

Warm Spring Knolls (WSK)

A 55+ Community

Neighborhood News



From the 2022 Board of Directors

Happy May! Now is the time to enjoy excellent weather before it gets too hot. Take a ride, a drive, or a walk, there's plenty to enjoy. Stop by the Colina Garden along Via la Colina where Henry does his labor of love for our community and take a few minutes to sit on one of the benches that Bud built for us. The view of the canyon, especially at early morning or sunset is just what the doctor ordered. Our Facilities Director, Nancy, invites you to visit our pool and spa for a dip or to enjoy some time in the sun next to the trickling fountain. If you are there after sunset, the photo above shows that your way will be well lit (thanks to our recent project to improve lighting around the clubhouse). As you enjoy the amenities we all pay for, please remember to treat our facilities and grounds as you would your own. We don't have paid workers on hand to pick after anyone. Recently, a contractor sped over a speed bump and lost some debris on the street. Neighbors saw the mess and went to work, just as it should be. After all, we own the streets, too!

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Fridays - 9 to noon
Check the Calendar for the next Board Meeting

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You Ought to Know...

Amazon Fresh
The newest adventure in grocery shopping is opening Thursday, May 5. The store is located on the site of the old Rite-Aid the Ralph's at Alta Murrieta and Murrieta Hot Springs. Aside from the selection, the main attraction is the 'Just Walk Out' technology that is used to allow shoppers to 'scan-in' when you enter, then fill up your bags while you shop, and then just walk back out through the scanner. No more checking out at the register!

California Real ID
Since Covid, California has extended the 'deadline' for citizens to obtain the CA Real ID. The federal Real ID Act is intended to provide better security for people boarding flights in the U.S. and entering federal facilities. However, the Real ID is *optional*. If we prefer, U.S. citizens can continue to use a U.S. Passport, military ID, or other federally accepted ID to do these things. The CA Real ID is not mandatory, but it is recommended. To obtain a CA Real ID,

you must visit a DMV office the first time you apply.

Donations for Common Area Beautification Project – *from Henry*
I had a very good response for the need of newer non-kinking hoses for the Sunset Plateau project. Thank you to all that donated. It was much appreciated. I have also received several monetary donations as well and these too are being put to use to beautify that project. Monetary donations are always welcome and are used to purchase plants, trees, outdoor furniture, pond related items, and other essentials needed to improve that area and the native plant garden and canyon viewing area along Via La Colina. Please remember that when visiting any of these areas to not allow anyone to tamper with the plants, pond, or any watering tubes. Thank you!

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

There will be no WSK Board Meeting In May 2022

2021 Volunteers

Activities

Marcia Livingston
951-440-5611

Audit Committee

To be determined
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Clubhouse Rental

Terry Quinn
541-788-8293

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

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951-440-2215

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James Sebring
760-294-1122

Welcome Committee

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

From the Treasurer

James Sebring

WSK HOA Financials -

YTD as of End of April 2022

Operating Account: \$ 47,874

Reserve Checking: \$ 103,005

Reserve Savings: \$ 139,540

A vote is not a valentine, you aren't confessing your love for the candidate. It's a chess move for the world you want to live in.

Senior Advocate

Shelby Price

Mother's Day is May 8th—an opportunity to appreciate the women who have shaped the next generation. It became a holiday in 1914. Ann a Jarvis planned the first celebration in 1908. Guests received white carnations-her late mother's favorite flower.

A few positive truths about how we can make the most of every moment:

Lead With Kindness - A smile, a wave, a hello, or simply a kind word is a free and easy way to lift someone's spirits.

Get Physical - Pitch in when you can to help a neighbor and your WSK HOA volunteer Board Members. Giving back helps your community and can also benefit your physical and mental health by lowering your blood pressure and increasing your happiness.

Sleep Well – Your heart is happiest when you fall asleep between 10 & 11 pm. Aim for a minimum of 7 hours sleep.

Protect Your Brain - Play games! Doing varied activities (cooking, games at the clubhouse, and walking) may lower your risk of dementia.

Take Breaks When Watching TV - People who watch four or more hours of TV daily are 35% more likely to have blood clots than those who watch less than 2 ½ hours.

