

# Neighborhood News



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## From the 2020 Board of Directors

It's a bit crazy keeping up with the Covid closure rules. The state says one thing, the county says another, and our lawyers bounce back and forth! However! We're following the most immediate authority by adhering to the Riverside County orders which still prohibit group gatherings (greater than 10) but which does allow us to **partially** open the pool and spa. We're glad to be able to give our residents access to the pool/spa and it's regrettable that the current restrictions have to be imposed. After all, we know that we've got some very responsible residents with equally great grandkids who'd love to swim. But not just yet. What you probably don't know is that in order to have the pool open at all, RivCo requires that we implement a disinfection program. So, at the end of **every day** (!) either Nancy, Marcia, or Marsha interrupts their day to apply disinfectant to just about anything a person can touch around the pool and spa. Of course, they do this in addition to everything else they're doing for us! So, if you happen to be at the pool and see one of these ladies, make sure that the first thing you consider saying is... "Thanks!" We may hold a Board Meeting in June which could include a 'dial-in' option for residents to participate (like we did for the April General Meeting). If so, we'll distribute a flyer with dial-in instructions.

## You Ought to Know...

### Covid-19 Testing

Free testing is available at several sites in Riverside County (go to <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus/testing> to see all available sites) including the new site at the Temecula library. Testing is done by appointment only and your test results can take as long as 3 – 10 days to be reported back to you. So, if you have contact with grandkids or anyone else during that time, the test results may not be as useful as you'd like.

### Free Meals

The April issue of this newsletter listed many sources for free meals, including the Senior Center Meals program which is coordinated by Doreen (951-304-3569) at Golf Knolls. Recently, some folks in the drive-through line could be seen waiting for their free meals in some pretty nice vehicles. Remember, that Doreen and her team work hard to bring this program to seniors who truly need help.

### The Face-Mask

– *to wear or not to wear*

As state and county closure rules continue to be relaxed, a lot of us are glad to shed the mask. Just keep in mind a couple of key points: Our senior population includes a lot of at-risk folks; to-date over 303 deaths in RivCo are attributed to Covid; a mask should be considered whenever dealing with anyone who works with the public. And be careful about wearing a mask while driving! It isn't necessary and it could distract you and cause an accident.

### Recycling Costs

Up until a few months ago, we enjoyed using our recycling bins for free. Then the city stepped in and imposed taxes, for which we are billed by Waste Mgmt at the rate of \$1.50 per month per resident. \$18 a year per resident isn't a deal breaker and it allows us to continue to do our part in reducing the volume of trash we send to the landfill. Every little bit helps!

*If you have an opinion, a  
brief article, a joke, or an  
interest that you'd like to  
see in the Newsletter,  
send it to the editor at:  
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**Other Volunteers****Activities**

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Judy Raleigh  
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**Library**

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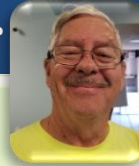
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**Welcoming Committee**

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Frank Biddle  
760-716-4775

**Yard Maintenance Com.**

Shirley Sebring  
760-522-9262

**From the Treasurer****WSK HOA Financials as of March 31, 2020**

Operating Account:	\$ 51,331
Reserve Checking:	\$ 94,167
Reserve Savings:	\$ 133,286
<b>Total Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 278,784</b>

**WSK June Board Meeting**

**June 17, 10 am**

*Possible Teleconference if the decision is made to hold the meeting. RivCo still prohibits group gatherings.*

**We're Baaack...**

- Shirley Sebring



Yep. The Yard Maintenance Committee (YMC) is back in action. This time with a new member! After some time off, the YMC has been re-energized to once again help our residents continue to build the kind of community that we can all be proud of. Like last year, the YMC will focus on yard maintenance.

And, just like last year, we'll be making the rounds and talking with folks. We'll leave *Thank You* notes for those that are doing a great job and take note of those that aren't. We're happy to work **with** our residents to solve yard issues. But, if we have trouble getting someone's attention, we **will** hand it over to the Board for 'further action'.

From here forward, the YMC is your point of contact to help with any yard issues you may have. We realize that communication is the key to solving issues and that all situations are not the same. You are always welcome to contact me to discuss any yard maintenance issues.

We're looking forward to another successful year!

