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Spring Knolls News

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THEIR #1 WEAPON? ‘URGENCY AND FEAR’



SCAM TALK: During the Jan. 11, annual meeting, Riverside District Attorney fraud investigator Michael Stalnecker advises against underestimating scammers.

Warning: Scammers are ‘very smart’

“You don’t have to be nice to strangers.”

That was just one piece of advice from Michael Stalnecker about dealing with possible scam artists during a wide-ranging talk about fraud at the Jan. 11 annual meeting.

Stalnecker, a senior investigator with the Riverside District Attor-

ney’s office, told an audience of about 70 Spring Knolls residents that older Americans have become profitable prey to scammers because, compared to many other generations, seniors are established and in many cases have available cash.

Stalnecker was asked to speak

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Valentine’s Day 1972



Valentine’s Day 1992

SK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2024 challenges, innovations produce high hopes for 2025

Following are reports to the Spring Knolls members from our board of directors:

Sandy Vollmer, President

I’ve served as your President for the past 4-1/2 years, and the board elected me to continue in that role for 2025.

As President, I act as a coordinator of matters. We have great directors who take care of their respective areas. I help to bring it all together.

Each year there are items needing review and approval, such as the Board calendar and mailing documents. Some matters need more review through meetings,

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2025 Spring Knolls board of directors: (Seated) Secretary Holli Hanson, President Sandy Vollmer, Treasurer Sharon Kilpatrick. (Standing) Vice President/Architectural Director Jan Towers, Directors Shawnee Miller, Debby Adelhelm, Candy Lee, Ron Sieber.

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Board presentations and ultimately decisions on such things as the next year's budget as well as landscaping, street and clubhouse projects.

We must follow HOA laws, and if they change we update our governing documents, forms, procedures and policies to ensure compliance.



Sandy Vollmer

Our Board also holds Executive (closed) Sessions to consider resident complaints, rule violations, legal issues and neighbor-to-neighbor disputes. Some disputes go outside the Board's jurisdiction and are referred to mediation. Or, the parties seek legal counsel to settle their conflicts. So far, the Board has successfully helped neighbors resolve their issues.

Occasionally, we hear reports involving alleged abuse or questions of cognitive skills. The Board first tries to investigate these reports by meet-

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Board Support leaders

Support leader to the board: Charlene Kirkwood

Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team chair Alan Hanson

Caretaker: Lisa McKinney

SK common grounds: Miguel Enriquez

Spring Knolls Boosters: Debby Adelhelm, President

Library Coordinator: Karen Jacobs

Spring Knolls News: Ted Vollmer

Newsletter flyer, delivery team: Debby Adelhelm, Dorothy Vaughn

Office Projects, Election: Roberta Jiron, Lynda Miller

ing with the person(s), through family contacts or emergency contacts.

When deemed appropriate the Board asks APS (Adult Protective Services) to let the experts investigate. We'd rather be safe than sorry!

I also serve as a liaison with our legal counsel, the Murrieta Police

Department, other city departments as well as the Units 2 and 3 presidents. I also confer with our legal counsel and report companies when they send solicitors to our community so when they're at your door and you call 911, the police have some background and are ready to act.

I also organize the Tri-Unit meetings, compose meeting-related correspondence and coordinate the extensive HOA election.

The Board hopes other community members will come forward to learn about our activities, so they can evaluate if running for a director position or serving as a support leader would work for them. You can reach me at 951 319-6749.

Jan Towers,
Vice President, Architectural Dir.

Acting in this dual role can be rewarding especially when you work to help solve resident problems.

As someone who's been around the construction industry most of my life, being Architectural Director is a good fit for me. As a child, my father

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was always putzing around with projects. My husband, Jerry, has been in the building industry for most of our married life, close to 47 years.



Jan Towers

After retiring from the cosmetology field after 15 years, I worked for 20 years in the Corona-Norco Unified School District's maintenance department where there was always plenty of construction and architectural work at the 40 schools.

Before this board position, I was the SK Compliance Director and later worked with **Charlene Kirkwood** to resolve different issues.

