

Warm Spring Knolls (WSK)

A 55+ Community

June 2021

Neighborhood News

After 3 years of welcoming new neighbors, Judy is re-retiring. Thank you for all you've done, Judy!



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Check the Calendar for the next Board Meeting

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951-219-3691

From the 2021 Board of Directors

Summer is here and the question everyone is asking is: "When is the pool and spa opening?". Soon. The paver installation is nearly complete (final finishing work by the contractor is being done), and a lot of other work has to be done before we're ready. The new pool heater has been installed, the pool has been cleaned and refilled, some major replumbing, rebuilding, painting, and stucco work is still ongoing. And a lot of work is going into preparing the planters in the pool area. Nevertheless, we should be ready to open on June 15th, the same day that the state is due to open. We're also planning to hold an official Pool/Spa Opening Party tentatively scheduled for 6/26. Final announcements will be made at the 6/15 Board meeting.

As we prepare to open, the Board is considering issues such as group sizes and child-friendly times at the pool. How many family members and friends should one resident be allowed to bring into the pool area? Should there be 'adult-only' times where you can count on swimming laps, uninterrupted? And, we're still looking for volunteers to lock-up the spa building, nightly.

You Ought to Know...

WOMEN'S SOCIETY LUNCHEON NEWS – Marsha Brinker

The Tri-Unit Women's Society will be restarting the Monthly Luncheon on **Monday, June 28th at noon**. As in the past, lunch will be held at Unit 3 (Golf Knolls) clubhouse. Current members will get a phone reminder.

The Women's Society is one of the first, if not the first, clubs formed in our neighborhood during the 1970's. A small group of 7 women started meeting to exchange information, ideas, and coffee. The club has grown to over 100 women from all 3 units in our neighborhood. Our guest speakers keep us informed of community events and local charities we can help. We are very proud of the success, contributions and fun we have achieved!

So, we are inviting ladies to come see what we are all about and become new members of this great club.

If you are interested in joining us for a free lunch and a genuinely fun and informative time, please register by

calling either Doreen Delk- 909-908-7920 or Marsha Brinker-951-219-3691. See you there!!

Doggie-Doo Station

Some residents have suggested that installing a dog-waste bag / waste bin might a good idea (similar to what is at the Spring Knolls clubhouse and at Harveston Lake). The problem is: Who replenishes the bags and who collects the waste? The Board is willing to buy and install the equipment, but we need a long term solution to how it is taken care of. If you think this is a good idea and more important, if you would be willing to help take care of it, contact the Board.

It's Just a Few Simple Things

...that we need help with. You don't have to be on the board or on one of the committees to help your community. You could just do one of several simple little jobs that need doing from time to time. Nancy has put a sign-up sheet on the library table in the clubhouse. Just add your name and Nancy will call you to talk about the jobs and how you might help.

If you have an opinion, a brief article, a joke, or an interest that you would like to see in the Newsletter, send it to the editor at:

newsletter.wsk@gmail.com

2021 Volunteers

Activities

Sherry Tatar
951-536-4604
Shirley Sebring
760-522-9262

Audit Committee

Woody Smith
951-760-6133

Clubhouse Rental

Marsha Brinker
951-219-3691

Emergency Prep

Holly Martinez
559-816-0635

Library

Pierce & Norma Box
951-696-1070

Newsletter

Glenn Ingraham
951-642-2897

Senior Advocate

Shelby Price
951-461-7557

Streets/Infrastructure

Jim Francis
951-440-2215

Website

James Sebring
760-294-1122

Welcome Committee

Teri Quinn
541-788-8293
Holly Martinez
559-816-0635

Yard Maintenance Com.

Shirley Sebring
760-522-9262

From the Treasurer

— James Sebring

WSK HOA Financials - May 31, 2021

Operating Account:	\$ 60,473
Reserve Checking:	\$ 123,630
Reserve Savings:	\$ 134,478
Total Balance:	\$ 318,581

WSK HOA Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 15th
10:30 am

WSK 2020-21 Streets Project – Jim Francis

We **FINALLY** have a start date – Thursday, June 3rd at 8:00 a.m.

This will be **Phase 1**, just one day of patch repair on La Colina near Escarpado, work on the clubhouse parking lot, plus revision to the speed bump at Via Del Sol and Via Del Largo. The work on La Colina will be done only to the 'outbound' lane, but heavy equipment and trucks could cause minor delays. Please use other streets to avoid driving in the construction area. The asphalt patches will be ready to drive on the following morning – Friday.

Phase 2 will start in August and will include seal-coating to 90% of our streets - spread out over three to four days– details to come later.

