

Warm Spring Knolls (WSK)

A 55+ Community

October 2021

Neighborhood News

Sunset from
the Pool Deck

- courtesy of
Shelby Price



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From the 2021 Board of Directors

As expected, the fall weather is on us, and the days are growing cooler. So, enjoy the pool deck while you can! Nancy is planning to keep the pool heated until at least the end of the month. With the fall weather we all have to remember to keep those fallen leaves and debris from collecting in our yards and curb gutters.

Our fall General Meeting of the HOA is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 17th at 2 pm. Before we start the meeting, we will host a visit by our city **Mayor Scott Vinton** and our **City Council Member Christie White**. They have offered to meet with us to make presentations and to answer our questions on what's happening in Murrieta (see article below). Now is your chance to get those burning questions answered! Please come, enjoy refreshments, and meet our elected officials.

As you may have noticed, the clubhouse is fully open! The newsletter calendar is up to date with known activities. If you are part of a card playing group, please be sure to contact me (your president and newsletter editor) to get on the calendar.

You Ought to Know...

What is Happening in Murrieta??

What will it mean to our little community when the Bible College becomes a world-class destination resort? And how is Murrieta Hot Springs Road going to handle all the traffic that will come from those extensive housing developments being built?

To get timely and expert information on these and other important Murrieta issues, come to the WSK clubhouse on **Sunday, October 17th at 2pm** and sit in on a presentation and discussion with **Murrieta Mayor Scott Vinton** and **Christie White**, our **City Council Member and Mayor**

Pro-Tem. You can send your questions to Christie by emailing her no later than 10/9 at cwhite@murrietaca.gov.

Expanding the Selection at the Library

For more than 10 years, Pierce and Norma Box have tirelessly maintained the library – shuffling through incoming

books and combing through the inventory to remove books that aren't being read. They don't hear from WSK residents very often and so find themselves sorting through the usual mystery, thriller, romance, and inspirational books. But lately they've received requests for a broader selection of categories including classic fiction, nature, physical sciences, science fiction, history, metaphysics, and more. They said, "Sure", and then opened up shelf space for new arrivals. If you have books you'd like to donate, you can drop them off at the library (in the clubhouse).

Changes to Waste & Recycle Bins

Henry spoke with Waste Mgmt and was told that they are conforming to CA rules by standardizing bin colors. Expect to see changes including giving the recycle bin a blue lid and eventually they will print "Recyclables" on the recycle bin.

Deals

Albertson's is offering 10% off your grocery bill if you go in for a free flu shot.

CVS and other pharmacies offer discounts and \$\$ for transferring your prescriptions.



Mayor Scott
Vinton



Council Member
Christie White

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
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Terry Quinn
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Clubhouse Rental

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Holly Martinez
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From the Treasurer

— James Sebring



WSK HOA Financials

YTD as of September 30, 2021

Operating Account:	\$ 41,484
Reserve Checking:	\$ 55,285
Reserve Savings:	\$ 134,500

WSK HOA General Meeting

October 17, 2021
2 pm

Facilities Update – Nancy Misko, Director



I hope everyone has found time to enjoy our fantastic pool and spa! We're hoping to keep the pool heated until at least NOV 1st – this date depends on the weather, so we'll see. If you're up for a cool dip after that date... may the force be with you! I'd like to thank those that do so well picking up after themselves and keeping the place clean for others enjoyment. Please remember to turn off all lights when departing the Spa and the bathrooms. This includes the clubhouse and its bathrooms, as well. The lights are being left on in clubhouse area and bathrooms. Please be sure to alert any Board member when something is out of line at the clubhouse or pool area, such as leaks, unusual noise, damage, low water in the pool, spa, or fountain as well as anything that looks suspicious. Don't forget...

- We have seen residents use the **sliding glass doors** in the clubhouse to go between the clubhouse and the pool area... please use only the doors nearest the main entrance door to enter the pool area and the pool gate to exit the pool area. Leaving the sliders open invites theft and vandalism.
- The **spa will remain up and running** throughout the winter months.
- **Pool Codes** are only for the owner or authorized renter. Renters must have current information on file in the HOA office.
- And lastly, please **NO food/snacks/glass** containers at the pool area, only in the breezeway picnic table area.

Murrieta Senior Center

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Police (non-emergency)

(951) 304-2677

Waste Management

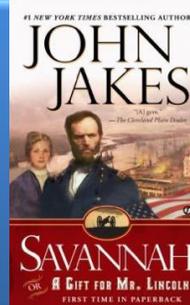
(Trash bin replacement)
(714) 558-7761

Homeowners! Now is Your Chance!

Budget Planning: We're planning 2022 projects. Now is your chance for that improvement you've always wanted to see!

