

Warm Spring Knolls (WSK)

A 55+ Community

March 2020

Neighborhood News

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From the 2020 Board of Directors

The most common comments we receive from our residents are about violations of our rules. And that makes sense. A lot of our neighbors put a good bit of effort into following those rules. They keep their place in shape, drive the speed limit, get approval before renovating, and pay their Assessment Fees on time. But monitoring and enforcing rule compliance is NOT a favorite duty of the neighbor volunteers that make up the Board. It'd be nice if everyone just complied and we could focus our time on paying bills, dealing with HOA administration, planning parties, and keeping our aging clubhouse, pool, spa, and streets in good shape (and writing this newsletter). To understand how tough enforcing rules is, just ask yourself when was the last time you had that difficult conversation with your neighbor about that fence that's falling down, or their cluttered driveway, or their speedy driving. Yeah, it's not so easy. But, enforcing the rules is one of the main reasons we have a Board of Directors. Someone's gotta do it. And if it wasn't us, it would be an expensive management company. And they show no mercy.

You Ought to Know...

More Local Talent

Bet you didn't know that so many of our neighbors are so incredibly talented. It's not just having talent but doing something with it. And one neighbor who isn't sitting on his hands is Greg Bach. Shortly after moving here a few years ago, Greg founded the *Bach Theatre Company* in Murrieta. He's worked tirelessly with local businesses to advance the Murrieta Arts scene, to find a place for his theatre in Old Town Murrieta, and then to rehab the building and build sets for his productions. Now, after months of preparation and rehearsal, his company is set to open their newest play in late March. Don't miss it!!

Avoiding the Virus!

We've all heard about the Corona virus (COVID-19) and as it emerges in the U.S., we should certainly take it seriously. But surprisingly, we

don't hear much about the current flu viruses that have already been responsible for over 16,000 deaths in the U.S. this winter. Last winter, it's estimated that 80,000 people died from the flu and its complications. As usual, at greatest risk are the elderly. Whether it's the Corona virus or other flu virus, the ways to protect ourselves remains the same. *See the article later in this newsletter for tips.*

Got Weeds?

The month of March is just peeking around the corner and already signs of spring are everywhere: Buds on trees, the first flowers, and... WEEDS! Yep, it's time again. But help is just around the corner. A team of young people from a San Diego private school will be in our area to pull them for free (front yards only!) on April 21, 22, & 23. To get on the list call **Lorraine at 951-698-2334**. No tips, but they'll gladly accept bottled water.

If you have an opinion, a
brief article, a joke, or an
interest that you'd like to
see in the Newsletter,
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(trash bin replacement)
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“March”... is not just the name of a month! It also is an order! “March On” to get your yard in shape by weeding, pruning, and general clean-up.

- A gentle reminder from
Jim Francis

From the Treasurer**WSK HOA Year-to-Date Financials
as of January 31, 2020**

Operating Account:	\$ 75,608
Reserve Account:	\$ 89,124
Reserve Savings:	\$ 133,124
Total Balance:	\$ 297,856

**March WSK
Board Meeting**

March 18th
- 10 am -

WSK Community Notes

- by Henry (951-202-1130)



When walking your dog please be sure to have a bag and pick up after them. I have noticed that someone is allowing their dog to poop on the canyon community garden on Via La Colina and on the canyon side of Via Princesa. I have also heard complaints from several community members for the same problem, but in their front yards! Most of you are very diligent to clean up after your dogs and that is appreciated by all. This is a message to those who do not clean up after their pet. Leaving poop behind is rude, unsanitary, and against our rules. Fines can be issued. Thanks again to the vast majority who take this matter seriously and always pick up after their dogs.

I am sure some of you wonder why I put a sign out at the community garden on Via La Colina that says, “Please Do Not Allow Your Dogs to Urinate on The Plants Or Piles Of Rocks”. Those rocks provide habitat (a home) for the lizards that live there. Each pile of rocks has a lizard that uses that pile of rocks to sun himself for warmth and as his territory. None of us would like someone to urinate around or on our house, so please keep your dogs away from the rocks. The same goes for the plants. Lots of dogs visit that garden with their owners. Too much urine can kill a plant. So please enjoy the garden and views of the canyon but also respect the plants and rocks in the garden.