Call Jim Francis if you have questions: 951-440-2215

Be Safe / Drive Carefully



Yard Maintenance Committee (YMC) – Shirley Sebring

The YMC did the May rounds on Monday, May 10th. As a result, we sent **3 Thank You letters, 13 First Notice letters, and 3 Second Notice Letters**. Considering that we have over 200 residents that was not bad! A few of those **13 First Notice Letters** have already been resolved and many more residents were seen out this weekend, beautifying their properties.

The **2nd Notice letters** are now in the hands of our Architectural Director, Rick Martinez, who will do all follow up on them.

Please note, sometimes the required yard work gets done between the time we make our observations and the time you receive the letter. **We appreciate** those of you who call and let us know that you have already taken care of the issue.

We plan to do another neighborhood drive through during the second week of June. Please remember to keep your **curbside gutters** swept and **trash bins** put back in place no later than 24 hrs. after pickup on Thursdays.

We are still looking for anyone who knows gardeners who pull weeds to give us a call. Also, if any of you would like to volunteer to help your neighbors pull their weeds, give us a call.

We want to thank you all for your continued cooperation and communication.



Murrieta Senior Center

(951) 304-7275

Police (non-emergency)

(951) 304-2677

Waste Management

(trash bin replacement)
(714) 558-7761

Dancing Days are Coming! - Marsha Brinker

It's coming. I can feel it! The music and ladies on the move! Keep your eyes open for more info. *Until we Dance Again...*

Architectural Director – Rick Martinez



Last month I mentioned how important it is that we all register our vehicles with the WSK Safety Awareness Committee, and the response has been impressive. It's all about building a safer community. We all don't see safety and security the same way; for some it's about having an active Board and good communication with neighbors, while others don't feel safe unless they see uniformed officers patrolling the streets. In the end, it's about having a sense of well-being in our community. Remember that Murrieta ranked 20th in a recent 'Safest Cities in California' survey. But, as the WSK leader of the Tri-unit Safety Awareness Committee, I am committed to helping to improve even that impressive ranking. That includes answering any questions you might have such as, "What is the point of registering my vehicle?", or "What kind of safety/security risks should we be concerned about in WSK?". You are welcome to call me at **559-816-9240** to discuss these or any other questions you might have.

Having all resident vehicles listed in the security system is important by helping us (and the police) more readily identify non-resident vehicles when investigating safety and security incidents. I would like to ask those who haven't yet registered to send me the following information:

1. Complete name-first and last
2. Correct address of your home (*I do not need the lot number*)
3. Email address (*I must have an email address to complete the registration*)
4. License plate number(s) of your vehicle(s)
5. Make and model of vehicle(s) being registered

Send me the above info by sending an email to me at wsk.murrieta@gmail.com. Be sure to put my name on the subject line. Or you can if you hand write (please print clearly) or type it out and place in an envelope. Just address the envelope to **Rick Martinez, Safety Awareness Committee-Chair**, and drop it off at the clubhouse drop-box at the entrance or drop it at the clubhouse office any Friday morning between 9-12. Thank you!

Welcome Committee

We want to give a hearty THANK YOU to Judy Raleigh for 3+ years of service



on the Committee. She organized all the materials and streamlined the packets and tirelessly welcomed new residents throughout the years. If you see Judy, please let her know how much her service has contributed to our community.

Also, please welcome this month's new residents **David Murphy** at 28810 Via Zapata and **Roddy Muños** at 38034 Via del Largo. We hope to see you around WSK!

In service to our community -
Your committee members:
Holly Martinez and Terry Quinn

I believe in
a better world
where **Chickens**
can cross the road
without having their
motives questioned

Critters R Us

Got a snake or other critter? Don't kill it! Just keep an eye on it from a distance and call or text:

Henry
951-202-1130

Glenn
951-642-2897

We'll relocate it to a safe place - FREE



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I WAS AN
HONOR STUDENT
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED

Old age is coming
at a really bad time

Senior Advocate – Shelby Price

Thankfully, our community is getting back to normal, well almost. I am not sure everything will be the same as before the days of COVID 19. We are, however, beginning to go in the right direction. **Murrieta Library & Senior Center are now open.** **City-wide events** are coming! **MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY** has reopened: Mon - Thu 10am to 6pm, Fri & Sat 12pm to 5pm, closed Sunday. Call the library at **951-304-2665** for more information

MURRIETA SENIOR CENTER - Modified hours: Mon - Thu 9am to 11am & 1pm to 3pm. Reservations required. Call 951-304-7275 or visit website www.murrietaca.gov to see a full list of activities for people 50+.

TOUR de MURRIETA: This is an official USA cycling event. The 16th annual Tour de Murrieta is recognized as one of California's most prestigious race weekends. Scheduled for June 5th & 6th, it will feature the most competitive race teams in California. Details at www.tourdemurrieta.com or (951) 304 7275.

