

Warm Spring Knolls (WSK)

A 55+ Community

*The November Potluck Dessert Tables
Everyone brought their 'A' game!*

Neighborhood News



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*Check the Calendar for
the next Board Meeting*

**From the 2022
Board of Directors**

Who says there are no seasons in SoCal? The pool season is over, and the light jacket holiday season has us getting a little crazy trying to remember if we've got all the boxes checked on our to-do lists. It's the season for stopping to remember every so often what it's really all about. And it's the chance to stop and let others know that they are appreciated. In a privately owned neighborhood like ours that's run by the people who live here, there are plenty who deserve our appreciation. People like Bud and Chris who hang our holiday lights and anything else that needs doing; Duane, Amparo, and Craig who secure and open our pool/spa area every morning and night; Shelby who updates our bulletin board (get well soon!); Jim Francis who's been giving it all to WSK forever and now quietly, competently takes care of our streets; Pierce and Norma who after decades of finding ways to help still find purpose in tending our library; and Sherry and the people on her team that bring together events that help bring our community together. So, as we're bustling through this holiday, hoping we remember to share special moments with those we love, don't forget the people that are the behind-the-scenes doers that are truly the engine of our community. Happy Holidays!

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You Ought to Know...

Holiday Lights
Take a little drive to Riverside and visit the Mission Inn to see their incredible... 'decorations' is too small a word. Go!

Got a Mask?
The CDC is warning that we're all so dang happy to have the pandemic over, that we think it really is. Turns out that we're facing a 'triple-demic' of Covid, Flu, and RSV. And it's no surprise that seniors and young children are extra vulnerable. The message is, be extra careful before giving all the hugs and kisses if you or someone close to you has been sick. *You know who you are!*

Inflation Relief \$\$
The money from Uncle Sam is on its way to a mailbox near you. Which means that some dirtbag is out there hoping to get to it before you do. No problem. Retrieve your mail as soon as it's delivered or get a locking mailbox.

Got Gravel? - From Henry
You've probably noticed the dramatic improvement over the last couple of

years in the look of the landscaping along Via Princesa and Via La Colina. Most, if not all, of the rock used to produce that transformation was donated by residents. If you are thinking of removing gravel or small rock/stone from your property and aren't sure what to do with it, give Robert of Spring Knolls a call at 310-528-9628 and discuss it with him. You too can be a contributor to the ongoing beautification of our community.

Not up to Holiday Cooking?
Turns out that there are a few places in town that make excellent 'to-go' meals with all the trimmings. One that got high praise over Thanksgiving is Lucille's over by the mall. They are much more than BBQ!

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

WSK Board Meeting
There will be no optional board meeting in December. The next board meeting will be the **Annual Meeting** of the HOA Membership on **Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 3:00 pm.**

2022 Volunteers

Activities

Sherry Tatar
951-536-4604

Audit Committee

To be determined
XXX_XXX_XXXX

Clubhouse Rental

Terry Quinn
541-788-8293

Compliance Officer

Tom Woolslayer
951-252-5652

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559-816-0635

Library

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951-696-1070

Newsletter

Glenn Ingraham
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Welcome Committee

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

Police (non-emergency)

(951) 304-2677

Waste Management

(Trash bin replacement)
(714) 558-7761

**Looking for a place for a party or gathering?
Call Terry about renting the clubhouse!**

From the Treasurer

James Sebring

WSK HOA Financials - YTD as of *End of November 2022*

Operating Account: \$ 43,883
Reserve Checking: \$ 60,237
Reserve Savings: \$ 29,577
Reserve Investment (CDs): \$ 120,000
Activities Account: \$ 1,000



CHAIR EXERCISE GROUP

MON/WED 10 AM
UNIT 2 CLUBHOUSE
MEN & WOMEN

The clubhouse hillside is undergoing its long awaited transformation. More to come... We're not done yet!