**Yard Maintenance Committee (YMC)**

Shirley Sebring - Chair  
Josie Ingraham  
Robyn Wright

**Murrieta Senior Center**

(951) 304-7275  
**Closed until 7/1/20**

**Police (non-emergency)**

(951) 304-2677

**Waste Management**

(trash bin replacement)  
(714) 558-7761

**WSK Book Club**

On hiatus. For info, call  
Marcia L. at  
951-440-5611

**Making Improvements to Your Home or Property?**

Great! We are glad you are. We all should. It's good for us, our homes, and our community. But please remember! If your project involves any part of your property that can be seen from the street, or if it involves structural issues with your home, then be sure to contact Frank, your

Architectural Director, for Approval. Getting approval for projects is a pretty big part of the CA state code that governs HOAs, and we are required to enforce those rules. And, just like getting a city permit, failure to gain approval could result in fines, and more. Give Frank a call if you have questions or stop by the office to pick up an Architectural Approval form. *Happy projects!*

## Schmancy Nancy's Facility Update

Hello WSK Community! I want to update you all with some news on current and upcoming projects in our community club facilities. I sure hope everyone is keeping healthy and safe during this once in our lifetime pandemic. But the Covid-19 closure rules haven't kept us from getting things done, such as:



- Carpets inside clubhouse have all been professionally cleaned. They look great!
- Landscaping outside the clubhouse has been improved by removing diseased and damaged trees and bushes, and by trimming 3 of our palms. The drip irrigation system was corrected in a few spots and plants are looking great.
- Pool area is cleaned and sanitized nightly.
- New operable door locks have been installed on the men's and women's bathroom doors in the spa building and a locking device has been placed on the spa slider door. Every night I (or another Board member) locks those doors and every morning they're unlocked before swim aerobics class. These locks have been effective in preventing unwanted night visitors.
- A new speaker bar has been installed in the clubhouse main room for music and it can be used as a microphone during meetings.

Coming up, we are looking forward to starting or finishing these projects:

- Weeding has been done on much of the common areas south of clubhouse (will continue)
- Some of the palms, less desirable trees, and overgrown brush in that common area (especially along the border of residents' properties) will be trimmed or removed.
- A white 6 ft fence will be installed in the place where the hedge has been removed between the property next to clubhouse and our parking lot. (Going out to bid)
- Damage to the pool deck will be repaired once a suitable solution is found. Long term, we're considering the possibility of replacing the concrete with pavers... depends on cost.
- I am getting bids on replacing the louvre style windows in the spa with something nice (and non-removable!).
- We would like to improve the availability of shelter from the sun on the pool deck, so we're looking at cost-effective small gazebo/pergola/cabana type structures for pool area (pending).
- I am in the process of sourcing and purchasing new mats for spa area and bathroom floors (pending).

The main items to be budgeted will of course be those deemed to be most crucial based on safety and security. But still, it's always nice to have a wish list, and I welcome any ideas that you might have for any upgrades, repairs, or beautifications to OUR clubhouse and grounds. Email me at [wsk.murrieta.com](mailto:wsk.murrieta.com).

**Nancy Misko**

**Madam Facilities Director**

## Dance 2B Fit!

Happy June to all my dance ladies. As of right now, it looks like we are still unable to get together. I hope all of you are still dancing, exercising, and trying to keep busy during these days. When something changes and we can resume our dance classes, I will get the word out.

Thanks to you all and keep on moving.

- Marsha

**When this quarantine is over, let's not tell some people.**

**Activities News – Sherry Tatar****LOCKDOWN**

Hey neighbors! It's been a real test of strength and temperament over the past couple of months. Many of us have chosen to fill our time with chores we've put off for too long. Some projects we can do ourselves and some require a trained professional. My husband and I have lived here for 20 years and have had occasion to make use of one of our best resources: The **WSK Vendor Listing**.



These vendors have been recommended by friends and neighbors from WSK, Spring Knolls, and Golf Knolls. Whether it is interviewing, getting a bid, or having them in my home to complete the job, I have had nothing but positive experiences. Be sure to let the vendor know you intend to get several bids before you choose; find out how long the bids are good for; and confirm what form of payment they accept. Doing your homework up front truly makes all the difference.

The list is by no means complete. If you have had a good experience, or an unfavorable one, please

**WSK Community Notes**

- by Henry



Our neighborhood pair of red tailed hawks have a baby that recently fledged (left) their nest. The nest is up in the pine trees behind the Spring Knolls Club -house. They nest there every year. The family is now combing our area together looking for rats, mice, rabbits, and ground squirrels as the parents teach their baby how

to hunt. Some of you may remember that they lost their young one from last year to rat poison, this last March. Also, on a recent early morning, a family of great horned owls was spotted in the canyon teaching their young one the ways of the world. Fledglings are often easy to spot because they're a bit clumsier and more unsure while flying and landing (and because of their markings). I would hate to see either of these magnificent families lose the child that they have raised, to rat poison. It is a horrible way to die. I am requesting that if you have a rat problem to put out traps and then be sure to throw the trapped rats into the trash. If you have a live trap, Glenn or I would be more than happy to come get it and release it in a remote area where a snake, coyote, bobcat, owl, or hawk can catch it and make a healthy meal out of it. Our phone numbers are on the newsletter's front page. Please be conscious of the effect your pest control strategies have on local wildlife.