WSK Book Club

The group will meet on October 19th @ 7 pm at the Clubhouse and will be discussing "*Savannah, or A Gift for Mr. Lincoln*" – by John Jakes. For more info contact: Marcia Livingston at 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.

At my age, a trail of clothes leading to the bedroom means I dropped them on the way from the dryer.

WELCOME COMMITTEE — Holly Martinez & Terry Quinn

Holly and I would like to introduce our new residents:

- Daniel Anguiano, 38295 Via la Colina
- Michelle and Patrick Calcagno, 38092 Via del Largo.

We are so happy you're here! Please extend them a warm welcome.

Our Clubhouse activities are starting to come alive again so if you hear of something going on that interests you, think about inviting your new neighbors. It's sometimes difficult to attend a group function full of strangers, but a personal invitation from you can make all the difference.



Senior Advocate — Shelby Price

Hints for Happier Living

Being outdoors is a natural antidote to stress and boredom. Try going outdoors in early evening when the temperature has gone down or in the cool of the morning. The peace & quiet of nature soothes our senses and the overpowering immensity of the great outdoors can be calming. Even something so simple as observing the growing plants in your yard can create a sense of awe. This can be a powerful boost to mental health & the benefits tend to last.

Scientists have known that seeing or even hearing water triggers a flood of neurochemicals that increase blood flow to the brain & heart. Try out our wonderful WSK pool and the nearby fountain for refreshment.

Careful exposure to direct sunlight during cooler hours can have a positive effect on everything from hormones to brain chemistry. This is true even on an overcast day. Take short breaks outside to walk your dog or to make calls or just take a leisurely stroll around the block. It will help you feel good in the world again. Again, mind the temperature!

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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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\$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

CA license 0D50865 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

We'll relocate it to a safe place - FREE



WSK Activities – James Sebring

We are planning a monthly event for the second Tuesday of each month from **5 to 7 pm**. For **October 23rd** the event will be a **Pizza Party** with pizza and salad - **\$3.00 per person**. We're holding a game night immediately after so bring the game of your choice (cards, scrabble, or whatever)! **BYOB** - Come join us. Contact me to let us know what you'd like to see on these monthly event nights.

We're also planning on hosting a **community breakfast** the morning of **October 23rd** starting at 8:30 am. **\$5 per person**. Expect all the usual goodies, and more!

Future event nights may be an Ice Cream Social, Movie Night, etc. Let us know what you would like to see!

Changes planned for 2022

– James Sebring, Treasurer

- Annual assessment increase: \$85/month, \$1020/year
- All residents to submit email addresses for billing purposes. Invoices and routine communications will be sent by email
- Assessments will be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually, only. Monthly payments for documented hardship only (reduces handling labor and costs)

A New Fun Idea!

A few residents have decided to meet at the Clubhouse each Monday at 1 pm as a time to spend on the **arts or crafts** that they enjoy. Anyone wanting to do their particular hobby in a group setting (to socialize) should plan to participate! Or you can just come and see what your neighbors are up to! If you'd like to do your craft with the group, all you have to do is bring everything you need and take it all home when finished. Show up and you're likely to see painting, watercolors, jewelry making, macramé, sculpting, knitting, or... who knows?

In Memory of Jerry Dorn

Jerry and his wife Anne moved to WSK in 1986. In 1993 Jerry began what would be years of service on the WSK Board of Directors, serving as President. Jerry loved this community and was dedicated to its improvement. He initiated the transition of WSK from a family park to a 55+ Community. Jerry passed July 7 at the age of 92. He is survived by wife Anne and son Brad.

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A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes...

Keeping Trash Costs Down



Many of our residents continue to put non-recyclable trash in the gray recyclable trash bins. If this continues, Waste Mgmt may have to raise our cost because it is expensive for them to separate trash from the recyclables. I have checked and most of our community is NOT recycling correctly. I will continue to monitor this. Mistakes are understandable, but blatant misuse of your gray recyclable trash bin could make you a candidate to have your recycling bin removed. I don't want all of us paying more for trash service because some residents are not recycling properly. All of our services are passing increased costs on to us, so let's do what we can to keep trash costs low. I would like to point out that our trash dump sites are running out of room and there is less and less space to create these huge dump sites. Riverside county produces 17,000 tons of non-recyclable trash each week. Therefore, recycling is very important to keep down the huge amount of waste we produce.

See the lists below for what can be recycled and what is real trash. This is not rocket-science...

