



Neighborhood News

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*Check the Calendar for
the next Board Meeting*

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From the 2019 Board of Directors

Hope everyone is staying cool during the heat of the day, but also finding opportunities to enjoy those cool mornings and evenings. The view of our sunsets from the pool deck is amazing. Come on down some evening with your favorite beverage (no glass, please!) around 7 and enjoy!

If you have trouble getting into the clubhouse, you may have forgotten your code. Just come on down during Friday office hours and we'll be glad to look it up for you or give you a new one. As you may know, your WSK Board is one of the few around that keep an ear to the phone all week (not just during office hours). Your neighbor volunteer Board members rotate weekly office hours duty and transfer the phone to their personal phone throughout the rest of the week. If you have a question or comment, you're welcome to call the on-duty Board member any day of the week. But, please... unless it's an emergency only call during normal business hours (9-6) and avoid Sundays (everyone needs at least one day off!).

Final notes: Remember that we're NOT holding a Board meeting in August, but we will still hold Friday office hours each week. Also, please do not give out your code and please do not allow your guests into the clubhouse unless you are with them. Hope you have a great August!!

You Ought to Know...

Permits...

Got a project in mind? Excellent!! Making improvements is a good thing. Once you've got the project plan, the first thing you need to do is submit an Architectural Approval form to the WSK office. Once your plan is approved, it's time to check to see if you need city or county permits. See the article later in this issue to better understand whether you have to go to the City or County for those permits.

Credit Cards Hacked

It seems that there's no shortage of stories about some company losing its customers data to hackers. The most recent is Capital One. If you have a Capital One credit card, be sure to keep a watch on your account. If you see suspicious activity, be sure to call the company. Also, be wary of any calls you get

from anyone claiming to be from the company. DO NOT give account or personal info over the phone to anyone that has called YOU. If you have any concerns at all, call the company yourself.

Staying Connected!

Are you looking for local news that's maybe a little more reliable than what you're hearing from your neighbor? There are a couple of services that distribute Murrieta and Temecula Valley news right into your email, each day!

To sign up for these free services, go on-line and do a search for:

- Nextdoor Digest
- Murrieta Patch

Just sign up and you'll be done.

There are also other local news websites that you might enjoy. So, explore!

Other Volunteers**Activities**

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Audit Committee

Karen Lankford
951-440-7769

Clubhouse Rental

Josie Ingraham
951-897-6189

Emergency Prep

Jim Francis
951-440-2215

Library

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951-696-1070

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Outreach Committee

Shirley Sebring
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Police (non-emergency)
(951) 304-2677

VA Benefits

(951) 290-6500

Murrieta Senior Center

(951) 304-7275
Mon-Fri, 8 - 4

From the Treasurer**WSK HOA Year-to-Date Financials
as of June 30, 2019**

Operating Account:	\$ 48,816
Reserve Account:	\$ 20,369
Reserve Savings:	\$ 127,973
Total Balance:	\$ 197,158

August 2019**WSK HOA****Board Meeting**

There will be no Board Meeting in August

What has the WSK Board been up to?

The Saga of the Spa – The newly redone spa coating has begun getting chalky again! Which means that despite the claims of the coating manufacturer, the epoxy coating is unable to withstand the intense temperature and chemical conditions which is present in any spa/ hot-tub. The contractor, coating manufacturer, and our own pool service contractor are all at a loss as to why the coating isn't holding up. The board has decided that enough-is-enough and that it's time to do the right thing by moving ahead with the long-term (and more costly) solution of having the spa re-plastered. For safety reasons, the spa is closed until this project can be completed. We're as disappointed as you are!

Road Work – Thanks to the hard work of Jim Francis, the contractor has completed the final seal coating and painting of the new asphalt on Via La Colina. So, now begins the planning for next year's road improvements!

Security and Safety – We've installed a motion sensitive light in the pool area and have also had three pool lights replaced.

MOU – We're working with our neighbor HOAs on revising the "Memo of Understanding" which governs how we share costs for shared streets and commonly used property such as the Dog Park.

Book Club

A group of neighbors meet monthly to discuss the most recent selection.

To join, call Marcia at 951-440-5611

**Get Out!**

...of the house, that is.

Come to the clubhouse and join some neighbors in playing **Hand & Foot, Bunco, or Mexican Train dominoes**. These games are a lot of fun and not at all hard to learn. The groups of players that meet regularly at the clubhouse are always seeking new players and/or subs.

If you're interested pick up the phone and call

Carol Brown at 951-461-8891, or **Rose Harrison at 951-696-0087**.

Check the newsletter calendar for the schedule of games.



GETTING OLDER?

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.

"Is it true," she asked with a tremor to her voice, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor said.

There was a long moment of silence before she replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition? Because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'..."

Reptile on your property?

Be Smart

DON'T KILL IT!

Call Glenn or Henry first!!