Thanks,  
Henry

**Man calling hospital:**

"My wife is going into labor,  
what should I do?"

**Hospital:**

"Is this her first child?"

**Man:**

"No. This is her husband"

**Critters R Us**

If you see a snake, any snake, or other critter of concern, please do not senselessly murder this important member of the living world. Just keep an eye on it from a safe distance and call or text:

**Henry at 951-202-1130 or,  
Glenn at 951-642-2897**



## Are You Ready?

- Jim Francis



A sound Emergency Preparedness plan and a Team dedicated to executing it are critical in a community like ours. We have been fortunate over the years that we have not had to respond to a true disaster situation, like a fire or damaging earthquake. But we do have a vulnerable population and I firmly believe it is so very important that we be ready. If disaster does strike, it will be too late if we are not prepared.

The first WSK Emergency (Disaster) Preparedness Team ran from about 1989 to 2001. It was re-established in 2008 and I've been actively involved with it since then.

Unfortunately, over the last few years I haven't been able to devote my full attention to the program, so at the end of this year I'll be stepping down as committee chair. Hopefully, one or several of our residents will recognize this as an opportunity to make a difference and take over the helm. I'll still be here in WSK and will assist the new Team Leader(s) as needed during the transition. In addition, I plan to remain and participate as a Team member during emergency response efforts.

*... God willing and the creek don't rise!*

### Another Improvement!

Drive our streets and pay attention to our street signs.



The first thing you'll notice is how many of them are weathered and unreadable. So, Frank conducted a survey and put together a project for replacement of the worst ones. He's also removing unnecessary ones and combining redundant signs to make it easier for folks to get the message.

### Save Yourself Money... and Hassle!

If you have chosen to pay your HOA fees twice a year, it can be real tough to remember that your second payment is due by **July 1<sup>st</sup>**. Normally, our Treasurer James is a pretty patient guy. But if you're not paying on time, it makes for a LOT of extra work for James. It's no wonder the board loses patience and issues fines.

So, don't forget – if you pay twice a year, your next payment is due by the end of June.

Call James with questions.

## Photos, News, and Stuff

As you drive out from WSK on Via Princesa, slow down and take a look at the improvements being made. WSK's own Henry as well as George and Diane from Spring Knolls have been teaming up to completely renovate the area around 'the monument' (the stucco sign seen in the photo below). The team seen in the photo came together to help by spreading a truckload of river rock over the island and the spaces on either side of the road.



**The Rock Shoveling Crew (left to right)**

Robert, Chad, Glenn, George, Diane, Eric, & Henry

**Father introduces his daughter to his new friend:**

*"This is my daughter Beth."*

**Friend:** "Oh. And what's Beth short for?"

**Man:** "Because she's only three."

To clarify: Recently, a number of 'violations' were distributed throughout the community. Many deservedly went to residents with serious weed and other issues. But unfortunately our agreed upon protocols for what constituted a violation-level situation wasn't well understood. As a result, many letters were issued to residents that shouldn't have gotten them. That's why all members of the Board came together as a team to establish a new approach that involved resurrecting the Yard Maintenance Committee.

**I stepped on my scale this morning. It said:**  
*"Please practice social distancing. Only one person at a time on the scale."*



Check out these beauties from Frank's place!!



*Taking Care of Business! Henry taking another for the team by whacking weeds in the common area. Saving us \$\$*

### REMINDER!!

Trash and Recycle Bins out to the curb the evening before. Back out of sight no later than the next morning. - Thanks

### An appropriate analogy?

*"The curve is flattening so we can start lifting restrictions now"*

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*"The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now".*

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### Scruffy says...

Yes, Scruffy does say. He has been saying quite a lot since his introduction in the December 2015 issue of this newsletter. I began Scruffy as a way to talk about little things, little but important things like dog walking and the value of carrying doggie doo-doo bags. But Scruff had bigger ideas. Soon, he began sharing his love of family and friends and the joy, the beauty, and of course the pain of everyday living. I discovered that Scruff, like the rest of us, knew that fear and sadness are always lurking in the shadows. And that he had learned a long time ago that love of life, family, and friends is the best defense. If you know Scruffy, then you know he sees himself as the defender of the neighborhood! I imagine that he sees himself wearing a cape fluttering down his back as he dashes to the rescue. But we know that Scruff's real battles are against injustice and intolerance. He has no patience for bullies (*remember the time that he took on Spike and the gang as they intimidated the new guy because he sounded like he came from somewhere distant and strange?*). We've seen him save snakes from being run over in the street and one time he even ran off a few coyotes that had their eye on Scruff's pal down the street. But don't misunderstand him. It's not that Scruff sees himself as in charge of anything. He simply understands that someone has to stand up. Someone has to do the right thing, especially when it's about doing what's fair and just. He's a compassionate guy. And so is Mimi, his best girl. That's probably why it was so right for them to rescue the coyote pup they found under the bush in their yard. Sure, maybe his person didn't think it was so right when Scruff snatched his sandwich from the table to feed the little guy, but sacrifices had to be made! Friends of Scruffy will recall that Scruff and Mimi bent the rules even further (and put themselves in serious danger) by leaving the yard to lead the pup into the canyon, returning him to his family's den. Scruff did it for the pup. But more, he did it for Mimi. His best girl.

