

Neighborhood News

Bud's Skeleton Crew Keeps Watch on the Neighborhood from the Bench



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From the 2021 Board of Directors

Hopefully, you had the chance to hear from Murrieta Mayor Scott Vinton and Mayor Pro-Tem Christie White when they visited our clubhouse in mid-October. They fielded questions ranging from street improvements, the Bible College sale, and growth plans in the area. Mayor Scott will be leaving his position at the end of the year, but Mayor Pro-Tem Christie offered that she would be delighted to visit with us again. Maybe in early 2022? Following their visit, we held the October General meeting. One of the topics we covered is the importance of effective management of our HOA. We're lucky to have the talent on this and on previous boards to do the job right, but now we have a chance to do it even better. Check out the article inside on the new mgmt program.

Please join us in thanking Marsha Brinker for her service on the board as Keys & Calendar. She has stepped down and will be missed. Fortunately, Terry Quinn has agreed to be appointed to the position. Also, we're glad to welcome WSK resident David Murphy to the audit committee. Thanks Terry and David!

You Ought to Know...

The Latest Scam

We normally don't print every scam that comes along, but this one... watch out. As usual, it starts with a phone call. Of course, the best defense is to let calls you don't recognize go straight to voicemail. But if the caller ID says it's your bank, then you're likely to answer it. In this case, the scammer says that he/she is from the fraud department and that your debit card has been hacked. They go on to recite the last four digits of your card. They also tell you that you can verify that they are legitimate by comparing the number that they are calling from with the one on the back of your card. They match! (Scammers can easily ghost whatever number they want onto your phone display). They'll ask you to confirm the number on your card (which you should never do), then they ask for your PIN so that they can disable your card before they send you a new one. NEVER give your card number and certainly not your PIN to anyone over the phone. Banks will never ask for your PIN. If you get this call, hang up and call your bank.

WSK Pool

The 2021 summer season has come to an end and the Clubhouse pool is closed until late April or early May of 2022. There are those brave souls that might chance an icy plunge but just remember that the shock to your heart could be more than you can take. The spa is open throughout the year (18 & older only – all guests must be accompanied by the WSK resident).

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget that DST ends at 2 am on **Sunday, November 7**. Be sure that all of your clocks are set **BACK** one hour.

Saving HOA Funds

An article on page 4 describes the new HOA management system (AppFolio) that the board is preparing to implement. The online web based program will ultimately save us a lot of \$\$ by helping avoid having to hire a management company (as many HOAs do). To make it work, the board has to have accurate resident records. Please send an email with your full name, address, and phone number to wsk.murrieta@gmail.com.

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

James Sebring
951-365-3419

Audit Committee

David Murphy
626-422-1031

Clubhouse Rental

Terry Quinn
541-788-8293

Emergency Prep

Holly Martinez
559-816-0635

Library

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Glenn Ingraham
951-642-2897

Senior Advocate

Shelby Price
951-461-7557

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760-294-1122

Welcome Committee

Terry Quinn
541-788-8293
Holly Martinez
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From the Treasurer

— *James Sebring*



**WSK HOA Financials
YTD as of October 31, 2021**

Operating Account:	\$ 35,863
Reserve Checking:	\$ 55,287
Reserve Savings:	\$ 134,506

**There will be
no WSK
Board
meeting in
November**

2021 WSK Christmas Giving Golf Cart Parade

— *Nancy Misko, Facilities Director*



We are planning to hold the 2nd Annual Christmas Golf Cart (and whatever other vehicles would like to participate) Parade. We would like to dedicate this year's parade to Robyn Wright who sadly, passed away in August. Robyn came up with the idea last year and we took it from there and put together a wonderful event which gave cheer to many folks in our WSK community.

Thanks to all who supported this event last year by donating items, helping to stuff stockings, and who participated in the parade. We need help again this year with any type of donations be it money, items, and participation. Call Nancy for a list of items or drop off your \$\$ donation at the clubhouse.

Also, all you golf cart riders, please let me know if you can be part of our festive "lights" and "music" parade.

If you know of a resident that could benefit from a little Christmas "goodie" bag, that says "we care" please contact me with their name and address.

The date for the event will be published in the Dec. 1 Newsletter, but tentatively we are looking at Friday, Dec. 17 at 4:00 pm.