FATHER'S DAY CRUISE N' TUNES - Saturday, June 19th. Website: <https://tinyurl.com/murrietacruise21> for more details **you must create an account & register.**

30th ANNIVERSARY: The city of Murrieta is turning 30 on **July 1, 2021** and will celebrate with a grand fireworks display. **On July 1st, 7:45pm** you should be able to see the fireworks from almost any part of Murrieta by looking towards the Los Alamos hills. **The traditional birthday bash is moving to the fall** to allow us to celebrate in person: ca-murrieta.civicplus.com (July calendar).

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WSK Activities – Sherry Tatar

Covid is winding down which means that the Activities Committee needs to be winding up. We will be getting together to gather ideas for activities on **June 3rd at 6pm** in the WSK clubhouse. We need to be ready when Riverside County and the Board say that we are good to go. We have a few activities ideas to discuss such as music night with band and dancing, Oktoberfest, and exercise classes to name a few. Come join us! Your ideas are welcome. We are always happy to welcome new faces into our group.



Our first activity will be a blockbuster celebration of the reopening of our newly decked out pool. Look for a flyer in mid-June. For more info or to talk about joining the committee, call Sherry at 951-536-4604 or Shirley at 760-522-9262.

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Auntie Em:
Hate you, hate Kansas, taking the dog.
- Dorothy

WSK Health & Outdoor Notes

- by Henry



A donation was made to allow us to get two 15 gallon trees for the common area along Via La Colina. The donator wanted to be anonymous so I will not give out his last name. But thank you very much, George. Also, an additional donation was given for three plants by Maxine! Thank you! If you ever wish to donate to purchase plants or trees for our common areas, please give me a call at 951-202-1130.

I often get asked what are some plants that rabbits won't eat. I usually suggest that the person take a look at all the plants in the community garden along Via La Colina. There are rabbits there every day, but they don't eat any of those plants or the plants in my front yard on Via La Colina/Calle de Escarpado. Many are California native plants and they have evolved so that rabbits don't like the way they taste or have hairs on the leaves to keep them away. Below is a list of many of these plants that rabbits don't like to munch on. An additional benefit is that all of these plants attract Butterflies and Hummingbirds.

These are all perennials. They continue to grow and don't die yearly. Cleveland Sage, Penstemons, Mexican Marigold, Baja Fairy Duster, Yarrow, Butterfly Milkweeds, Delphinium, Digitalis (Foxglove), Yellow Bells (Tecoma), Indian or Apricot Mallow, Bottlebrush, Rock Rose, Pride of Madeira, Mexican Bird of Paradise, Lavender, Toyon, Sugar Berry (Rhus Orvata), Coffee Berry, Mexican lobelia, Rosemary, Lamb's Ear, Woolly Bluecurls, Mexican Sage, Black Sage, White Sage, Autumn Sage, Lantana and St. John's Wort.

Tri Unit Safety Awareness Committee – Nancy Misko



Since the installation of the Flock security cameras at both the East and West gates, our tri-unit committee is looking into more safety options for the community. I have taken on the role as the Warm Spring Knolls Incident Reporter. This means that I will gather information on all incidents in our HOA that have been reported to the Murrieta Police (on official record) by our residents. This is for data tracking purposes only. I ask that if an incident has occurred that, after you've reported it to the police, contact me so I can keep a log of the occurrences. Please do not hesitate to call 911 if you see any suspicious activity in our community or if you have been a victim of any type of criminal intent. We must avoid hearsay and have all such events documented by the police. Reportable incidents gathered by all three HOAs in The Knolls will help us to focus our safety and security efforts for all our benefit. Please call me at 805-268-0523 or email me at miskonan@yahoo.com.

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"I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it"... sure!

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The Paver Adventure – from the Editor



They started by breaking up the 50 year old concrete, rebuilt the drains, brought in and leveled new sand, and installed new coping and pavers around the pool and the spa. A hard working crew!



Before

The spa building stucco and inside wall surfaces had been damaged from water and years of use. Before having it repaired, Bud and Glenn removed a door and frame we didn't need and rebuilt the wall. Then the stucco crew arrived. Now for some paint!



After



After decades of weathering, it was time for Bud and Glenn to tear out the rusted splintered pool pump room door and facade. We ground out the rust, repainted the door, painted new lumber and rebuilt the facade.



Henry and Nancy have been hard at it, digging holes in the new planters, searching for and then wrangling our new fountain into place, preparing plants and stone, and doing dozens of things to help get the pool ready for opening.



