED – The Board is still looking for a *Street/Safety Director*.
Please contact me if you have an interest and want to know more
about the position.

WASTE MANAGEMENT (WM) UPDATE – Thank you to everyone who
attended the WM March 6th meeting. The Q and A clarified a lot of questions.
Many owners are receiving their first invoices from WM. The amount will be
the full amount for the quarter (March through May). Any senior discounts or
income discounts will be credited against the 2nd quarter billing in June. At some
point between now and June, you will receive a blue lidded can and all your cans
will also be switched to a smaller can. If you still have concerns call WM at
800-423-9986 for billing questions and ISAAC BRAVO, City of Murrieta, at
951-461-6449, for can distribution questions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

As soon as the Board verifies some final information from both the City and WM, a 'credit memo flyer' will be distributed to your tubes and mailed to out of area owners giving information about the amount of credit that will be issued to homeowners to apply against their ASSOCIATION fees.

REMEMBER: WASTE MANAGEMENT WILL NOT CONTACT YOU TO ASK FOR INFORMATION OR DETAILS OF YOUR BILLING. IF YOU GET THESE CALLS, THEY'RE PROBABLY A SCAM, SO BE AWARE!

STREET WORK – We received new April dates from *United Paving* for the completion of the street work. You will receive a flyer with an attached map of the work areas and the dates for each phase. Please read carefully for street closure information and, if you need your car, move it the night before the scheduled work.

RATS, RATS, RATS – This issue was in last month's *GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST* but needs repeating. We have an influx of rats. Information from the city advised this is a homeowner's problem. I know many of you are already taking preventative measures, but as a reminder, please review the list below and take action if you haven't done so already.

- Stop feeding your pet(s) outside and then leaving the food and dishes.
- DO NOT throw birdseed on the ground. Make sure the seed is in a secured birdseed container.
- Trim palm trees and other "cozy" places where rats like to nest.
- Pick up fruit that falls on the ground every day.
- Plug access holes under your homes.
- Set traps. There are numerous types available at many local stores.

SNAKES – If you find snakes in your yard, HENRY has experience in removing snakes and has volunteered to help, so please call him at (951) 202-1130.

ANNUAL TRI UNIT GARAGE SALE will be held June 8, 2024.


TREASURER REPORT – FRANK LIPPMAN
Cash & Accounts Receivable for February 2024

| <u>ACCOUNT</u> | <u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u> | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Cash Operating Funds</i> | | | |
| California Bank | Checking | \$ 278,228 | |
| California Bank | Money Market | 230,438 | |
| Petty Cash | Cash | <u>118</u> | |
| TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS | | | \$508,784 |
| <i>Reserve Funds</i> | | | |
| Charles Schwab | Checking | \$258,862 | |
| Charles Schwab | Money Market | <u>249,000</u> | |
| TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS | | | <u>\$507,862</u> |
| TOTAL OPERATING & RESERVE FUNDS | | | <u>\$1,016,646</u> |

TREASURER'S REPORT - (Continued)

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| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE | \$ 167,976 |
| DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS | 17,499 |
| THREE (3) ACCOUNTS IN COLLECTION | <u>20,165</u> |
| TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE | \$205,640 |
| | |
| Year-to-Date Income | \$ 82,842 |
| Year-to-Date Expense | - <u>71,473</u> |
| | \$ + 11,369 |

SECRETARY – JANE RECHT


 On February 20th a *Volunteer's Luncheon* was hosted by the GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION (GKA) Board of Directors. The purpose was to thank those individuals that make a difference in our community by helping with the functions and activities that go on here in Unit 3.

I know we missed people and for that I am sorry. We compiled a list of volunteers focusing on the last three years of activities. The folks invited were nominated from the ERT, COMMUNITY CLUB, WOMEN'S SOCIETY, RESERVATIONS and MEMORIAL groups. The Board also submitted names from committee groups and previous Board Members.

The agenda included a Welcome and Master of Ceremonies by PAT PIPHER. We showed a PowerPoint slide show highlighting the activities held at GKA. A lunch was served, and a dedication of a memorial bench honoring CHUCK DAVIS was presented (which will be placed within the club house area). Following, *Certificates of Appreciation* were handed out and a drawing of about 40 donated items distributed.