And by the way, if by chance you have a nice bird bath or bird feeders that are just gathering dust, we’d love to put them to good use. They will be placed along the Via La Colina community garden and in the cactus garden. I have seen a number of bird baths not being used in our community and the local birds would love to bathe in them. To donate to the gardens, please contact me and I will be happy to come pick it up. Our local birds will be thankful, especially with spring and summer approaching.

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The latest production from WSK’s own **Greg Bach** is finally here!

The home of Greg’s theatre company is in Old Town Murrieta. Their cozy theatre allows the audience an intimate exposure to the players, the setting, and the story. It’s compelling and unlike anything you’ve experienced before.

The show runs on Fri, Sat, & Sun at 7:30 from March 27 - Apr 12. Tickets are available only online! To get yours, go to bachtheatrecompany.com.

His shows are not to be missed!!

Time to Comply – Nancy Misko

One of the main jobs of a Board of Directors is resident rule compliance. That is, ensuring that Homeowners and renters abide by the CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions), the By Laws, and our rules. And we are **all** obligated to follow those rules. After all, we all want the same thing; to live in a clean, well-kept community and to reside harmoniously with our neighbors.



The fact that we have rules and that they must be followed shouldn't come as a surprise. When buying a home here, we signed documents stating that we understood that the HOA had these rules and we were given copies of them. Most, if not all of us, moved here specifically because of the rules governing a 55+ community. We didn't want to see underage residents, trash in driveways, and cars in the yard or on the street at night. And we expected the homes to be well cared for.

Unfortunately, all it takes is a drive through the neighborhood to see that not everyone shares those simple goals. As a result, the WSK 2020 Board of Directors has created a compliance team. Compliance areas the team will focus on includes (but isn't limited to) the following:

- Weeds and other landscaping (dead trees, etc.)
- Cars left parked on streets between 11 pm and 6 am
- Vehicles parked on gravel or in the yard
- Trash bins left in plain view from the street
- Bushes or shrubbery causing safety issues at intersections
- Excessive or poorly kept driveway storage (or other areas visible from the street)
- Unapproved architectural matters such as painting, solar roofs, fencing, etc.
- Ungaraged inoperable vehicles or those with expired registration
- Underage residents (waivers are required for Caregivers and other special circumstances)
- Renting all or part of a home without Board approval
- Inappropriate RV storage
- Pets causing a nuisance (barking, etc.) or not being cleaned up after

Henry Kantrowitz, Nancy Misko and Frank Biddle make up the compliance team. They (along with members of the Architectural Review Committee) plan to use face-to-face discussions and First Notice letters to bring observations to the attention of the affected homeowner. But it's hoped that this simple notice in the newsletter will be an effective reminder to all of us to take care of any issues on our own, first... before we have to be reminded, or worse, fined.

PLEASE take a good look at your current situation and try to resolve any of the previously listed issues that may pertain to you. If you have special circumstances that you'd like to bring to the Board's attention, then please stop by on Friday 9-noon, or call 951-677-5758 to make an appointment. No one wants to go down the path that leads to Notice of Violation and fines. But the Board is prepared to do so, if necessary.

It takes effort, respect for others, and personal commitment to create and maintain a beautiful community like Warm Spring Knolls. We need to work together and to appreciate that we all have a stake in the investments we made. Investments in our homes and in the future of WSK.

Thank you!! *Frank, Henry, and Nancy*

The most significant invention of the last 100 years is the dry-erase white board... it is 'remarkable'!

Activities News – Sherry Tatar



We had a big turnout for our community breakfast on February 15th. Over 60 people came to join us for the morning. It was so nice to see that people stayed to visit over that second cup of coffee. A big thanks goes to the hard-working ladies and gentlemen that made this happen. A few are shown here.

Our next event which was intended to be a St. Patrick's Day party has been postponed until next year's calendar. In the meantime, the Activities Committee will be looking forward to hosting Taco Tuesday on April 14th where we'll be serving tacos with all the fixings and a side of fun. Do you have a good idea for fun in our community? Let us know because we have open dates on our calendar that are itching to be added to the above list!