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Terry Quinn & Holly Martinez



The welcome committee needs your help. It's one thing for the Welcome Committee to make the initial call to new residents with our official packet of information and quite another for new residents to feel welcomed by their new neighbors. We get so busy with our daily routines that it's easy for neighbors, new or otherwise, to go unnoticed.

Here's a thought: One of the main reasons people don't go to social events at the clubhouse is because they don't want to go alone. So, at the next breakfast or other event, why don't you introduce yourself and ask your neighbor to join you? You could start by grabbing a neighbor or any warm body and coming to the clubhouse on Sunday, December 4th to join us in our community Holiday Decorating Party from 3 – 5 pm. Then stay for a bit after to enjoy pizza and hot chocolate. We hope to see you there!

Activities Committee – Sherry Tatar

Our potluck on the 12th was a nice chance to enjoy a variety of dishes and to just sit and visit with friends and neighbors. We had a variety of “good stuff” to enjoy. Many people have asked that we do this event more often.

Coming up next is the long awaited return of **The Ladies Tea!** This special event will be held in our clubhouse on **Thursday December 15th at 1:00pm**. You can expect to be flooded with



Nutcracker Suite Ballet theme decor. The activities committee has been preparing special treats for all the lucky guests. This Tea is a special yearly opportunity for our ladies to dress in their finery and spend an afternoon sipping tea and enjoying some traditional and some not so traditional foods. There will also be a few activities to join in on if you choose. I hope you will all be able to set aside a couple of hours for a *Ladies Afternoon*. If you have a very special teacup that has a unique story behind it that you'd like to share, please bring it along.

Attendance at this special event is by **advance ticket purchase only**
To get yours, call **Shelley Jones @ (925) 285-8015**
or visit the clubhouse on the **2nd or 3rd from 10-noon**
The non-refundable ticket price is \$15

2023 Board of Directors Candidates

Debra Clark – currently serving as Secretary, Deb and her husband Ray have been involved in our HOA since arriving. She is looking forward to continuing to her service on the board.

Glenn Ingraham – currently serving as President, Glenn has served on the board since 2019 and has been active in the HOA since 2015 producing our newsletter and assisting on a number of significant improvement projects.

Henry Kantrowitz – currently serving as Vice President, Henry contributes many hours to improve the common areas of the HOA. As VP, he also acts as a valuable resource in helping to manage community affairs.

Rick Martinez - currently serving as Architectural Director for the past two years, Rick helps WSK maintain a high standard for neighborhood quality while continuing to work full time.

Nancy Misko – currently serving as Facilities Director, Nancy has had a major impact on improving the quality of our residents’ experience when using the clubhouse, pool, and spa.

James Sebring – currently serving as Treasurer, James has been instrumental in advancing our financial management processes into the 21st century, in particular with the adoption of AppFolio.

Tom Woolslayer – currently serving as Compliance Manager (non-voting Board Member), Tom is looking forward to fully engaging his considerable talents in our HOA as a full board-member.

 The election will be held **Saturday, January 21, 2023, 12 – 2 pm** 
Results will be announced at the WSK Annual Meeting at 3 pm

The two mothers watched their girls playing on the swings when one mother asked, “Did you want a daughter or a son?” The other mother sighed and smiled sweetly, then said, “I wanted a back rub.”

As I was getting into bed, she said, “You’re drunk”. I said, “How do you know?” She said, “You live next door.”

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Architectural Director - Rick Martinez

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and remind you that if you are planning on modifications to your homes, that you must submit your plans for approval via AppFolio or hard copy, to the WSK HOA Architectural Director. I often get questions about what needs approval and what doesn't. The bottom line is, if you are making any changes to the exterior of your home (installation of solar panels, painting, etc.) or to your property (usually anything visible from the street), you must submit your plans for approval **before** starting the project. If you are making changes to the interior of your home or to any part of your home that cannot be seen from the street, then approval isn't needed unless the project will impact your neighbors (blocking their view, etc.).