I would like to thank everyone who participated, helped set up and tear down the event, with special thanks to MICK HEROD for reformatting the pictures on PowerPoint and assisting with the ceremony, GLENDA SMITH, BETH HARVEY and many others including the Board who helped with the event. Also, thank you to those who submitted pictures for the PowerPoint. It takes a team, and we could not have done it without all our volunteers. Thank you!

FACILITIES/HAVEN MANAGER – ROGER MARCEAU

 This month has been a busy one...Many things have come our way as a Board and we took care of it.

- ☛ Our Meeting Room has been changed up a bit, - now sits 70 people. A Power Point presentation is being set up also to assist our community
- ☛ We have had *Bio-Tech* (our bug spray company) spray already 3 times to be ahead of the game on bug infestation.
- ☛ Our Spa in Building #5 has had an issue with a leak with the hot water. Reported to *Solar* – going to fix ASAP.
- ☛ We are still having issues with community members putting property back where they belong when finished using same. This has continued for another month – so worth bringing up again.
- ☛ Bocci Ball has been set up and the first game was played on the 18th of March with lots of fun; it's located next to the horseshoe pit.

FACILITIES – (Continued)

- ☛ The community members using the Ping-Pong Room, after leaving, the door does not need to be locked.
- ☛ I recently gave permission to Murrieta Fire Department to run exercises in and on our community facility. It had a very positive outcome with us in mind. Excellent job on our great Murrieta Fire Department.
- ☛ We have had 3 very successful events in our Banquet hall – maxed out attendance
- ☛ We will be getting ready very soon to set up our BBQ area for this year – so an all-hands operation will be called to assist in this matter soon.
- ☛ A new Pool Contract was recently agreed upon by our Board with much more understanding.
- ☛ We have a brand new lighting system for the front of our clubhouse...and we learned that it was too bright for folks across the street – adjustments made to compensate same.
- ☛ A Gym Equipment Specialist came to our gym and gave us some straight-up information and recommendations for the future, which will be discussed with the Board.
- ☛ Five women were recently appointed to my new “*Meeting Room Chair Committee*” for replacing chairs.

We are a non-stop Board that continues to work on your behalf. There is plenty going on and plenty to be had. I am now looking for a *Recreational Director* – Anyone interested, please let me know. Let's make this year a great year for great things to happen for us all. Thanks!

LANDSCAPE – VICKI DAVIS

Rain, rain, go away, come again another day! It looks like it just might, so we can look forward to Spring and weeds! Met with JERRY, Irrigation Manager to *Excel*, our Landscaping Company to check out our watering system and make sure all's up and working. We added a drip system to the Foxtail Ferns, which is helpful, no more hand watering. Am in the process of getting bids for tree trimming of the trees in the facility. Will keep you posted.

We transplanted another Crepe Myrtle from the front on Camino Alba to the rear of the parking lot and in its place is a beautiful 'Fire Stick' plant. It has vibrant colors and is hardy.

'KEEP YOUR DOG OFF THE GRASS' signs will be going up soon, if not already. In the meantime, please pick up your pet's 'accident' and be responsible to keep our facility looking wonderful.

GOLF KNOLLS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM - MICK HEROD, CO-CHAIRMAN

Make plans now to attend the *FREE SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR* coming to Spring Knolls (Unit 1) Clubhouse on Saturday, April 6, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Reservations are not required. This FREE event is being sponsored by SKERT (Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team) and will feature several tables with vendors dispensing helpful information for seniors.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (Continued)

Walk around at your own pace and indulge in a FREE hot dog for all participants. Drawings will be held, with your chance to win some prizes for FREE. Some of the tables will be manned by representatives from Riverside University Health System, Murrieta Senior Center, Synergy Companies, American Red Cross, Hospice of the Valleys, Right at Home in-home care, Habitat for Humanity (Brush with Kindness), Mint Health Insurance (Medicare advice), as well as IT advice (bring your electronics) and a Wills & Trust expert, among others. So, come on out for some FREE information and advice. You can't beat the price! Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY CLUB

COMMUNITY CLUB PRESIDENT – JEANNE NICHOLS

Happy April everyone! Your COMMUNITY CLUB has been really busy. We've got great things planned for the rest of 2024. Let's start with our March event, *St. Patrick's Day Dinner*. SANDY HARVEY and her volunteers put on a wonderful evening – from the decorations to the dessert and the dancing. The party was perfect! SANDY and her crew worked very, very hard, and it showed. The corned beef was juicy and tender and all the sides were cooked perfectly. Our own, MICK HEROD was a great volunteer DJ. His music was perfect for dancing. A sincere 'THANK YOU' goes out to all of our 'Worker Bees'.