Don't Take Yourself Too Seriously – Don't take yourself too seriously. "I will sing. I will dance. I will allow myself to be mildly embarrassed!"

One of the lessons the Pandemic taught us is that we all have the power to show up in people's lives to express kindness and compassion. Kindness is free. Let's sprinkle that stuff everywhere.

Celebrate Small Wins!

Murrieta Senior Center

(951) 304-7275

Police (non-emergency)

(951) 304-2677

Waste Management

(Trash bin replacement)
(714) 558-7761



Still Paying Your HOA Fees with a Check?

1. Always include your Lot #
2. AppFolio was adopted as our online system to get away from handling all the checks. If you insist on paying with a check, please pay annually, otherwise prepare to pay an added check-handling fee.

Need a Venue?

If you're planning a party, memorial, or any other gathering, be sure to check into the availability of the WSK Clubhouse.

4 hours or less - \$100
Up to 6 hours - \$150
Security Deposit - \$200
Kitchen rental: - \$40

Not all events are subject to charges (except for the security deposit)

Contact Terry at 541-788-8293

WELCOME COMMITTEE – Terry Quinn & Holly Martinez



We have three new residents, and we are so lucky to have them. Welcome

- **Alfredo Fernandez at 38294 Via del Largo; and,**
- **Roy and Gina San Miguel at 38109 Via del Largo.**

More information to come about these wonderful people. One fantastic fact about Gina and Roy is that they are already onboard with AppFolio! Way to rock it, you two! Let's give them a warm WSK welcome!

The 'A' Team

WSK Activities Committee

A big thank you to all the activity Committee members who helped with the ice cream social, which was held just before the April Quarterly Board Meeting. It was well attended, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Next up is a chili cook off. The plan is to have about 10 entrants or contestants We will judge the recipes, pick a winner, and enjoy the chili. Hot dogs and beans will also be served. We haven't set a date as of yet but look for it to take place in June or early July. As always, if you would like to join this fun committee, call Marcia at 951-440-5611. If you are new to the community it is a great way to meet people. And remember, we also have men on the team!

Emergency Prep - Holly Martinez

We have been enjoying wonderful, cool weather; however, spring is here and warmer temperatures are on the way. With spring flowers, along comes spring weeds. Weeds, if left unattended, are unsightly, promotes habitats for pests, and elevates the risk of fires. Be proactive by clearing weeds, debris, and accumulated materials on your property that would contribute to wildfire, pests moving in, or that might cause your home to be susceptible to brush fires. As always please be kind and neighborly.



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CA license 0D50865

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

Keys & Calendar Report
– Terry Quinn
Please see the note on pg. 4 announcing the memorial that will be held for Shanna Luby.



Hey Card Players -Weekly Games are Back!
Join us for Hand n' Foot on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, and Mexican Train on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Each game starts at 1 pm and wraps up by 4. Check the newsletter calendar. See you there!
– Leslie & Carol

Celebration of Life
for SHANNA LUBY

*It is with deep regret, we announce the passing of Shanna Luby on April 5. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Warm Spring Knoll's Clubhouse **May 17 at 2:00pm**. Light refreshments will be served - coffee and dessert. We look forward to seeing you there.*

Please bring your memories of the good times you and Shanna shared.

*Thank you,
- Friends of Shanna*

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Kristina Merrick

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Here's a shout-out to Ana Lopez for being a thoughtful caring person. The other morning Ana was surprised to find an unexpected visitor on her back porch. The frightened little thing was hungry and looked like she had been going through a tough time. Ana tried to make her comfortable with offers of food and water. Then she got to work getting the word out. Turns out her posting on Facebook did the trick. The sweet dog's owner contacted Ana and soon was happily reunited with her lost pet. Thanks Ana. Caring souls like you are the heart of what we're about as a community!



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The Colina Native Garden

- Henry

Recently, some community members have been placing items including potted plants and furniture on the canyon side of Via La Colina in the areas I have been working on. Please, before doing anything like that call me at 951-202-1130 to discuss whether it will be appropriate for the area. The same goes for the sunset plateau project just south of the club house. I am not interested in planting cactus since they don't provide any habitat improvement for our native wildlife. Thank you



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Facilities Update

- Nancy Misko



Greetings from your facilities director. Here is an update on clubhouse projects.