For a correct understanding of our WSK rules you should always refer to the CCRs, specifically Article IX: Architectural Control. There you will find all of the specific information needed to ensure your improvements meet HOA requirements.

That's it in a nutshell. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns – give me a call. It's a lot easier to get things ironed out before you get too far into your project. That's what I'm here for, to help answer your questions, to keep WSK a vibrant and pleasing place to live, and to hopefully to make life a bit easier for you to enjoy this holiday season and throughout the year to come.

Keys & Calendar – Terry Quinn

Our holiday calendar is popping! We have two private parties, our community Holiday decorating party, the much anticipated Ladies Tea and our annual Christmas parade.

We are fortunate to live in such a vibrant community. There is a direct correlation between staying young and staying active and social. We do all of that pretty darn well!

Hopefully at least one of the three events will tickle your fancy. All of the information needed for your attendance is found throughout the newsletter. Speaking of the newsletter, I want to give a big shout out to Glenn Ingraham for the many hours he spends each month to give us a class act newsletter chock full of helpful information. Also, we are all so lucky because so many of our wonderful residents contribute to our WSK HOA in so many ways.



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AppFolio Upgrade In 2023

Remember that because of the AppFolio upgrade/conversion slated to occur in February of 2023, **everyone's account will be reset**. The following will help you re-establish your login and autopay.

1. When you receive the email inviting you to **activate your account**, just click the link.
2. Create a **password** and be sure to **record it in a safe place** (it can be the same one you used before).
3. Once you've setup your login, go into your account (also called your portal), and click the **'Set Up Autopay'** button.
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5. As with any other bank transfer, you will need to have your bank **Routing and Account numbers**. Remember, there are no additional charges for direct transfer from your bank account.

As before, we will be available to assist you with problems. If you are using the Appfolio cell phone app, you may need to come into the office.

Winter Wildlife

- By Henry



Bird feeders in the winter are a must. The birds are going "nuts" over the seeds in bird feeders this month. Most of the plants and grasses that provide seed for seed-eating birds are totally spent by this time of year. Much of these birds' natural habitat has been developed, resulting in the planting of non-native plants, which provides the birds with fewer natural food sources. Now, with the cold weather, they need a good source of seed. Goldfinches seem to be hit the hardest this time of year. By now, the reddish brown seeds of the buckwheat, a major source of food for goldfinches, are gone. Goldfinches don't eat the normal wild bird seed. If you have goldfinch feeders please keep them filled with Nyjer seeds. As for all of the other seed eating birds, please keep their feeders filled with wild bird seed mix.

A good quality and less expensive wild bird seed mix is Pennington "Classic" wild bird seed. It can be purchased in 10, 20, or 40 lb. bags, along with bags of Nyjer seed, at Walmart. Be careful to avoid buying the cheap (pun intended) stuff. You'll know you're looking at low-quality wild bird seed if you see that the bag is dominated by round, red to reddish-brown seeds. What you're seeing is a 'filler' called *milo*. This grass-seed has little nutritional value, and the birds know it! They quickly brush those seeds off the feeder to leave them lying on the ground where they attract ground squirrels, rats, mice, and other animals you don't want around. So much of the seed is wasted that you end up paying more for the cheap stuff!

Lastly, don't forget our little friends the hummingbirds. There are a couple of species of hummers still in our area that don't go south for the winter. They need food too. So, with a lighter population in the cold months, it's a good idea to keep your hummingbird feeders half-full since there aren't as many feeding on them. Oh, and forget about adding food coloring. Turns out it's not good for them, and they don't care anyway!

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Facilities – Nancy Misko

Hope everyone is keeping safe and warm and getting on board with all the holiday events! It is so nice to finally get back to normality since the pandemic!