Coming up this month, we have a *Happy Hour Trivia Night*, that's on Thursday, April 18th. More details will come in the next flyer. We do have a mini work event on Wednesday April 3rd. We're trying to lay a big carpet out and that takes more than one or two people. So-o-o at 4:00 in the afternoon, we are gathering at *The Cove* for 'happy hour' (B.O.Y.B. and any snack you like), then, we're going to give the rug a try. More than anything, it should be a lot of fun and very little work.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 10th at 1:00 PM in the Meeting Room. Come join us, we have a good time and dessert at the end. Everyone who lives up here belongs to the COMMUNITY CLUB. Not just the COMMUNITY CLUB Board votes, but the audience votes also. Please come so that you can participate in the action.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS – LINDA FULLER

Hello everyone. Please join me and welcome the following new residents to our GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION (GKA) community.

BRAD STEPHENS and VALARIE WALTON, Lot 158 PHONE: 760-705-0633
38034 Calle Amigable

BRAD and VALORIE moved from Camino Alba and now live on Calle Amigable. **BRAD** was born in Bishop, California and **VALORIE** was born in Denver, Colorado. **BRAD** enjoys traveling, golf, basketball and fishing. **VALORIE** enjoys traveling.

WELCOME – (Continued)

RANDY and JENNIFER CARTER

PHONE: 951-813-9644

29081 Calle del Buho, Lot 468

RANDY and JENNIFER were both born in Los Angeles, California. **RANDY** enjoys golf and **JENNIFER** enjoys camping. They have 2 great grandchildren.

GASTON and BETTY MANRIQUE

PHONE: 760-224-5600

38068 Calle Quedo, Lot 88

GASTON and BETTY moved here from another home in Murrieta. **GASTON** was born in Lima, Peru, and **BETTY** was born in Downey, California. **GASTON** is retired, and **BETTY** was a Postal Carrier before she retired. **GASTON** enjoys playing soccer and **BETTY** enjoys spending time with her 4 grandsons. They have 2 daughters and 4 grandsons.

Just a thought – After you read the **GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST** this month, (hopefully you do), if you see you are neighbors of one of our new residents here in **GOLF KNOLLS**, it would be nice if you would reach out, introduce yourself and welcome them; even invite them to one of our upcoming events. What an ‘act of kindness’ would that be, folks?

“Be the light in someone’s darkness”.

WOMEN’S SOCIETY – **GLEND A SMITH PRESIDENT**

Hello to All... So nice to see everyone at our March luncheon, and enjoyed the presentation by our *Murrieta Historical Society*. Lots and lots of fun facts. For April our guest speaker will be announced at a later date. Many thanks to **CHUCK DONNELLY**, and his kitchen volunteers; we simply couldn't do this without you guys and gals.

As everyone knows, our donations are collected and assistance provided to the *Murrieta Food Pantry*. The *Food Pantry* has always shown their appreciation for our community’s continued support. As directed by your **WOMEN’S SOCIETY** Board, we have decided this year, your donations will go towards assisting our *Animal Friends of the Valley*. As many of you know, they provide much needed shelter and home services for stray animals in our community. As in the past, you can find the **Donation Jar** located near the entrance, as you enter the dining area. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated.

The **WOMEN’S SOCIETY** encourages volunteers. If you or someone you know would like more information, please attend our luncheon and ask **GLEND A** or **PAM BYERS**, VP, how you can be involved. We look forward to seeing everyone on April 22nd.