I'm also a Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team member, attend Tri Unit Umbrella Meetings and am involved in the Booster Club.

My favorite part of that is co-chairing with **Dorothy Vaughn** our annual Veterans Day luncheons. To see the smiles on our veterans' faces is so rewarding. It's an honor to serve those whom have served us! **If you need to reach me, call 951 616-4443.**

Sharon Kilpatrick, Treasurer

I've served as Spring Knolls Association Treasurer since mid-July of 2023, three months after the then bookkeeper resigned. 2023 was a challenging year-end due to problems with the use of the accounting software hindered by challenges from the software developer and vendor.



Sharon Kilpatrick

Last February, we hired a new bookkeeper (**Kim Eaton**) who is a Spring Knolls homeowner. She and I share a deep commitment to Spring Knolls' financial well-being. Kim's

bookkeeping background and being a prior business owner bring assets to the accounting she does for us.

In 2024, with the help of an outside accountant with expertise in QuickBooks, along with Kim, we remedied our 2023 accounting challenges.

Also, early last year, we sought an extension for our 2023 year-end financial filings with Sonnenburg, our CPA. After receiving our 2023 Year-End Tax filing and related documents, Kim addressed journal entries which had not been posted the previous year-end. We're happy we're good to go for year-end 2024.

Another positive for 2024, was over \$11,000 in interest income we earned from successful reserve fund management. We also found an option, via Zelle, for members to pay electronically assessments and other invoiced items. Kim and I worked with Chase Bank to set up Zelle, which many of you used this past month. Additionally, Zelle costs the Spring Knolls Association nothing to use.

Another Treasurer responsibility is oversight of the accounting expenses for each Common Grounds component of the Reserve Account.

In 2024 each reserve expense's accounting detail was modified so, with Quickbooks software, we could produce an accurate transactions list for each "component" of the annual Reserve Study. Further, in 2025 we're scheduled to have a "walk-through" update with Reserve Analysts to go over component details.

If you have any questions about any of the above items or wish to view our accounting documents, please come by the office, or either email or call me at **951 285-7800.**

Holli Hanson, Secretary

I'm now the Spring Knolls Secretary after starting 2023 as Treasurer. My strengths are more in line with the secretary's duties.

I also have taken over as the Senior Helper and am now working to put

on a Senior Resource Fair for 2025 since last year's fair was such a success.



Holli Hanson

Outside of board duties I'm active in Boosters and have helped organize many events, including the Fourth of July parade. The 2023 parade was challenging because we had so many cars, carts and other vehicles, including bicycles participating. We learned a lot from this, are more organized and had a very successful parade.

I'm also involved in the Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team (SKERT). This group organizes events to make the community aware of what to do in the event of a disaster and bring the community together so people help each other.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at **661 972-0799.**

Candy Lee, Residency Data, FOB administrator

Since 2020, I have made sure information from the owner/resident record forms is completed and enters our database.



Candy Lee

I also monitor rent or lease form requests to ensure we don't exceed the maximum number of rentals allowed in Spring Knolls. For the past couple years, our community has been at capacity for rentals. I also maintain the rental waiting list for those who'd like to rent their property when there's an opening.

In addition, I process gate fob requests, and replacement of lost fobs. All fobs are tracked in our system.

With the other board members, I continue to run for my position because it takes all of us to keep Spring Knolls the wonderful safe community it's always been. If you have questions, please call **951 239-0669.**

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Ron Sieber, Director of Facilities

I've been the Director of Facilities since 2016. Seldom does a day go by that our facility doesn't have something needing attention.



Ron Sieber

A few examples: new wiring above the swimming pools to keep ducks out, security gates that won't open; gutters needing cleaning; a solar panel leak needed to help heat the large pool.

Those occasional issues are added to the facilities director's regular to-do list, which includes appliance, heating, cooling and equipment maintenance.

In 2024, our clubhouse had a complete remodel of the SKA office, and Eaker Hall. We have a beautiful facility and should all be proud of it.

The Board directors put in many hours and energy every week and that's why *all of us* have a *safe and secure* place to live. If you have questions, please call me at 951 541-6276.