The pool is sparkling and running at a nice 83 degrees. We may even have been successful in making the ducks move on. I will have to shut the pool down for one or two days in the next week because of a process we're conducting to clean up some of the staining. There will be a sign put up when this is happening, so please do not use the pool at that time.

We are looking at purchasing a robotic vacuum system which will make it much easier to always have a clean pool, and one that is easier to maintain. A THANK YOU goes out to Craig, who once again has volunteered to monitor the operation of Robo-Vac as well as continuing to open the Spa doors each morning.

Please help us be sure that the pool rules are followed (makes it a nicer experience for everyone). **Keep your area clean - no bottles - no food - no running - no rough housing - nothing left in pool, guests must be accompanied by the resident.** Pool privileges will be revoked for those who misuse the area. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with **children allowed in between 11 am & 3 pm.** Please keep children out of the planted areas and away from the fountain. **Toddlers must have appropriate swim diapers** to go in the pool. Any type of accident will shut our pool down for at least a day or two with loss of pool privileges. Don't forget that we have video.

Our electrical improvement has been completed! You will notice that we now have security LED lights on the front of the building and parking area as well as more outlets. Other improvements were made inside the building as well. Thanks to Bud Rose for refinishing the beautiful bench he built for us and for donating the solar light in front of our WSK sign.

When exiting the pool area, please turn off all lights and jacuzzi jets, and make sure all bathroom faucets are shut off. Also, if you are using the clubhouse please make sure those lights are off as well. Do not use the sliding patio doors in the clubhouse to access the pool area.

Enjoy the upcoming warm weather and our beautiful pool facility.

Saving “Grace”

- a story about a little dog -
- Contributed by Ray Clark (Via Estrella)

At 10:00 am on August 17th, 2011, Victor Franco a commercial driver from Consolidated Disposal Co. weighed in on the scale at Savage Canyon Landfill in Whittier and proceeded up the hill to dump his load. As Victor opened the back and began to dump, he noticed a little dog run from the falling debris. Victor picked up the trembling little creature and placed her in the cab of his truck then came back down to the scale house and told me what happened. He then asked me to come out to his truck to see if I could take care of this little dog.



“Are you kidding me?” I asked. “Is it even still alive?” We went out to the truck and opened the door on the passenger side. She allowed Victor to pick her up without any fuss. He placed her in my arms and my heart swelled with compassion for this little dog that had survived such a traumatic experience. I carried her into the scale house, wrapped her up in a towel and laid her down as she shook with fear.

Curtis & Ronnie, two heavy equipment operators, came down to take a lunch and had no clue about the little dog huddling in the office that had come from the trash truck. I asked if they would help me out and give her a bath (I still had to weigh trucks coming in across the scale). As I was speaking those words Curtis was already picking the little dog up and carrying her outside. I grabbed the soap and together, we gave her a good gentle bath. We got her dried off and brought her back into the scale house. I wrapped her back up in a towel, fed her a little piece of a tuna sandwich, and she conked out on top of my desk. I mentioned to the guys that she needs a special name.

Well, it wasn't more than 10 min. later that Ronnie called me on the phone and said, “I've got it! GRACE!

“Perfect,” I said.

I called my son Kyle. He then put me on the speaker phone so his friend Brandon could listen. I told them what had happened to the little dog. Without even seeing her, Kyle and his friend Brandon were touched and wanted to see a picture of Grace as we knew her. Just at that moment another CDS driver by the name of Frank pulled onto the scale and I asked him if he would take a picture and send it to my son. “Of course,” he said, and well, that was all it took. Kyle and Brandon were on their way to help. By the time they got to the landfill, Grace was feeling a lot better, and we let her walk around outside for a little while. Kyle and Brandon immediately fell in love with the little dog and wanted to keep her and take her home. They asked where the nearest vet was and took her there first to get her checked out. Well guess what, Grace had a chip, the vet called the owners, the owners showed up, Kyle and Brandon told the story, the owners thanked them and off they went. I believe an angel was watching over that little dog.

What a great joy it gave all of us to be a part of saving "Grace".