COMMUNITY CLUB - (Continued)

Please contact GLORIA BACHMANN (696-8253), to notify her of any BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, illnesses or deaths IN WRITING AND place in tube at 28760 VIA DEL SOL. (No notices will be printed in the GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST without written notification.) WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY, so keep us posted. If you don't see your birthday or anniversary, please call. IF YOU ARE A NEW RESIDENT BE SURE TO ATTEND AN ORIENTATION MEETING.

GENERAL INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENT

- **ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS & GOLFERS - VISTA MURRIETA HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN BRONCOS** Instrumental Band Boosters are having their last BINGO of the school year, *BINGO de MAYO* on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM in their gym. Tickets are \$20 and include snacks, drinks, desserts, door prizes/cash prizes. The extra buy-in *Early Bird Game* that starts before Bingo paid \$200 last time; the lucky winner was from one of our Units. A school bus picks up and drops off the attendees at Unit II clubhouse; if interested, contact YVONNE at (951) 445-9379 and she will put you on her list.

Golfers can support the *Instrumental Music Band* students for their fundraiser on Sunday, May 4, 2024 for *PAR WARS* at the *PECHANGA* golf course. Entry \$250 per player includes a banquet lunch. *Format:* Scramble; *Prizes:* Low Score Team; Closest To The Pin; Long Drive; 4 Hole In One contests; \$10,000 to both winner and *VISTA MURRIETA HIGH SCHOOL* program. Contact: VMHSbandhistorian@gmail.com (Goal is to have the course closed for the event with over 25 teams of 4 registered and paid contestants.)

This is the last BINGO fundraiser of the school Year. During the football season, our GOLF KNOLLS residents, PAUL and CHRIS DASHNER handled the Varsity Football Schedule List that was most successful. It was free with lunch, bus service and exceptional hospitality. Just a reminder that the Vista Murrieta High School was voted as "THE MOST SPIRITED HIGH SCHOOL IN THE U.S." Last month they were one of 20 local schools to win the state's top education award for 2024 "The Inland Empire's California Distinguished Schools for 2024" and will be recognized at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim on May 3rd. Every BRONCO commits his or herself in a motto of CLASS: Character, Leadership, Attitude, Scholarship and Service. Help support this great generation attending this famous school that treats the Hot Springs residents royally. They really appreciate your attendance.

- **GOLF KNOLLS BINGO PLAYERS - MARTI GABRIEL**
I wish to apologize for the absence of Bingo during the month of February. We had a few things to sort out. Please take the time to read the rules as we've added a few new ones.

BINGO (Continued)

We've been lenient to some and strict with others. In any case, I apologize and with the rules spelled out, we hope not to have any discrepancies, hurt feelings, or anger issues.

NEW RULES ADDED:

- ◆ *No one under the age of eighteen (18) years allowed. If you look young, we will ask for ID – No ID – No Entry.*
- ◆ *A sleeper – is ineligible to win the prize associated with a winning pattern after the next ball has been called.*
- ◆ *Double Action Game – Daub ONLY ONE NUMBER in the square. If more than one number is daubed, then the card is VOID.*
- ◆ *Bingo is advertised as starting at 6:30 PM but you need to come earlier to buy your tickets. The doors open by 5:30 or sooner. Our doors close at 6:30 PM. NO TICKETS SOLD AFTER 6:30 PM.*

We plan on having a few additional prizes along the way. We will advertise "*Blow-Out-Bingo Month*". Bingo will resume March 28, 2024. Bingo is normally on the fourth Thursday of the month. We hope to see you there.

● **GKA NOTICES ARE CURRENTLY DISABLED – MICK HEROD**

Thanks to a new anti-spam policy by gmail and yahoo, we are PROHIBITED to send out *GKA NOTICES*, effective February 1. There is a new policy requiring ALL bulk senders to validate their website address (a.k.a. 'domain'). Since we don't have a website, there's no way to validate. We will investigate using low-cost website builders to avoid this limitation and advise.

- **RAT INFESTATION** –Snakes are a good source of rodent eradication; however, laying out some poison bait to deal with a rat problem may seem like an easy and convenient solution, but there are other issues to consider. Poison rodent baits are dangerous to pets and native wildlife that may eat the baits or the poisoned rodents. When they are poisoned, they become sick and seek out shelter where they die, infecting the environment.