Debby Adelhelm, Common grounds director

The landscaper crew has been doing an excellent job. In 2024 we made a few repairs on the irrigation system along the Dog Park path and around the clubhouse.

We also crack sealed and seal

coated Via El Brazo, Via Playa del Rey and Via Allegre. There also was new curb painting, crack sealing and seal coating in our parking lot.

This year there will be crack sealing on Via Paloma - from Via Playa del Rey to Via Princesa. All Knolls units will share in the cost. Discussions are underway about removing some trees. Call me if you have questions, 760 717-9876.

Shawnee Miller, Rules, Regs, Policies, Procedures

I've served since 2021 in this position, and 2024 was a very busy year for many SKA projects.

One of my 2024 activities was to help close new real estate purchases



Shawnee
Miller

by making sure new members have all the information they need to enjoy living in our community. We opened and closed more than 20 escrows ensuring that all new members were compliant with our CC&Rs, and that rentals won't become a major portion of our community. It looks like we're going to also have a busy 2025.

Additionally, I helped Board members if legal questions arose. Some 2024 issues included new vendor contracts, security gate problems, a new network system with computers during the office rehab. I also helped



Debby
Adelhelm

launch a process to become a California not for profit corporation. And, I also helped create new association documents and was available to members who, among other things had questions about real property ownership transfers, trusts and certifications. Call me at 951-677-6862.

Charlene Kirkwood, Compliance Director

As your Compliance Director, 2024 was a very busy year.

I sent notices for weeds in yards and on slopes, trees needing trimming, fallen fruit attracting rats, parking on landscaping, more than three cars on a property, unregistered and inoperable vehicles, barking dogs, underage persons, weeds in rain gutters, boarded up windows needing repair, and trash cans that must be moved from a front yard.

In addition, I've sent caregiver forms needing a doctor's completion, Vacant Property Protection and Rental limit letters.

I also approved garage and estate sales, Dumpsters and PODS as well as issued parking passes, and assessed fines for non-compliance.

I didn't seek reelection but it has been a privilege to serve for the past two years. For now, I am a board support leader so I can continue to help where I can.

You can reach me at 951 348-0042.



Charlene
Kirkwood

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because a number of Spring Knolls residents have reported being victimized at home or electronically.

Among fraud crimes he discussed were identity theft, mail fraud in which victims are sent official-looking correspondence indicating that they owe money, charitable giving scams soliciting funds to help victims of natural disasters, and door

-to-door solicitations. Spring Knolls bans solicitations, but scammers

Free 'No Solicitation' stickers for your doors are available at the clubhouse office from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

often ignore that prohibition.

Stalnecker said many fraud victims are lonely, and will come to trust and even love strangers who pay attention to them and disbelieve family members warning them about fraud.

Unfortunately, Stalnecker added, when victims don't listen to warnings, "there's no law against people making bad decisions." He advised residents to refuse to provide important private information unless they have first checked everything out.

Stalnecker said "urgency and fear" are two main ways that scammers bilk people out of thousands of dollars. Victims hand over money if they fear they'll be in trouble unless they do so immediately, he explained.

Test your knowledge on Scams and Fraud. Take the quiz, beginning on Page 13

OPERATION ‘CLEAN SWEEP’



HARDENING PROJECT: Volunteers take to Via Princesa and Via la Colina on Jan. 25, to remove thousands of pine needles blown from trees during the Santa Ana winds. (Right) **Holli Hanson** (with full dust pan) is joined by **Sharon Kilpatrick** and **Bette Endresen**. Pine needles are a fire and drainage hazard. (Not pictured: **Alan Hanson**, **Jan Towers**, **Sandy** and **Ted Vollmer**.)



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Emergency Response Team

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| Alan Hanson, SKERT chair | Ruth Enriquez |
| Holli Hanson | Ed Carey |
| Sandra Bright | Sharon Kilpatrick |
| Ron Sieber | Chris Heilbron |
| Tino Gutierrez | Frank Rosales |
| Roberta Jiron | Lori Miller |
| Jan Towers | Kathi Ellis |
| Joe Compton | Lynda Miller |
| Miguel Enriquez | Darlene Lovell |
| | Paula Rodig |

The Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team consists of residents who help all residents during emergencies. SKERT meetings begin at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month in Eaker Hall and are open to any resident who wishes to join.