Saving "Grace" thanks to;

Victor Franco @ Consolidated Disposal Co. (driver)

Raymond Clark @ Savage Canyon Landfill (scale house operator)

Curtis Maikui & Ronnie Olislaeger @ Savage Canyon Landfill (heavy equipment operators)

Kyle Clark & Brandon Tsurumoto – (son & friend)

Guest Editorial from Nancy Misko – Facilities Director

Hello residents of WSK. I just want to put something out here that has been on my mind lately. Our HOA dues of \$85 a month is an incredible bargain. I have lived all over California and recently have looked into other communities to live. Nowhere is there anything even under \$200 a month that compares to what we have. You may not even realize that our \$85 includes your trash pickup which would be at least \$25 a month on your own. We own our own roads, so we have to maintain them, and we have a beautiful clubhouse with a pool and some common grounds.

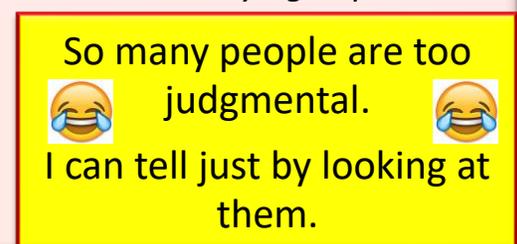
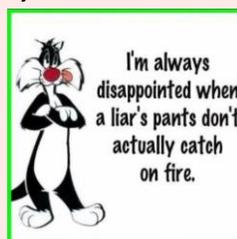
Being on the HOA board for the last 3 years I have witnessed some disturbing behavior from a few of our residents. We are volunteers and we all put in a lot of our own time and money into maintaining our common areas. As we have 218 homes in our HOA and the community clubhouse, it's a challenge to keep everyone happy. There are times that residents will call us at any hour of the day or night and complain about something that they could probably take care of themselves. We are not an apartment complex. Everybody owns their property and is expected to take care of the same at their own expense.

Sure, the CC&Rs and Bylaws have to be followed. We have designated directors who try and cover all those areas such as underage residents, trash or dilapidated buildings, noise nuisance, speeding, landscaping, etc. We do our best. If something isn't done immediately, it does not mean that we are not on it. Believe me, we are working on many things behind the scenes.

You, as an HOA homeowner also have a responsibility to help keep the community safe and clean. Your property value definitely depends on the look of the neighborhood. If you see something, say something. If you see a suspicious person lurking around someone's property, call the Murrieta Police. These are private roads so be sure to tell solicitors they are not allowed to be on our property. If your neighbor has a barking dog, try talking to them before reporting it to the board. Tell your visitors to slow their speed down. It takes a village to keep this community going.

I, and I know my other board members, do not appreciate getting harassing phone calls or texts stating that we're not doing our job by not doing something that they could probably handle themselves. When necessary, we will fine residents for not complying with WSK rules, but it's up to each and every one of us to keep our own homes neat, safe, and to act respectful in our community. This includes owners as well as renters.

Thank you to all that help keep the community a special little gem and who appreciate what we do. And to those few who continue the complaints, please know that we are not the enemy. We welcome your respectful comments, and your ideas and suggestions. Don't be surprised if we ask you to help make those suggestions happen. We know everybody is busy with their lives and can't all work on the board but at least try to understand that we are all trying to protect our investments here in WSK.



WSK Clubhouse Calendar

May 2022

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Hand & Foot 1 pm – 4 pm	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Trash & Recycle	6 Board Office Hours 9-12 Rick Martinez	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Mexican Train 1 pm – 4 pm	12 Trash Day	13 Board Office Hours 9-12 Nancy Misko	14
15	16	17 Memorial–2 pm -Shanna Lubby	18	19 Trash & Recycle	20 Board Office Hours 9-12 Henry Kantrowitz	21
22	23	24	25 Mexican Train 1 pm – 4 pm	26 Trash Day	27 Board Office Hours 9-12 Terry Quinn	28
29	30 Memorial Day Trash & Recycle Bins on Friday Not Thursday	31	May Birthstone Emerald April Flowers Lily & Hawthorn		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pool and Spa are open until 9 pm Clubhouse is open for games and for rent 	