An unfortunate incident occurred to one of our residents with their blood-grapefruit tree. Upon discovering a problem with the tree, a certified arborist was consulted. After extensive testing, prognosis was that the tree showed rat poison in its roots and bark. After 7 years, the grapefruit is still not edible. It took an unknown lapse of time for this to occur; but thankfully, it was discovered. Neighbors were using poison baits to eliminate the rodents. This situation could have been avoided if environmentally safe homemade bait was used. Using this method is far more humane than commercial poison rat bait; since it takes a day or two to work through slow internal hemorrhage to kill them. On the other hand, if an owl, vulture, crow, raven, cat, or other animal eats the dead rodent, the homemade bait will not harm them as they often leave the bloated stomach and intestines behind. Like humans, rats have a love for peanut butter and chocolate; here's two recipes that will send them to their ancestors:

RAT INFESTATION (Continued)

(1) Peanut butter rodent bait: Environmentally safe, homemade bait using bicarbonate of soda. Pour equal parts peanut butter and baking soda into a small container and mix well. Their inability to burp or vomit, creates an effective rodent control; it reacts with their stomach acid to foam up and release carbon dioxide gas, which has nowhere to go because they can't burp. The swelling of the stomach, which happen fairly quickly, presses down on the diaphragm muscles with control breathing, quickly causing suffocation. Since rats and mice won't eat baking soda on its own, mix it with other ingredients that are appealing to them.

(2) Chocolate Cake Mix or Brownie Mix and Baking Soda Mouse Bait Mix equal parts of cake mix and baking soda. Cut bottom section from a plastic soft drink bottle, milk carton or yogurt container or use a deep plastic jar lid. 1. Pour equal parts chocolate cake mix and baking soda into a shallow container and mix well. A few heaping teaspoons of each will make enough bait. 2. Mix can be used dry, if source water is provided, just fill another similar shallow bowl with water. This is necessary as rats and mice need to drink water if their food is dry. To use mix in a wet form, add a small amount of water at a time until it turns into a thick paste. 3. Place shallow bowl with bait along walls or between spaces where rats frequent.

*After expiring, toss the critter into a plastic bag then into your new Waste Management **TRASH CONTAINER (Gray/Brown Lid)***

- **POINT OF INTEREST** – *RATS may have a short life span but have an exceptionally rapid rate of reproduction. A female rat reaches sexual maturity after 37 to 75 DAYS old. Females are pregnant 21-23 days and can have 6 to 13 babies in each litter; young rats wean when they are 23 days old and are soon after also sexually active. Females live longer than the males and can breed throughout the year if they have access to plenty of food and shelter. A mathematician is not required to figure out how many rodents a female can give birth to in a short amount of time and what the danger that the expanded reproduction is in our area, so please use the above environmentally safe bait to eradicate these pests. Please follow PAT PIPHER'S preventive measures on Page 2.*
- **DILEMMA IN CAPETOWN SOUTH AFRICA** –An example of the importance of proper environmentally safe eradication. - An article published by *The Associated Press* on March 17, stated: “mice are breeding out of control, causing major harm... Now conservationists are planning a mass extermination using helicopters and hundreds of tons of rodent poison, which needs to be dropped over every part of Marion Island's 115 square miles which is home to nearly 30 bird species and a habitat for wandering albatrosses. If even one pregnant mouse survives, their prolific breeding ability means it may have all been for nothing. *The Mouse-Free Marion* project – pest control on a grand scale – is seen as critical for the uninhabited South African territory and the wider Southern Ocean. It would be the largest eradication of its kind if it succeeds.”