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Do you have an idea about equipment or events you'd like to see at the Clubhouse? Maybe 'Movie Night'? Music and Dancing? Installing a ping-pong table? Or how about an exercise class? Contact Sherry or the WSK Office!

Street Maintenance

- Jim Francis

I'm sure you've already noticed... the work on Via La Colina for 2019 is finished, as of Thursday, July 18th – I hope you agree it was worth the inconvenience!! We're now looking forward to what needs to be accomplished next year.

I heard from Golf Knolls (Unit III) that they have a lot of difficulty with keeping residents off of the new seal-coating... so I thank you very much for your patience and cooperation.

Looking for a contractor? Call the office to get our un-official list of contractors with whom our folks have had good experiences. Or contact Gloria Ballinger in Golf Knolls at 951-696-7075 for their list.



Activities News – Sherry Tatar



Hi All! To those few that don't know me, my husband Roy and I have lived in Warm Spring Knolls for 19 years. During that time, I've served off and on as part of this Committee. I had the pleasure of helping the team host many fun events such as the Ladies' Teas, the St. Patrick's Day party, Sock Hops, and an Oktoberfest party, just to name a few (and Community Breakfasts!).

Now it's time to jump back into the mix and to return to serve as Chairman of the Committee. I'm looking forward to getting to know the team members and their talents and hearing their ideas. I'd like to welcome all others to come join us in planning upcoming parties and events.

Some of the events currently on the table include a Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque, the Ladies' Tea, BINGO with Potluck, a Fall Festival, and the Christmas Cookie Exchange.

Do you have any ideas? Come share. We welcome the possibilities!

It's time to start thinking about next year's Board.
Call Josie at 951-897-6189 to learn about the ways your talents could benefit your community!

August Gardening Tips

- by Henry



The next two months are going to be hot as you know what. It is best not to plant anything in the ground or in outdoor containers during August and September. But you must WATER. Don't be stingy, even with drought tolerant plants. Also, all plants that have been planted in the ground for less than a year require more water. If your fruit trees are fruiting, extra water is important for the fruit to achieve maturity and full size.

Some newer planted plants, that normally require full sun, may do better with some shade cloth overhead to relieve them from the stress of the intense combination of sun and heat. Also, don't put your indoor plants outside in the sun either, even for a short time. It may burn the leaves and possibly kill the plant.

Watering can be looked at as a calming way of spending some time as well as gardening. I know it is for me. Best time to water is in the evening, six o'clock and later. That way, the ground stays saturated overnight which is better for the plant's root system.



If you are concerned about how much water is being used to water your garden there is a way to lessen the impact of our water consumption in California. Cut out at least four meals a month that contain beef and you will save the use of water even if you are watering extra. Remember four hamburgers a month requires 2,540 gallons of water. If you cut back on four steaks, a month, you will help to save over 4,800 gallons!

Happy Gardening!

Yard Maintenance News – Shirley Sebring

Well Done!! People are doing a great job in keeping their properties up. We still have a few hold-outs that seem to need a firmer nudge in the right direction. No problem. That’s why we have rules and fines. And here’s a shout-out to those neighbors who ended up working together to solve some landscaping challenges. Also, we’re laying the groundwork for a ‘Yard of the Month’ recognition award. Stay tuned...

Emergency Preparedness

- Jim Francis

Several “WSKers”, including me, have attended two of three very informative classes on how to participate with and support first responders in the event of a disaster. The classes were given by the Temecula Civilian Corps and hosted by the Golf Knolls Emergency Prep Team. This was an incredible opportunity to learn the basics of effectively responding to an emergency situation without committing to the normal 20-hour, weekend class session regularly given by the Murrieta Fire Department.

We learned a lot – very beneficial ... and especially timely, considering the recent earthquake activity in SOCAL! However, we sincerely hope we won’t ever need to put it to use!

Oh, by the way...

So, you’ve got a home improvement project all planned out. Excellent! (We all love seeing improvements in our neighborhood). You’ve submitted your **Architectural Approval form** and gotten a thumbs up from the Board. Now you’re ready to move ahead and get the job done. But Wait!! Before you get underway, save yourself a headache by being sure that you’ve got the right permits!! But do you go to the City of Murrieta or Riverside County? If you’re using a contractor, then hopefully they know. But don’t count on it. We’ve seen some VERY unhappy neighbors whose project was stopped by the County inspector, even though their contractor had gotten City permits...

Notes from Henry

More and more people are stopping to sit on the great looking benches that Bud built, that overlook the canyon. He just completed customizing the benches by making and installing wider armrests! So, now you can more comfortably rest your arm along with your favorite beverage. Thanks Bud, for everything you have done and continue to do for our community.

Please remember to not leave any trash while visiting the benches. Also please refrain from smoking on the benches as the nearby dry brush poses a serious fire hazard.