RECYCLABLE TRASH
Clean or semi-clean empty bottles plastic or glass. NO metal caps or plastic lids to these bottles
Clean plastic cups
Paper (junk mail, envelopes, magazines, newspapers)
Clean cardboard and egg cartons. pizza boxes with no grease or food from pizza on the cardboard
Clean metal cans of any type

NON-RECYCLABLE TRASH
Plastic bags of any type. Also don't put your recyclables in plastic bags
Wet or soiled paper
Bubble wrap
Styrofoam
Wood (of any type)
Small appliances
Cardboard with food contamination
Plastic straws
Paper cups with wax coating
Light bulbs



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Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

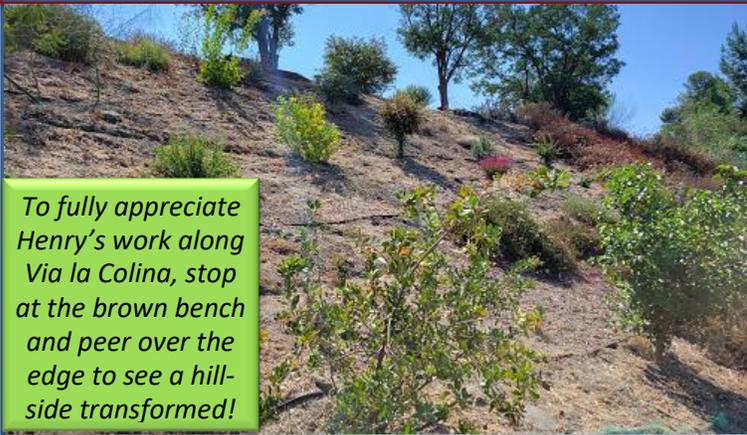
Can You Help a Cool Cat Out?

- Henry

As you may know my longtime friend/housemate Robyn passed away August 4th, leaving me with her adorable, affectionate cat, Tupacky. I used to dislike cats until I met this guy. He is sweet, very loveable, and very quiet. Unfortunately, I can't be around enough to provide him the love he needs. I wish I could, as I have become very attached to him. He needs to be with someone that will be able to be his full-time companion. Tupacky does not do well with other cats or dogs in the house, so he needs to live in a home that is cat and dog free. He is completely cat-box trained. A retired person or retired couple would work out best for him and for them. I would really love to see him go to a nice, loving home. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, call me at **951-202-1130**.



Odds and Ends...



To fully appreciate Henry's work along Via la Colina, stop at the brown bench and peer over the edge to see a hillside transformed!

We needed a door on the kitchen, so Nancy found a great solution. Then, Bud, Henry, and Glenn got together for the installation. Nice work team!



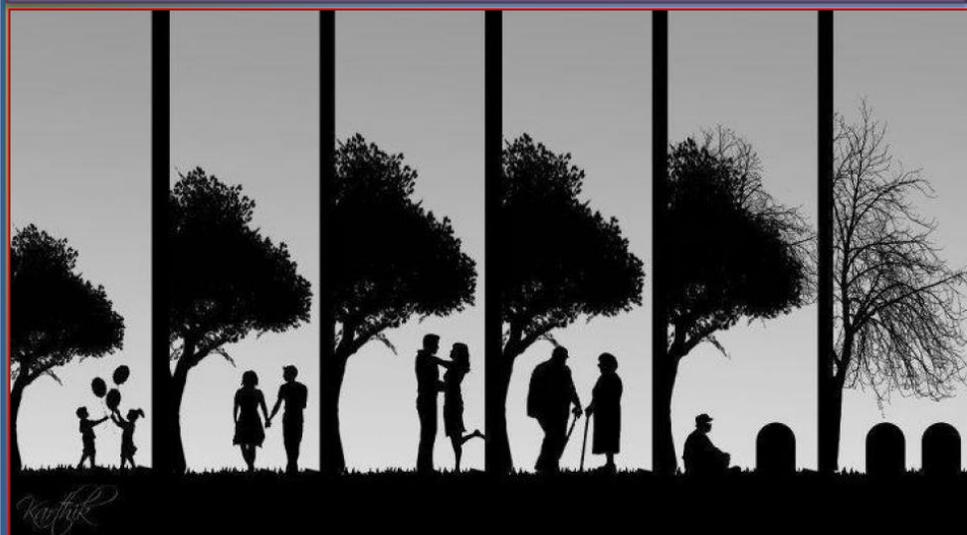
Another gorgeous sunset seen from the WSK Pool Deck.

Don't miss the 2nd Hand Treasure Sale at Unit One - Spring Knolls. It will be held Friday, October 8, 2021, and Saturday, October 9, 2021. It is open to the public so bring a friend. The sale starts at 8:00 am until 3:00 pm on both days.

High School Football is Back!

Vista Murrieta High School would like to welcome you to a fun night. Next Friday, 10/8/2021 will be the first home football game. It will take you back to your high school days of football, cheering, and screaming. A school bus will pick you up at Unit Two - Warm Spring Knolls, and take you to Vista Murrieta High School. A special section is roped off just for seniors. A box meal will be furnished along with soft drinks. For time and more details call Richard Ortiz, 951-526-5575.