- **CAUTION** – “*April Showers Bring May Flowers*” – along with rattlesnakes. Spring is not generally the season to spot rattlesnakes but it’s reptile mating season and with unusual warm weather and abundant food supply (rodents) will draw them out, so be extremely cautious; they have the right of way – give them a wide berth. If you encounter a snake, help the ecology by calling Unit II’s favorite snake collectors and they will make sure it’s caught and released properly. **HENRY KANTROWITZ (951) 202-1130 or GLEN (951) 642-2897.**
- **DEDICATION** - How do you thank someone who has been a loyal volunteer for countless number of years and who wore many hats? Not enough words can express the gratitude we have for **LYNNE SAWYARD** who recently resigned as *Librarian*. We will miss her smiling face and wish her and her family lots of good health and welcome **LINDA ZAVALA** as her replacement.
- **MARTI’S ALERTS** – **MARTI GABRIEL**
Telephone calls can be dangerous, so be careful. They almost caught me. I received this phone call, and the lady on the other end said, "Did you receive notice about your Social Security"? Of course, I said “No”. She said they put a hold on my Social Security. Then she introduced herself and gave me all kinds of reference numbers and a phone number to call back. **DON'T CALL BACK! BOB FRIEBERG** emailed me to say he received this call that Social Security is sending out new cards, and they need an ID number to put on the new card. **DON'T BITE.. HANG UP.** Medicare never calls and asks for numbers.
- **A HELPING HAND** – **FROM PETER KOFOED**
Our new “*GKA Helping Hands Committee*” had its first meeting on March 9, 2024 in the **GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION (GKA)** Meeting Room at 2:00 PM. The turnout was smaller than anticipated based on the amount of interest expressed by residents, but we believe our numbers will increase as we continue. We asked for suggestions and objections and many ideas were brought forward. We welcome all residents who are in need of an occasional supporting hand, transportation or just a caring ear. We welcome all voices, suggestions, ideas and constructive criticism as we discover together what is possible and how to accomplish our mission. Together, we will create a mission statement and program to implement it.
The first order of business is to create an organizational structure with subcommittees that represent our goal of fulfilling community needs. We need interested individuals willing to volunteer their time to manage different subgroups that represent potential “helping hands”. Examples include: driving seniors to appointments, pickup up medicines, groceries, etc.; visits with house-bound neighbors; walking pets; helping with our new waste management policy; helping neighbors with weeds and similar property issues. Other needs will develop as we move forward.

HELPING HAND (Continued)

A new neighbor, TOM, has offered to help us set up a *Google Voice* system to centralize phone call requests for assistance. Residents will be given a number to call that will be answered by volunteers who will direct them to the proper subcommittee volunteers who are handling their specific need.

We are meeting with representatives from Units 1 and 2 to discuss their resident assistance programs and how we can work together to share ideas and resources. JANE RECHT and CAROL ARMSTRONG are researching currently available resources and potential new one. We are looking into the possibility of grants and donations from local governments and businesses.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2024 in GKA Meeting Room at 2:00 PM.

Thanks for helping us create what many residents have wanted for some time – *A Helping Hand!*

- **TRI-UNIT MEETING** - The Tri-Unit meeting hosted by SPRING KNOLLS, Unit I on Friday, March 1, 2024 was most informative. Several topics of concern by the three units were discussed, Waste Management issues, rental and possible assistance with grants for gates within the community, activities and upcoming events. (UNIT I, (38441 Via La Paloma) is holding a *Senior Resource Fair* on Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM with lunch.) JAMES SEBRING, (Unit 2 Website Coordinator) spoke about the 3 Newsletters from each Unit and Meeting Notices that he has been putting on the website since 2016. The website for all three units is: theknollofMurrieta.org. As requested, he has been putting our *GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST* without the *Birthdays, Anniversaries and Deceased* information. The website contains the newsletter of the three units and their activities with photos. JAMES was instrumental in putting this in motion and is very devoted to this project.
- **CHRYSLER** – is recalling more than 330,000 *Jeep Grand Cherokees* because of a steering wheel issue that may cause drivers to lose control of their vehicles. The recall is for *2021-2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee L* and *2022-2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee vehicles*. The *U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety (NHTS)* Administration posted that the upper control arm ball joint and steering knuckle may separate and cause the wheel to fall outward. Individuals with impacted vehicles will be able to go to dealers to have the upper control arm pinch bolts replaced for free.
- **TOYOTA** – is recalling about 381,000 *TACOMA* midsize pickup trucks because a part can separate from the rear axle. The recall covers certain trucks from the *2022 and 2023* model years. Welding debris left on the ends of the axles can cause some nuts to loosen over time and eventually fall off which will affect stability and brake performance. Dealers will inspect the rear axles and tighten retaining nuts at no cost to owners. Any damaged components will be repaired or replaced. Customers will be notified by mail in late April.