You may notice that most native plants are done blooming for the season. The real trooper, this time of year, is the California Buckwheat. At the present time it is covered with white blooms, which will later turn a rusty color. One buckwheat plant can have a hundred or more beneficial insects visiting and interacting at any given time. There are more than 100 species of Buckwheat native to California. The buckwheat in our canyon is the California Buckwheat.

California native bees are great for your vegetable garden. The Yellow-faced bumblebee and the California Bumblebee are great for Tomatoes. The more pollinators you have the more insect pollinated fruit and veggies you will get. Did you know there are around 1,000 different types or species of bees in California?



Enjoy the views and bird activity while sitting on the benches along our canyon!

Craft Fair - Golf Knolls October 12th - To reserve a table call Gay at 619-818-0477

So many people do so much to keep their place looking good. And the result of their work ranges from simple and nice, to awesome! These are just a few of those homes – sorry if yours was missed!



All it takes is a little effort to keep clean xeriscape with pots and drought tolerant plants or even well-groomed lawns and shrubs. Again, just a few examples from the neighborhood!





Scruffy Says... "Tough Love..."

The crows are driving me crazy! With the heat that comes so quickly these days, early morning is the best time to enjoy my time on the porch - just soaking up the new day and keeping an eye on the neighborhood. But these crows! They don't quit! It's not all of them, of course. Just the young ones. Chasing after mom and dad, yelling and demanding to be fed. I've watched them all spring. Like any baby, they got fed all the time. And as they grew, they ate more and more. Mom and dad flew endlessly back and forth, trying to keep up with those hungry mouths. But now that they've left the nest and learned to fly, mom and dad have a new responsibility: to make the young ones able to take care of themselves. I want my peace so yeah; I'd love it if mom and dad kept stuffing food down their throats. But I know that they can't. It's a tough world for wild things. They won't make it if they don't learn what to eat and where to find it.

I remember that brief time when, as a young pup, my world was limited to the simple satisfaction of nestling with my brothers and sisters against momma's belly, suckling to our hearts content. Even as we grew strong and adventurous, us pups raced back to mom whenever we got scared, or to fill our tummies. But just like the crow parents, mom had a plan. There came the day that she got up and walked away after giving us just a taste of her nourishing milk. It probably didn't help our cries and whining that our teeth had grown in. Eventually, she denied us completely! Sure, she showed us how to forage and how to hunt for bugs and little things. She even shared her food even though there wasn't much (and she didn't always get it each day -but that's another story). We were crushed and terrified. We adored her. Wasn't she going to take care of us forever? Where was food supposed to come from?

But the truth is, life is hard. And my mother knew it just like the crow parents know it. And the only way anyone or anything learns is by getting hungry. Hungry for food, for safety, for companionship. I guess it's about wanting... no. It's about **needing** a better life. And knowing that you're the only one that can make it happen. And that means mom and dad getting tough and pushing their young to make them stronger. And it teaches the young ones important skills in getting along and working with others. It can happen. After all, the parents aren't being cozied by their parents, anymore. They apparently figured it out!

Then there are the pups that grew into dogs who never had to learn those lessons. They were never pushed. Even if just by simple rules of behavior. Yep. I've seen 'em. Sure, they have a good person that loves them and who makes sure they have food and safety. But still, they act like the world owes them. They seem to think it's ok to be rude, or worse. I see them on our walks. They bark and growl when they pass and act like an idiot when they should be politely introducing themselves and exchanging a good sniff. Sometimes they even do their business in their home!! I've smelled it myself, so I know it's true. I think all they need... what they're desperate for, is to know where they fit in. Most dogs don't want to be in charge. It makes them kind of crazy. Especially if they've never been given rules and expectations that can teach them how they're supposed to be. And that's the job of the persons. To set limits, give corrections when we stray, and then give us yummy treats and belly scratches when we do good!

And now that the crows have finally flown off to annoy someone else, I'm taking a nap!

"Sometimes, hardening one's heart is the best expression of love we can give!"

WSK Clubhouse Calendar

August 2019

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>August Flowers: Gladiolus and Poppy</i> <i>August Birthstones: Peridot, Sardonyx</i></p>				1 <i>Trash & Recycle</i> National Girlfriends Day	2 Board Office Hours - 9-12 International Beer Day	3
4	5 Aquacise Every M - F 8:30 am	6	7 Hand & Foot 1 p.m.	8 <i>Trash Day</i>	9 Board Office Hours - 9-12	10
11	12	13 Mexican Train 1 p.m.	14	15 <i>Trash & Recycle</i> Hand & Foot 1 p.m. Feast of the Assumption	16 Board Office Hours - 9-12	17
18	19	20 Mexican Train 1 p.m.	21 Hand & Foot 1 p.m.	22 <i>Trash Day</i>	23 Board Office Hours - 9-12	24
25 Kiss & Make Up Day (Unofficial)	26	27	28 Bunco 1 p.m.	29 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	30	31