We are getting the clubhouse decked out with beautiful lights outside and with lots of great decorations inside. I would like to give a **BIG** shoutout **THANK YOU** to my go-to guys **BUD ROSE** and **CHRIS HAAS** for putting up the Holiday lights on the outside of the clubhouse. They were kind enough to do this last year and then they volunteered to do it again this year! They have such a knack for making their work look professional and sturdy. I really appreciate their skills and enthusiasm in undertaking this painstaking project.

Not much happening out at the pool area due to colder temperatures but our jacuzzi is nice and warm as usual! Don't forget to turn out the lights and the jets off on your way out.

Please come check out the clubhouse after Dec. 4 to view our beautiful decorations and don't forget that the Activities Committee is holding a must-go-to **Nutcracker Tea Event on Dec. 15** at 1pm. Sherry Tatar and her team are putting on a class act event with delicious sandwiches and desserts and really cool prizes!

Don't forget the Christmas/Winter Solstice Parade on Dec. 22.

Have a wonderful HOLIDAY SEASON!

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\$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.

Henry would like to thank everyone that picks up after their dogs while walking them in our community. It makes a difference. Did you know that 415 billion doggy poop bags are used yearly around the world? That equals over one billion used daily. Consider using biodegradable bags such as Greener Walker dog poop bags. They're made with corn starch which is more friendly to the environment. There are a number of biodegradable poop bags that you can choose from. We can all make a difference when it comes to reducing the plastic waste we produce.

Christmas/Winter Solstice Parade

It is that time of the year for spreading holiday cheer to WSK residents. So, dust off that Santa hat and join us for our **3rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE**. On **Wednesday, December 21, 2022**, we'll be meeting up at the clubhouse at **4:30 pm** to drive our community streets, wishing everyone a happy holiday.

Everyone is invited to participate with their brightly decorated golf carts, bikes, cars, skates, or whatever! It's always a good time! After, we will meet at the clubhouse for hot chocolate and other beverages and possibly baked goodies.

Call the HOA office (951) 677-5758 for more information.



WSK Potluck



Ladies Nutcracker Tea

Dec. 15
1 pm
\$15



Tickets: Shelley (925) 285-8015
(feel free to leave a message)

Or

December 2nd & 3rd
Warm Spring Knolls Clubhouse 10 - Noon

WSK Clubhouse Calendar

December 2022

We're on the Internet!
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	December Birthstones <i>Turquoise</i> December Flowers <i>Holly and Narcissus</i>					
4 Clubhouse Decorating	5 Chair Exercise <i>10 am</i>	6 Hand & Foot <i>1 pm – 4 pm</i>	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Chair Exercise <i>10 am</i>	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception <i>Christian</i> Trash Day	9 HOA Office Hours 9-12 <i>Henry Kantowitz</i>	10 Private Party <i>11 – 5 pm</i>
11	12 Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe <i>Christian</i> Chair Exercise <i>10 am</i>	13 National Guard Birthday	14 Chair Exercise <i>10 am</i> Mexican Train <i>1 pm – 4 pm</i>	15 Trash & Recycle Ladies Tea <i>1 pm</i>	16 HOA Office Hours 9-12 <i>Glenn Ingraham</i>	17 Private Party <i>12 – 6 pm</i>
18	19 Hanukkah Begins <i>Jewish</i> Chair Exercise <i>10 am</i>	20 Hand & Foot <i>1 pm – 4 pm</i>	21 Winter Solstice Chair Exercise <i>10 am</i>	22 Trash Day	23 HOA Office Hours 9-12 <i>James Sebring</i>	24 Christmas Eve <i>Christian</i>
25 Christmas Day <i>Christian</i>	26 Christmas Holiday Kwanzaa Begins Hanukkah Ends	27	28 Chair Exercise <i>10 am</i> Mexican Train <i>1 pm – 4 pm</i>	29 → Trash & Recycle	30 HOA Office Hours 9-12 <i>Rick Martinez</i>	31 New Year's Eve