Thanks ... **Nancy Misko - 805-268-0523**

NO SOLICITING

— *James Sebring*

We do not permit soliciting in the Knolls. So, if someone calls you or comes to your door uninvited... TELL THEM NO THANKS. DO NOT INVITE THEM IN. NEVER GIVE PERSONAL INFO OVER THE PHONE UNLESS YOU CALLED THEM! NO MATTER WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE!... police, IRS, social security, cable company, or anyone. I talked to someone last week who said they knew all about the SCAMS and what not to do, but they gave personal info anyway. I had to call the police yesterday on a door-to-door solicitor who threatened to sue me if I made him leave. No matter how good the deal sounds; NO SOLICITING means No. Please, just say NO.

Murrieta Senior Center

(951) 304-7275

Police (non-emergency)

(951) 304-2677

Waste Management

(Trash bin replacement)
(714) 558-7761

*I'm at that delusional age
where I think that
everyone my age looks
way older than I do...*

WSK Book Club

Join us! We will meet at 7 pm on 11/16 at the Clubhouse to discuss **"Princess Elizabeth's Spy"** – a Maggie Hope Mystery by Susan Elia MacNeal. For info contact Marcia Livingston - 951-440-5611



Mark Your Calendar!

...for the Veteran's Day Parade. Thursday, Nov 11, 10 am in Downtown Murrieta. Parade starts on Washington Ave & Ivy St.

WELCOME COMMITTEE – Holly Martinez & Terry Quinn

This month we had the pleasure of welcoming 3 new residents:

Kathy Sinsabaugh, 28603 Via Arboleda - Kathy grew up in Vista, CA and enjoys gardening. If you see her outside doing just that, please give her a warm welcome.

Bill Harrison and Kristi Kovaca, 38026 Via del Largo - These two have the BEST senses of humor. They are both blind and VERY INDEPENDENT. They have been married 19 years and are “Still on A Blind Date”. See what I mean about humor?! They love this community. They want to get involved and are super approachable so please do that very thing.

Thanks everyone for making this a community in which we can be proud!



Senior Advocate – Shelby Price

Here are some doctor-backed wellness tricks:

Do you get light-headed?

A quick fix: drink 6 to 8 oz of skim milk. Feeling shaky, light-headed or a bit anxious could be a dip in blood sugar, which can happen when you can't grab regular meals. Lactose is a fast-acting carb which converts quickly to blood sugar. If you're a vegan or lactose intolerant, try dried fruit and nuts.

Stinging, scratchy, irritated eyes?

To amplify the relief you get from over the counter eye drips, pop them in the fridge before using. Cold drops work better than drops kept at room temperature. Of course, if you don't feel relief after just a few days, see an eye doctor.

Slip on some slippers.

Going barefoot at home is hard on your feet because walking without shoes or slippers wears away the fat pads on your heels and on the balls of your feet. Warning signs are pain, redness, and calluses, so ease discomfort by wearing supportive slippers, sandals, or shoes around the house.

Source: Woman's Day - Nov. 2021

MORE FOR YOU

Benefits Checkup by **Kristina Merrick**



I am YOUR Local **Medicare Advantage Plan Health expert** which includes Medicare-Medi-CAL Plans, Medicare Supplement Plans, Prescription Drug Plans, and Individual Family Plans. This Fall, there will be changes to many health plans so be sure to call me with your questions. If you're leaving a *Group Plan* or *turning 65* this year, call me right away to assist you in the transition from Group to Individual Insurance.

Are you getting all the money-saving benefits that Medicare can offer you? Call to find out.

Kristina Merrick

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\$120,000	12,000	60,000	24,000	100,000	1,000	\$342
\$130,000	13,000	63,000	26,000	100,000	1,000	\$367
\$140,000	14,000	65,000	28,000	100,000	1,000	\$392

Rates are examples of replacement cost on newer manufactured homes in most CA parks with a \$500 deductible.

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

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Coming Soon!

As described at our October General Meeting, in the next couple of months WSK will begin using a new web-based property management system which will provide each WSK resident access to their own personalized 'portal':

- A web page that makes paying HOA fees a breeze
- Allows you to access important documents such as CC&Rs
- Gives you a WSK clubhouse events calendar
- Provides easy communication between you and the Board
- Enables us to create surveys to get your opinion on important issues and projects

This system is **EASY** to use. Once you are setup (we'll help anyone that wants it, plus we'll provide directions on a flyer), it's one click on your desktop and you are in, looking at your personal WSK page.