“Definition of a Friend:

Someone who says nice things about you when you aren't around”

- Charles Shultz

WSK Book Club

- Shelby Price



February's WSK Book Club selection was set in Cape Town, S. Africa. Sue Starling enhanced the discussion of the book by providing Rooibos Tea (Red Bush Tea) which is a staple in South Africa. We found it to be delicious. Sue also brought scenic pictures of Cape Town. An excerpt from Books on Tape where the narrator of the book used regional accents of the characters added to our understanding of the story. Go to [https://www.studypool.com/studyGuides/Educated - A Memoir](https://www.studypool.com/studyGuides/Educated_-_A_Memoir) for more info.

Our selections can be found on Kindle, Nook, Books on Tape, or the library. Used books can be found on Amazon. Our informal discussions are lively and light refreshments are served. Our next meeting is **March 17th** (Third Tuesday of the month) at **7:00 pm**. March's book selection is ***Education*** by Tara Westover which portrays the unstoppable efforts of a young lady who is determined to change herself. The memoir is a perfect example of things humans can achieve if they set their minds to it. Contact Marcia Livingston (951-440-5611) if you have any questions.

Avoiding Corona and Flu Viruses

Advice from the CDC includes...



1. Get a flu shot – especially those above age 65
2. Avoid close contact with sick people
3. If you're sick, avoid contact with others until you've been fever-free (unmedicated) for at least 24 hours
4. Always cover with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and properly dispose of the tissue after
5. Avoid touching common surfaces such as door knobs/handles, phones, countertops in public places with bare hands (such as those at the doctor's office)
6. Wash your hands often!
7. While in a public place and until you wash your hands, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
8. Disinfect commonly touched surfaces (doorknobs, countertops, landline phone receiver, mouse, and keyboard, and the steering wheel and shifter of your car)
9. If you do get sick and your doctor prescribes anti-viral drugs... take them!

Corona Virus





Smoke Alarm Replacement

– Jim Francis

Thanks to all who have signed up for the FREE smoke alarm replacement event on Saturday, March 7th. Red Cross volunteers will be installing the new battery-powered alarms in your homes between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. In addition, if you have hard-wired alarms, they will install new batteries for you, again FREE!

If you didn't sign up for this free service, then you should still plan to replace yours if you've got older detectors. Sensors deteriorate over time and the units should be replaced after 10 years.

Welcome!!

- by Frank Biddle and Judy Raleigh

Please join us in welcoming the following new Residents to WSK:

Susie Leivas & Manny Gomez

Jolene Shaw

Armon & Ellen Grant

Enrique & Blanca Martinez

Bonita Figueroa

Christine Padilla

Steven Bartley

Terry Quinn

Forget 'World Peace' and instead try to imagine everyone using their turn signals... *all the time!*

The House was a Rockin'!

This past Sunday a blues band called The Honey Lickers put on a FREE concert at our clubhouse and music lovers came out in force. Neighbors from Warm Spring Knolls, Spring Knolls, and Golf Knolls packed the place and kept the dance floor busy. The ladies (and a few brave gents) from the twice weekly dance class gave us a treat with their polished line-dancing moves! Even Henry got out there and showed his stuff. Who knew?!

That's what it's all about. Folks sharing snacks, drinks, and just having fun! Don't miss the next time!!

WSK Looking for Volunteers

- Nancy Misko

Hey WSK community members, looking for something to volunteer for, maybe weekly or once a month, or just when needed? Good, because we here on the Board of Directors need some additional help. Some of the simple things you can do include:

- 1) Blow leaves and such around clubhouse.
- 2) Clean furniture around pool
- 3) Sweep spa area
- 4) Clean out storm drains around roads before/after rain
- 5) Deliver flyers
- 6) Stuff envelopes when needed
- 7) Assist other neighbors with weeds when needed

Let us know if you would like to be put on a list to call or you can just take on one of these jobs and we will give you instructions with a schedule. Every little bit helps!!

A Few Shots From the Concert



Thanks to Robyn W. for arranging for the FREE concert. The band was amazing, and much appreciated by all.



Scruffy says... “Who’s the boss?”