**Scruffy Says... “The will to survive – Part 2”**

The car sped along the winding road, bands of sunlight flashing through the trees as we passed. I love car rides. And usually, I'd be sitting with my nose at the window grinning madly with my tail thumping the raised car seat that Mimi and I sat in. But not today. I had too much to think about. We were on our way home from taking the bobcat kitten I had discovered to a special place that could take care of it. That was good and it should have been a cozy end to the whole thing. But I was began to realize that I didn't *understand* the story, at all. How had the kitten gotten there? I'd followed its scent, then its endless mewling to find it crawling confused and starving along the back of a vacant home in the middle of our neighborhood. It must have been alone for days before its hunger overcame its terror, forcing it to go blindly searching, calling in desperation for its mother. Where was its mother? That was of course my first question when I saw the pathetic little thing. The last thing I wanted was for mama bobcat to come around the corner and find me anywhere near her bawling kitten. So, I had sat and watched as it crawled and cried. And with every little whimper I felt my clenched teeth tighten a little more and my melting heart break a little further. Then I realized that it's blundering crawl was taking it too near a nasty hole with who knew what horrors creeping around in the bottom. I bolted to the kitten and nudged it with my nose away from the hole. It seemed oblivious and just crawled in the other direction, mewling non-stop. I lay with my chin on my paws watching, wondering what to do. “Took you long enough”, said a raspy voice. I flew to my feet, turning in mid-air to find a familiar, but still quite scary figure sitting nearby, calmly regarding me. “I thought for sure that you were going to sit there until it tumbled into that hole”, Old Tom said. His tail swished in slow swirls behind him then curled around his paws.

“Oh. Heh heh. Mr. Old Tom”, I stammered, stepping back a bit. “Good. You're here. That's good.” I felt like an idiot yes, but a scared idiot who wanted to be breathing when I got home later. Nobody messed with Old Tom. Actually, no one wanted to be even noticed by him. So, I showed respect. It probably looked a lot more like groveling. But who was watching? “Wait”, I said, forgetting to be terrified for a moment as a thought occurred to me. “You were watching me watch the kitten? Why?”

“Yes”, he said, cocking his head to regard me more seriously. “I had to be certain.”

“Of what?”

“Of you.” He stood and arched his back, then thrust his front legs out towards me in a deep stretch, extending his massive sharp claws out into the open for full effect. I gulped. He smiled. “You've been named Protector by someone who does not make mistakes. I just had to be sure.”

“Ohhhkayyy. Now that we've got that cleared up, and since you're here and can deal with that”, I nodded at the mewling clambering kitten, “I'll just be going. Got a lot to do, you know”. I began to edge away. He growled. I stopped.

“Do you see teats on me, fleabag? Besides, there's nothing I can do here.” He started to walk away, then stopped. He half turned to look at me out of the corner of his eye. “Besides, you're the one that's been named. So. Start protecting.” He disappeared into the lengthening shadows.

I sat stunned. What had just happened? And why did he leave? Old Tom is a cat. Yes, an old tough battered male cat. But still a cat. He should have stayed and done some kind of cat-thing. Surely, he would know what had to be done for the little... “Yikes!” I leapt into air, turning a complete circle as I looked for the kitten. I couldn't see it! And I couldn't hear its cries, either. “Oh, great work Protector”, I said to myself. I scampered around the little yard, searching crevices and hidey places. “One little helpless kitten to take care of and you lost it? Already?!” I learned long ago that if you're not your own biggest critic, someone else will gladly be. Then I realized that I hadn't looked in the hole. I began to get really scared. I turned to race back to the hole and stopped. What was that sound that I'd been hearing the last few minutes. Familiar. Yes. Purring. But where...? I closed my eyes and let my ears tell me the way to go, following the sound around a corner. There. Nestled into a shallow hollow under a bush was a shadow within a shadow. Sleek and black as the darkest night, Zsazy lay curled around the quietly sleeping bobcat kitten. Zsazy looked up at me with a certain kind of look... contented, comforting, but tinged with alarm. She leaned over the kitten and let a few drops of her kitty saliva drip onto the kitten's lips. It lapped at the moisture eagerly, even in its sleep. I stared. How did she... Where did she...

“Don't just stand there”, she hissed under her breath. “I can't do this forever. Go get help!”

“Help. Right. Uhhmm.” I stood rooted to the spot, unsure what to do.

“Your person?!”, she said slowly, as if explaining something simple to... yes. To an idiot. I turned and ran for home.

(to be continued)

Major activities are currently suspended until at least the 15th

WSK Clubhouse Calendar

June 2021

We're on the Internet!
www.theknollofmurrieta.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	5
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



Flag Day

WSK Board Meeting
10:30 am
Opening Day?!

Trash & Recycle

Trash Day

Trash & Recycle Board Office
Hours 9-12
James Sebring

Board Office
Hours 9-12
Nancy Misko

Board Office
Hours 9-12
James Sebring

Father's Day
Summer Solstice

Trash Day

Board Office
Hours 9-12
Henry Kantrowitz

Pool Opening Party?

June Birthstone
Pearl, Alexandrite
June Flower
Honeysuckle