The system will allow us to move away from handling the nearly 1,500 checks that have to be processed by the board each year. You'll be able to pay your HOA fees the same way that you pay your electric and gas bills, by electronic bank transfer. There will be a short grace period to allow residents to sign on to this easy to use system, but after that a handling fee will be added to any checks received.

Making all this work properly starts with an email address. Even if you think we already have it, please send a quick email with your full name, address, and phone number to:

wsk.murrieta@gmail.com

If you don't have an email address, it's super easy to get one. Give the board a call (951-677-5758) and someone will help you set up your personal email address.

What it Takes to get the Job Done – Jim Francis

The street work that you've seen earlier this year is the result of an Annual Board Process for street maintenance.

That 'Process' includes all of the following steps:

- Review history of prior street projects.
- Inspect / Assess condition of street surfaces, curbs, and gutters.
- Decide what work should be done and prioritize.
- Prepare cost estimate & Scope-of-Work for submission to Board – for approval and inclusion in next year's budget.
- Prepare and send a Request-for-Bids, with approved Scope-of-Work to five paving contractors.
- Select the successful contractor and award the contract.
- Coordinate the work schedule.

As you can see, there are several behind the scenes tasks that have to be done each year to keep our streets in good shape.

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When you're 20 and you drop something, you pick it up. When you're 80 and you drop something, you decide you don't need it anymore.

November Gardening

- Henry



November is a good time to plant native plants, ornamental plants, and trees. Regarding vegetables, sow (plant just the seeds) and plant young plants such as beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, cilantro, garlic, greens, chard, collards, kale, mustard, kohlrabi, lettuce, onion, parsley, parsnips, peas, radish, spinach, and turnips.

This is a good time to sow native wildflower seeds. Till the soil and spread the wildflower seeds. Cover them slightly with about a ¼" of dirt. You can plant some spring-blooming flowers such as sweet peas, clarkia, calendula, and California poppy. If the leaves of your azaleas, gardenias, and camellias are yellowing between the veins, apply chelated iron to the soil. Just a reminder, Tree of Life Nursery on Hwy 74, going toward orange county, has a huge variety of native plants for sale. It is a nice drive too.

A Word or Two on Coyotes

- Henry

I have been hearing from a number of people about coyote sightings in our neighborhood. There are some people that are very fearful of them which is understandable, they are wild animals. But that doesn't mean that we can't co-exist with them. I live across the street from the canyon and see them frequently. It is nothing new. They live in this area just as they have for tens of thousands of years. But we have taken most of their land and turned it into housing developments and shopping centers. As a result, the canyon is one of the few area resources that helps them survive. Since it is a confined area, they must look elsewhere for food. And the rabbits eating our plants and the rodents living in our woodpiles makes this the perfect place.

Since their main goal is to patrol our neighborhoods for the small animals we see as pests, they have no interest in people. They will go after cats or small dogs if they can catch them. If your dog is ten pounds or more and kept in a fenced backyard, there is usually no problem. Animal Control Officer Middleton of Menifee said there has been only one reported coyote attack of a human in recent years in all of Southern California. More people are killed by errant golf balls and flying champagne corks each year than are bitten by coyotes. If you encounter a coyote stand tall to make yourself big or wave your arms and shout. Otherwise, just think of coyotes as our pest control team and let them be.

A woman told her friend, "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising."

"So," she went on, "I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was already over."

Got a Party?

Clubhouse Rental Available to WSK Residents!

4 hours or less - \$100,

up to 6 hours - \$150,

\$200 Security Deposit.

Kitchen rental: Add \$40.

Contact Terry at 541-788-8293

Still Looking for a Home

- Henry

'Affectionate' is too small a word to describe the love that this sweet cat has to offer. Meet him once and you can't help but be entranced by his deep green eyes and rich orange fur. He is a quiet guy, and fully litterbox trained. He had been my late friend and housemate Robyn's best friend until she passed this last August. Sadly, I can't keep him, and I am committed to finding him a forever home with no other pets. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, call me at **951-202-1130**.



I've reached that age where my brain goes from "You probably shouldn't say that" to "What the heck, let's see what happens"!

Parties!

October has been a busy month for the members of the Activities Committee who hosted both a Pizza Party / Game Night and a Community Breakfast

Debbie and Tom gladly accepted all 'donations'!