RECALL (Continued)

VOLKSWAGEN – Is recalling more than 261,000 cars in the U.S. to fix a potential pump seal fuel leak that can increase the risk of fires. The recall covers certain *Audi A3s* and *VW GOLFS* and *GTIs* from the 2015 through 2020 model years. Also included are 2015 through 2019 *GOLF Sportwagens* and 2019 and 2020 *VW JETTAS*. All the recalled cars have front-wheel drive. Dealers will replace the pump at no cost to owners. And will send out notification letters starting April 12.

GROUND CINNAMON – The *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* said that cinnamon sold in stores including the *Dollar Tree* and *Family Dollar* contains lead at levels that could be unsafe for people, particularly children with prolonged exposure to the spice. The agency urged suppliers to recall the products voluntarily. Cinnamon products included in the agency's safety alert include the *LaFiesta* brand sold by *La Superior* and *Super Mercados*, *Marcum* brand, sold by *Save a Lot* stores; *MK* brands sold by *SF Supermarket*, *Sward* brand sold by *Patel Brothers*; *El Chilar* brand sold by *LaJoya Morelense*; and *Supreme Tradition* brand sold by *Dollar Tree* and *Family Dollar* stores.

ACNE CREAMS – An independent testing laboratory said in a petition filed with the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration* to recall a variety of widely used consumer products that contain high levels of chemicals connected to cancer. Acne products from brands including *Proactive*, *Target Corps's Up & Up* and *Clinique* have elevated levels of the carcinogen. Over the past 3 years, benzene has been detected in several popular products; companies including *Johnson & Johnson*, *Unilever Plc* and *Procter & Gamble Company* have recalled products.

- **NOTIFY BOARD** – If you know that an unauthorized under-age person is living in our community, please notify the GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION Board with the resident's address so that the Board can check it out.

- **SOME HOUSEHOLD HINTS**
 - ☞ To measure honey or other sticky syrups, oil the measuring cup with cooking oil and rinse under hot water first.
 - ☞ Sprinkle vanilla wafer crumbs over the bottom crust of fruit pies to avoid soggy crust

- **AN INVITATION**

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| Unit 1 | Sat. Apr. 6 | SR. RESOURCE FAIR | 10-1PM | Free lunch |
| Unit 2 | Sat. Apr. 6 | DESSERT & GAME NIGHT | 6 PM | \$3 |
| Unit 3 | Thurs. Apr.18 | HAPPY HOUR & TRIVIA | | |

- **ALERTS – MARTI GABRIEL**

If you aren't on the *Alert System* and you have an internet email and you want to know what is happening in our neighborhood, give **MARTI GABRIEL** a call at 951-553-1259 or email her at marilynngabriel@gmail.com.

- **PROFILES – MARTI GABRIEL**

A *profile* is a short article describing a person's life, work and/or character. We are all interested in knowing more about each other, which is a way of communicating. You may feel you don't have an exciting life, but you have lived, so you have a story to tell. Call MARTI GABRIEL at 951-553-1259.

- **INSPIRATION – From LYN MARI**

A little Passover history.

The Lord's Prayer – Exodus 12:26-30

Matthew 26:18 – Jesus said "I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples...My time (to suffer and atone for sin) is near." This is called *The Last Supper*.

Read *1 Corinthians 11:23-32* and *1 Corinthians 5:7*

- **SCHEMES, SCAMS, AND FLIM-FLAM** – With filing tax returns approaching, authorities are cracking down on the estimated 10,000 people who illegally prepare returns for others. Only four types of professionals can legally charge consumers to prepare tax returns in California: attorneys, certified public accountants, enrolled tax agents and those registered with the *California Tax Education Council*. The work of unauthorized tax preparers not only can cause filers to miss crucial credits and deductions, but also put them in hot water with the government, and can trigger an audit and the outcome is not in favor of the consumer. Illegal tax preparers prey on lower-income filers who might not be familiar with tax issues and others who are stressed and distracted during the April filing rush. California, Oregon, Maryland and New York are the only states that regulate tax preparers. The IRS warns taxpayers to avoid 'ghost preparers' (someone who does not sign tax returns. Not signing a return is a red flag that the preparer may be looking to make a quick profit by promising a big refund or charging fees based on the size of the refund.