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 Marsha 951-219-3691



My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.
Me: Like what
My Kid: Like, if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.
Me: Well, that's what happened to your older brother.
My Kid: What older brother?
Me: Exactly.



Scruffy Says... "Life can be tough..."

Rumors pass through the neighborhood quicker than my dinner disappears from my bowl. Lately, everyone's been buzzing about the wild things that have been seen roaming the neighborhood. We've always had visits from skunks, racoons, coyotes, and even bobcats. They emerge from their hidey places when the sun sets and wander our streets and yards looking for yummy tidbits. But this is different. They're out during the day. Maybe they're wandering because it's been so dry. There hasn't been rain for such a long time. Even the creek in the canyon has become just a trickle, leaving the occasional little pool hidden in the trees.

It's not just the usual critters poking around. I heard my person say that the drought is so bad that deer have been seen nearby. That must be the name for the monstrously big animal that my pal Little Limpy saw head into the canyon. He said it had a tangle of sharp pokey things on its head. Scary! But I had to see it myself...

Since it was into those trees that Little Limpy saw the deer disappear, that's where I headed just before first light of the new day. Tucking my tail, I slipped under the fence and followed the coyote trail into the canyon. I found a tree overhanging a large still pool in a little clearing and nestled into a hidden bowl at its roots. Everyone has to drink eventually, so I waited. And waited. I must have fallen asleep because when I opened my eyes things had changed – I was nose to nose with the biggest wild thing I had ever seen. Its large dark eyes looked into mine from a strong and kind but formidable face. On its massive head was a crown, a flowing weave of what looked like pointed branches that grew out of the top of its head! It must be the king of deer, I thought.

"What are you?", it asked me, its deep voice speaking softly, sounding tired.

"Well, I'm a...", I looked down at myself. No wonder it didn't know. In my sleep I had rolled over into my most comfortable position, on my back with my legs splayed in all directions, my pale belly exposed to the world. "Um, just a minute", I said as I rolled up into a sitting position. "Ahem. I am a dog", I said, lifting my chin in an attempt to regain some dignity.

"Ah", it said. "A pet. Soft. You shouldn't be napping near the watering hole." It turned towards the water. As it lowered its head to the water it paused and said, "It's a dangerous place in such a dry time."

"Dangerous?", I asked, walking over to him. "Dangerous is wild things like you coming into this place so near all these person homes. They have dogs much bigger than me that would love to chase you. And persons are afraid of wild things like you. They have long sticks that they will shake at you and hit you if they can." He didn't seem impressed, just continued drinking. "And they have cars that could strike you on the streets", I said.

"So where else are we supposed to go when the water and food are so hard to find", asked a purry melodic voice behind me. I turned to see a momma bobcat and her two cubs walk into the clearing.

"Yeah, what are we supposed to do?", asked a chorus of voices. I turned again and saw a racoon, an opossum, and a skunk enter the clearing and head for the pool.

"Yeah, what exactly?", echoed a small fat furry thing as it waddled up behind them. "We don't want to be around persons or their things, but times are hard. Our noses tell us where the food and water are, and we have no choice. We want to live; we follow the scent."

"But it is dangerous", I insisted. "They have cars. I've seen what happens! You shouldn't be anywhere near here."

"Tell me about it", came a whispery voice from where I had slept under the tree. A large dark snake slid from the bowl in the roots into the water. It swam in lazy ripples to the shore where I stood. "All I do is try to stay out of their way." It coiled neatly into a comfortable position. "I just want the rats and mice that nest under and around their homes. You'd think they'd know I am doing them a service, but no.", it said. "They scream and run or poke at me with sticks... or worse. And with no water in such a long time, that's exactly where my food is, hiding under their homes."

"I mean really, little pet. What are any of us supposed to do?", asked another voice. This one was purry too, like the bobcat, but bigger with a snarling growl lurking just beneath the words. Much scarier. I looked up to see a mountain lion lounging on a large branch that extended over the pond. "We don't have a water bowl that's always full. For us, this...", she said, flicking her massive tail at the pool, "... is where the water is. And where there is water, there is life."

I suddenly felt incredibly lucky, privileged, and terrible, all at the same time. I had known what it is to live rough, before this wonderful life with my person. I knew how it felt to have to scrounge for food, to desperately seek water, any water, with a thirst so desperate that my tongue hung dry and swollen from my dusty lips. I looked at the faces around me and saw that same desperation in their eyes. I squeezed my eyes shut knowing the pain, the struggle that their lives were every day. I lay down burying my face in my paws and cried. Then I felt a soft tongue gently licking at the tears on my face.

"Scruff, what is it", said Mimi's voice. I opened my eyes to see her laying close, licking at my tears. I had never gone to the canyon. Never laid by the pool or saw those faces thinned by thirst. But I knew they were real. That they were out there. The wild things had spoken to me and now I had to find a way to help.