SKERT News

2025 Resource Fair set for April 26

We've selected a date for this year's senior resource fair — it will be Saturday, April 26. This was a very well-received event last year, so please let your friends know.

We'll have some "old favorite" exhibitors, as well as some new ones. If anyone has suggestions for who to invite, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you there!

Many thanks to **Jan Towers**, **Sharon Kilpatrick**, **Betty Endresen**, **Sandy** and **Ted Vollmer**, and **Holli** and **Alan Hanson** for the street clean-up along Via Princesa and Via la Colina. The volunteers swept the curbs from Via Playa del Rey to the west gate. The pine needles were

clogging the sewers and needed to be picked up. This also helps us maintain our Firewise certification!

Please let us know if anyone else is cutting /trimming trees or doing other maintenance to their homes. That also helps with our Firewise rating.

More thanks to **Ron Seiber**, **Ed Carey**, **Miguel Enriquez**, **Frank Rosales** and **Alan Hanson** for draining the 30-gallon water barrels in the SKERT room.

They hauled them out, emptied them, rinsed them out, added sanitizer and refilled them. Now they're good for another five years!

—Alan and Holli Hanson

Stay safe: Connect for emergency SK news

There are many ways to get breaking news about the weather, wildfires, gas leaks, power outages or earthquakes.

Getting news specifically about Spring Knolls is not unless you're linked to our free In the Know email blast service. Recently, In the Know alerted our nearly 200

members to power outage and wildfire threats. And we regularly tell you about a lot more. If you lack internet access, you can link up through a friend or relative so you won't be the last to hear of an emergency. Stay safe and please sign up at intheknowspringknolls@gmail.com

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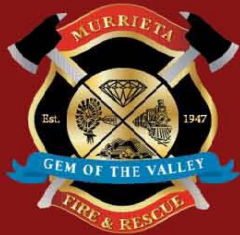
FINAL RESULTS: The Spring Knolls board election results for the three incumbents, the only candidates for four open seats. A total of 143 valid ballots were cast: **Holli Hanson**, 137; **Candy Lee**, 136; **Sandy Vollmer**, 132.

SPA DISCOUNT: Murrieta Hot Springs Resort is offering a 50% discount to residents of all three Knolls units. Knolls residents can use facilities for \$25 a day with promo code "Knolls" when making reservations at **951 290-0887** or at murrieta-hotspots.com. See resort discount note on page 19

COYOTE SEASON: Through March, this is coyote breeding season. They're more aggressive now and can't always distinguish between another coyote and a dog. Also "haze" coyotes with loud noises like an air horn or whistle., wave a jacket, spraying a hose or throwing small objects toward them. **More info on pages 17, 18.**



Murrieta Fire & Rescue lauds Spring Knolls/SKERT Firewise efforts



PRESS RELEASE
CITY OF MURRIETA
FIRE & RESCUE
murrietafire.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
January 16, 2025

Murrieta Fire & Rescue Recognizes the Spring Knolls as a Firewise Community

Murrieta, CA—The Murrieta Fire & Rescue Department (MFR) is proud to recognize Spring Knolls as the city's first designated Firewise Community. Spring Knolls is an active and independent senior living community.

This designation was received through the Firewise USA program, meaning the Spring Knolls community took proactive steps to prevent, plan, and educate their residents on the risks of wildfires. Having this designation offers numerous benefits, including reduced insurance rates, increased community safety through reduced wildfire risk, potential enhanced property values due to increased desirability, and improved community resilience by fostering a sense of preparedness and empowering residents to participate actively in wildfire mitigation efforts.