Early morning in early spring and me on my porch pillow. Life is good. Certainly better than I could have ever dreamed. Considering where I came from, my life now is a miracle and I am grateful for every day of it and for everyone in it. I have my best girl Meems to curl up with at night, I have a safe home with food and water, and I have my friends in the neighborhood to look out for. And of course, I have my persons. And they have me. My love for my person and Ms. Mayzee is so big and so bright that I almost can't look straight at it. And I know they love me just as much. Even when they're reminding me that it's not ok to race across their bed when they're sleeping, and that I shouldn't prove to Mimi how easily I can snag a cookie from the plate on the kitchen table. I know that even the magnificent Scruff is still just a dog living in a person's world. And I know that our persons respect me and Mimi enough to make us feel safe by showing us clear, consistent boundaries. That tells us that they've got a firm grip on the controls. That they're in charge.

What really twists my tail is knowing that some of my friends aren't so lucky. Their persons adore them, sure. But they don't give their furry pals the peace and comfort of knowing that the person is in charge, not them. Some dogs are born to lead so other than being a bit sketchy on walks and iffy around persons, it's not much of a problem. But most of us fur brains aren't natural leaders, especially in a persons' world where we have no real control of anything. Which is why we're easily exhausted and made crazy by the responsibility. Remember my story about Rocky? Good manners and respect for others doesn't come naturally. They have to be taught.

So, ok. Are you the boss? Here's a simple test:

- The car door or front door is opened. What happens? Does your furry pal scamper out for an adventure while you're shouting and running after them? Try practicing 'Person First Always'. In the natural world, it's always 'leader first'. It's easy and it makes a big difference to us. The person always goes through the door first, coming in or going out. On or off leash. Always. Person First works on stairs, too (and can help prevent nasty trip and fall accidents).
- What happens when a treat or food is in your hand. Does your pal threaten to take off your fingers if you're not quick enough? Or can you place the food on the floor in front of us while we wait to be given permission?
- I love my toys! What dog doesn't. Only sometimes in the serene fog of a chew-fest, it's easy to forget that many things aren't toys. And some things in the house can be dangerous. So, what happens when your furry pal gets ahold of something they shouldn't. Can you walk up and calmly take possession of the thing? Or is it a chase? Worse yet, do you get a growl? A pack-member NEVER shows aggression to a pack leader unless they want serious trouble. If you get a growl, or even a hard look, then it's time to rethink who's running the show.

It's all about loving but firm correction, and here's why. Puppies aren't born knowing how to act like responsible respectful dogs. They have to be taught by their mother and other members of the pack. Cute as they are, puppies are savages that have to be shown how to be. It's probably the same for persons. The problem is that most pups are taken away from their mothers long before they have the chance to learn anything useful. So, they have to be taught by their new pack – their new family. But they're so adorable! Who has the heart to say 'no' to little baby snuggly-poo? But then they grow up... Yeah, you can see the problem. That's why so many dogs end up being abandoned to dog prison... the pound. Only when it's too late does the need for rules and firm, but loving correction become obvious.

There's a few other things that a person can use to answer the question of who's the boss. Like, does Sparky jump into my lap or my favorite chair whenever he wants, or does he wait to be invited? Does Millie jump up on people, or does she show respect by limiting her enthusiasm to a good tail wag and maybe sneaking in a kiss or two?

But these are obvious things that a person can understand. At a whole different level are the subtle things that maybe only dogs' get easily. Are the eyes calm or stressed? Are they giving a hard look or soft? Is the posture saying "Oh yeah?! You want some of this?!" or is it more of a "Hey, wanna wrestle?" kind of thing?

Take time to show your furry pal that you love them enough to be the leader that they need you to be.

“See you around the neighborhood!”

WSK Clubhouse Calendar

March 2020

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Dance 2B Fit 9 – 10 am Ping Pong 1 pm	3 Bible Study 10 am	4 Ping Pong 6 pm	5 Trash Day Dance 2B Fit 9 – 10 am	6 Board Office Hours 9-12	7 Private Party
8 Daylight Savings Clocks ahead 1 hour at 2 am Int'l Women's Day	9 Dance 2B Fit 9 – 10 am Ping Pong 1 pm	10 Bible Study 10 am	11 Hand & Foot 1 pm Ping Pong 6 pm	12 Trash & Recycle Dance 2B Fit 9 – 10 am	13 Board Office Hours 9-12	14
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29 Vietnam War Veterans Day	30 Dance 2B Fit 9 – 10 am Ping Pong 1 pm	31 Cesar Chavez Day Bible Study 10 am Hand & Foot 1 pm				