The *Internal Revenue Service* has a free program that may be able to help, the *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)* program is available if income is \$64,000 or less. To locate the nearest VITA site, call 800-906-9887.

☎ *Report an IRS phone scam at 1800 366-4484.*

☎ *For information regarding payment plan, call 1 800 829-1040*

☎ *FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION 1-877-382-4357 (1-877-FTC-HELP), 1-877-438-4338 your attorney general (www.naag.org) and your local police.*

☎ *Ask to file a written report about the incident and file your complaint at www.cslb.ca.gov or call 1-800-321-2752.*

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☺ *There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting up people.*

JOHN ANDREW HOLMER

GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)

- **TRIPS** – The *SUN CITY TRAVEL CLUB* hosts Day and Multi-Day trips; if anyone is interested in participating you can contact NYLA (951-757-6760) or DEBBIE (1-858-442-1677) between 9 AM to 7 PM. Trips will originate from Sun City.

TRIPS:

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| Apr. 2 | CARLSBAD FLOWER FIELDS/OUTLET MALL | \$ 69 |
| Apr. 8-13 | WASHINGTON DC – CHERRY BLOSSOMS | \$3499/4199 |
| Apr. 24 | VALLEY VIEW CASINO | 60 |
| May 4-15 | CROATIA & ITS ISLANDS | 4999/5499 |
| May 5 | CARLSBAD FAIRE & DEER PARK WINERY | 90 |
| May 5-8 | SEDONA, VERDE CANYON RAILROAD TRAIN | 1199/1499 |
| May 12-19 | AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES | 4099/4999 |
| May 14 | LUNCH AT IVEY THERAPEUTIC RANCH | 114 |
| May 21-24 | LAS VEGAS | 399/575 |
| May 30 | MORONGO CASINO | 50 |
| June 2 | FUNNY GIRL, SEGERSTROM ART CENTER | 115 |
| June 13 | PATSY CLINE/JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE | 132 |
| Aug. 8-13 | BEST OF CHICAGO | 2975/3655 |
| Oct. 14-22 | COSTA RICA | 2899/3399 |

WASTE MANAGEMENT ALERT TO MARTI GABRIEL – From JAMES SEBRING

PRICING

98 Gal – 3 CANS \$93/QTR

64 Gal – 3 CANS \$75/QTR (Senior Discount)

EXTRA CAN – 96 Gal = \$10; 64 Gal. = \$8

PAYMENT DUE ON 1st OF NEW QUARTER

OVERDUE AT 30 DAYS

CALL TO VERIFY SENIOR AGE 65: (714) 558-7761

YOU WILL NEED LICENSE/ID PICTURE TO EMAIL.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

ABOD Drop Off Center – The center is open on non-holiday Saturdays from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and is located at 25315 Jefferson Avenue in Murrieta (just North of Murrieta Hot Springs Road). Call 800-304-2226 for more information or visit *Riverside County Department of Waste Resources* <https://rewaste.org/murrieta-abop-and-paintcare-facility>

Waste Management (3 Can System)

GARBAGE can (brown/black)

- Polystyrene foam containers, treated wood, shredded paper, plastic toys, plastic bags, rags, cloth, rubber
- **NO:**
 - ✓ Batteries, Electronics, Fluorescent light bulbs
 - ✓ Paint and paint cans, Used motor oil & filters
 - ✓ Prescription medications

RECYCLE Can (blue/grey):

- Clean glass, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, paper cardboard, steel/aluminum food cans
- **YES**
 - ✓ Aluminum beverage cans, pet food cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum foil, cookware can be recycled, and pizza boxes.
- **NO**
 - ✓ Liquids, plastic bags (even if they are biodegradable) food
 - ✓ Plastic toys, lawn furniture, or kiddie pools
 - ✓ Polystyrene foam
 - ✓ Shredded paper, auto parts, electronics, batteries.

ORGANIC Can (green)

- Lawn cuttings, food scraps, food may be wrapped in brown paper or newspaper.
- NO**
 - ✓ Plastic bags (even if they are called biodegradable) treated wood, metal, glass or cardboard.