"We understand that wildfire threats are an ever-present reality in Southern California," stated Murrieta Fire Chief Bernard Molloy. "Seeing a community like Spring Knolls take steps to make their entire neighborhood more fire-safe makes us feel great to know we have such dedicated residents in our city. A fire department is truly at its best when we work in partnership with our residents, so I want to congratulate the Spring Knolls community on being the first neighborhood in Murrieta to demonstrate what can be accomplished when residents work together with their fire department to make their neighborhood more resilient to the impacts of wildfire."

Residents in Spring Knolls took a multifaceted approach that includes establishing a dedicated Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team (SKERT), developing comprehensive emergency plans, and regularly hosting informative community workshops.

"Murrieta Fire is thrilled that Spring Knolls has successfully completed the rigorous process and earned this national recognition," added Fire Marshal Doug Strosnider. "We encourage other neighborhoods to follow their lead and join the effort to make our city safer. In an emergency, we all rely on each other. Every Firewise Community strengthens our community's response capabilities by actively promoting prevention. We urge all residents to contribute to making Murrieta a safe place to live, work, and play."

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Spring Knolls has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to preparedness through active community engagement.

"This Firewise designation is a testament to their hard work and dedication. We encourage other Murrieta communities to follow the example set by Spring Knolls and take proactive steps towards becoming Firewise to mitigate wildfire risks." shared Rachel Hollinger, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for Murrieta Fire & Rescue.

This achievement is an example for other communities in Murrieta to prioritize wildfire safety. MFR encourages homeowners' associations and community residents to participate in becoming a Firewise Community.

Alan Hanson, Chair of the Spring Knolls community, expressed his enthusiasm for the achievement: "Following months of dedicated effort by our residents, we are thrilled to be officially recognized as a Firewise community. We are proud to be the first in our area and hope to inspire other HOAs to prioritize fire safety. This designation and Murrieta's status as a Fire Risk Reduction Community will contribute to lower insurance costs for our residents."

Residents interested in the Firewise USA program can receive valuable assistance from Murrieta Fire & Rescue in building community response teams and/or pursuing Firewise designation. For more information about the Firewise USA program and the application process, please contact Rachel Hollinger, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, at 951-461-6169.

About Murrieta Fire & Rescue

Murrieta Fire & Rescue is an all-risk, career fire department committed to providing fire suppression, emergency medical services, fire prevention education, and community risk reduction programs to the residents and businesses of Murrieta, California.