Kathy, Josie, and Maxine serving it up



The breakfast chefs were Fran, Gay, Terry, and Glenn. Christina did a great job as the Drinks Queen.



Pizza Party and Game Night



***Scruffy Says: "The problem with Rocky...!"***

The best days are when I get that long slow tail wag going. Content but not bustin'-out happy. Just relaxed. Even on a walk, I'm trotting along with my person in the lead, but I'm feelin' the wag. I like it. And, I know my person likes it, because he's relaxed and we're moving along.

Picking em up and puttin' em down. And when I see a friend on the walk, sure - I get happy and the tail wag definitely gets a boost! But in dog speak, that's just a smile becoming a grin. I don't get bonkers happy, and neither does my friend. It'd be too... embarrassing. And dangerous. Because in the animal world, getting too excited usually means something bad might be happening. As you can imagine, that makes everyone nervous. And a group of nervous dogs is not a good thing! Somebody is likely to get bit!

And that's the problem with Rocky. He just doesn't get it. Every time I see that guy he's lunging to the end of his leash, barking like a crazy dog, acting like he's everyone's pack leader. But we all think he's acting like a crazy idiot. Even nipping at persons who try to pet him. He just doesn't have any rules about how to behave. The saddest part is that his person doesn't help. Rocky's behavior is mostly ignored or worse!! I've even seen his person petting him while he's acting the fool!! For a dog, affection from a person doesn't mean relax. It means, keep doing what you're doing. So, Rocky thinks he's supposed to act that way.

Here it is: We're just dogs living in a person's world. We take care of you, and you take care of us. It's up to the persons to make the rules, not the other way around! It's up to the persons to make sure we know the rules, that we follow the rules, and that we're safe. For Rocky, that's not happening, and we all knew someday it'd get him in trouble. Today, it finally did. Big time!

Now, nothing happens in this neighborhood that my cat-buddy Packy doesn't know about. Somehow, he's always in the right place at the right time. And today that time was the middle of the day, and the place was the big tree in back of Rocky's house. Packy had a great view of the party taking place below him. Big persons and little persons, all talking, cooking, laughing, and playing. Sounds like a fun place to be! But racing around in the midst of it all... Rocky. The little persons have enough energy as it is but add in Rocky's excited barking and normal laughing became yelling which made Rocky even more crazy. Packy knew things were getting scary when the little persons started throwing Rocky's ball to each other. Rocky became a crazed thing, chasing madly after the ball as it flew from one little person to another. Finally, someone missed a catch and the ball hit the ground. Rocky was on it in an instant. Breathing hard, he captured his prize and held it between his paws. His wild eyes glazed from exhaustion and extreme excitement, he bared his sharp teeth in warning. And that's when it happened. Packy said he would have stopped it if he could, but it all happened too fast. Even for Packy! The little girl person who had dropped the ball, still laughing, reached out with her little hand to take the ball back to continue the game. And that's when Rocky... That's when he... I'm sorry. It's just too hard to say. But it got ugly, fast. Her screams brought the big persons in a hurry. An older woman pulled Rocky away, and others helped the poor little person. She cried while they put her in a car and took her away. And who knows what will happen to Rocky. He might have to go away, too. But the problem... the thing that just twists my tail, is that it isn't his fault! Not really. It's a wonderful gift to have a person to care for. But what Rocky's person doesn't understand is that the reason the other end of the leash is in his hand is because HE'S IN CHARGE!

"Be the Pack Leader your furry pal needs you to be!"

Scruffy is on vacation this month. The episode above is from a couple of years ago and is being reprinted by popular demand.

WSK Clubhouse Calendar

November 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Arts & Crafts 1 pm			Trash & Recycle	Board Office Hours 9-12 Marcia Livingston	
7 End Daylight Savings Time Set Clocks Back One Hour @ 2am	Arts & Crafts 1 pm		Marine Corp Birthday	Trash Day Veterans Day	Board Office Hours 9-12 James Sebring	
14	Arts & Crafts 1 pm			Trash & Recycle	Board Office Hours 9-12 Rick Martinez	
21	Arts & Crafts 1 pm	Book Club Mtg 7 pm		Thanksgiving Day	Trash Day Office Closed Native American Heritage Day	
28 Advent Begins	Hanukkah Begins Arts & Crafts 1 pm			November Birthstones Topaz November Flower Chrysanthemum		