Meems (as Scruffy calls her) came to live with Scruff and his person when their neighbor Nana could no longer care for her. When Nana passed, Scruff showed us how confusing loss could be while Meems gave us an intimate reminder of the deep pain and enduring ache of missing that one soul that mattered most. And in that loss, we also saw that the friendship between Nana and Scruff's person is what saved Mimi. We learned that all of us need a plan for 'What if I'm not here to care for my furry friend? What will become of them?'. Meems was lucky. So many pets aren't.

Mimi has often had her own voice in these stories, sharing her love for Scruffy as well as her patient and eye-rolling tolerance. But to her, his heart makes it all worth it.

But hang on. Before we put him on a pedestal, let's remember that Scruff isn't perfect. Like the rest of us, he (and Meems) can be a bit of a gossip. And - big surprise - he's given to temptation. Yeah, just like the rest of us. Like the time that Meems and he first discovered the vagrant giant-size wolfhound scavenging scraps in the neighborhood. Because of a bit of stumble to his step (from a car accident that caused his homelessness), they called him (behind his back of course) 'Little Limpy'. And then, as this beast of a dog wandered off in search of food, Scruff abandoned any pretense of following the rules by squeezing under the fence, losing his tags in the process, and dashing off to follow Little Limpy. That began a multiple episode adventure that cost both dogs their freedom and nearly, their lives. But Scruff made sure that when his person finally found him at the animal shelter, Little Limpy came home with them. Even better, Scruffy later befriended a neighbor whom he connived into taking in Little Limpy as a member of his home.

Scruffy's the first to tell us that he's a dog living in a person's world. And that means being dependent on someone. Sure, he could get along on his own. He did for far too long in his early years, and it wasn't pretty. But being alone can be far better than being with a bad person. Someone neglectful, or worse. Someone just mean. Scruff has known mean, and maybe that's why he won't tolerate it now. But Scruff's person shows us what so many dog persons are (or could be): Patient. Considerate. Respectful. Firm. And loving. His person, and his person's girlfriend Ms. Mayzee, share a commitment to those same principles in life and in their neighborhood. But Scruff is thrilled that they add the principle cherry to the principle pie: Life is short so have fun!

Sure, Scruffy stories are my creation. But many of Scruff's friends such as Packy (the cat), Muffin, Mindy, Cheyenne, Molly, Big-Dog, Daisy Rose, Oliver, Gabriel, and Oreo, are (or were) real. Like Scruffy, they're lucky to be the furry friends of some equally lucky, and fine, dog-persons.

Like I've said, Scruffy stories aren't for everyone. But I know that Scruff speaks from the heart and that he touches the heart of at least a few of us. Oh, and by the way, Ms. Mayzee is on the mend. Scruff's person brought her home from the hospital and after a lot of hugging and slobbery licking and a few tears, he settled her in the big chair with a dog on either hip and a sweet satisfied smile on her face.

# Don't Forget

## Your Semi-Annual Payment

**Warm Spring Knolls Homeowners Assoc.**

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INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
7945	07/01/2020	\$480.00	07/31/2020	Semi-Annual	

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
<b>ASSESSMENT:Semi-Annual</b> Assessment:Semi-Annual Assessment 2020 Semi-Annual	1	480.00	480.00

BALANCE DUE

**\$480.00**

Sorry, group activities that don't allow for social distancing are suspended until we get the all-clear.

## WSK Clubhouse Calendar

June 2020

We're on the Internet!  
[www.theknolofmurrieta.org](http://www.theknolofmurrieta.org)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Trash Day</i>	12	13
14 <b>Flag Day</b>	15	16	17 WSK Board Mtg 10 am – Maybel - a flyer will be issued if it is to occur -	18 <i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>	19	20 <b>Summer Begins</b> (Summer Solstice)
21 <b>Father's Day</b>	22	23	24	25 <i>Trash Day</i>	26	27
28	29	30	<b>June Flower</b> <i>The Rose and the Honeysuckle</i> <b>June Birthstones</b> <i>Pearl and Alexandrite</i>			

**Editor's Note:**

My apologies for missing the effect of Memorial Day on the Trash schedule in June... ah, well.