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 ♥ Dennis Applegate ♥ Robert **Armstrong** ♥ Norma & Roy Arroyo ♥ Bill Barnes
 ♥ Suzi Barnes ♥ Ruth Barnett ♥ Kathi Barone ♥ Sheila Bassett
 ♥ Roy Bedoya & Julie Crespín ♥ Maria Berridgee ♥ Lisa Bingham ♥ John Bourman
 ♥ Lynn Bowen ♥ Helen Brewer ♥ Manuel Brietman ♥ Sandra Bright ♥ Marsha Brinker
 ♥ Susie Britt ♥ Jim Bronson ♥ Peg Callahan ♥ Ed Carey ♥ Mario Carrello
 ♥ Debbie & Ed Cavalluchi ♥ Mike & Joannie Chavez ♥ Joan Christian ♥ Joe & Jan Compton
 ♥ Betty Cornell ♥ Jose Costa ♥ Tom Cottle ♥ Mark Davidson ♥ Louis & Laura de Rosa
 ♥ Bill & Nancy Desmond ♥ Dennis & Ginny Dillon ♥ Linda Dunn ♥ Betty Dutton ♥ Kathi Ellis
 Donna & Roger Eaker ♥ **Kim Eaton** ♥ **Bette Endresen** ♥ Miguel & Ruth Enriquez ♥ Bob Faelchle
 ♥ Stephanie Feher ♥ Jim & JoAnn Feryan ♥ Shirley Fields ♥ Elsie Figueroa ♥ Judy Francis♥
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 ♥ Rachel Grims ♥ Roger Groon ♥ Robert Guerra ♥ Celestina Gutierrez ♥ Tino Gutierrez
 Sharon Guzik ♥ Lorraine Haber ♥ Alan & Holli Hanson ♥ Kathleen Hefley♥ Chris & Max Heilbron ♥
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 ♥ Karen Jacobs ♥ Janet Jenrock ♥ Roberta & Baldy Jiron ♥ Sharon Johnson ♥ Henry Kantowitz
 ♥ Jodie Kellerman ♥ Sharon Kilpatrick ♥ Charlene Kirkwood ♥ Patricia Lallou ♥ Dee Larson
 ♥ Mike Lehane ♥ Candy Lee ♥ Mario Lizarraga ♥ Steve Lopez ♥ Doria & Frank Lore
 ♥ **Darlene Lovell** ♥ Matthew Lyons ♥ Linda & Ron Matkins ♥ Cyndy May ♥ Brad McClain
 ♥ Lisa McKinney ♥ Marlene McLain ♥ Bernard McKernan ♥ Ken Miller ♥ Lynda Miller
 ♥ Lori Miller ♥ Shawnee Miller ♥ Glo Mojardo ♥ Mary Lou Morgan ♥ Dorothy Moore
 ♥ Laly Neri ♥ Jan & Steve Newton ♥ April & Ken North ♥ Linda North
 ♥ Linda & Dale Neuman ♥ Lorraine Ocanna ♥ Judy Parker-Matz ♥ Lee Porter
 ♥ Susan Portera ♥ Charlotte Pratt ♥ Sandy Pride ♥ Gary Prim ♥ Tim Proffitt
 ♥ Sunny & Marv Prohofsky ♥ Bobbie & Ritch Purcell ♥ Dave Quinlan
 Robert & Paula Raquel ♥ Linda Rhodes ♥ **Paula Rodig** ♥ Rick Roguemore
 ♥ Frank & Pam Rosales ♥ **Persephonie Saucier** ♥ Kay Schmidt
 Raymond Seda ♥ Pamela Shore ♥ Ron Sieber ♥ Darlene Smith
 ♥ Pam Spense ♥ Karen Steinert ♥ Lee Sterling ♥ Karolyn Stoner
 ♥ Linda Terhorst ♥ Alan Thompson ♥ Julie Todd ♥
 ♥ Jan & Jerry Towers ♥ Denise Tucker
 ♥ Maggie Underwood ♥ Dorothy & Sean Vaughn
 ♥ Diane & Sam Velasquez ♥ Mellie Villarreal
 ♥ Sandy & Ted Vollmer ♥ Tillie Wassan
 ♥ Rhonda Watson ♥ Bill Williams
 ♥ Betty & Jim Witt
 ♥ Cindy Woody

Join us in saluting our Spring Knolls volunteers!

Spring Knolls volunteers show love for our community and all it offers. We thank past and present volunteers for selflessly helping residents enjoy what we feel is Murrieta's #1 community. Most in the list above are from at least 2015. Previous

ones are those we could identify. **Those highlighted in yellow are new this year.** We acknowledge not only Spring Knolls contributors, but also volunteers from other Knolls units who have pitched in to help us.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS: The Ludwas and the Kirkwoods

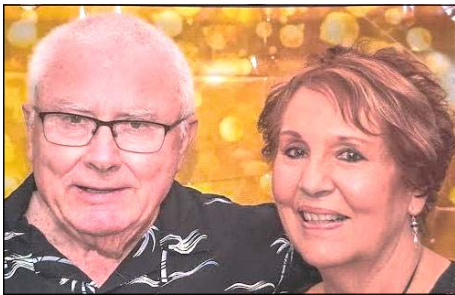
Valentine wedding vows, *exactly* 20 years apart

By Mary Lou Morgan
Spring Knolls News

Meet Chuck and Diana Ludwa, who met at a house party of mutual friends in the early '70s. Chuck recalls being attracted right away to Diana's "sweet voice."

While we're at it, meet Larry and Charlene Kirkwood, who met on the dance floor of the Tustin Yacht Club where Charlene was attending a birthday party. Larry thought she was gorgeous and nice. Charlene says he was handsome, had a good sense of humor and was a *great* dancer.

This Valentine's Day, remember the Ludwas and Kirkwoods who have been married for nearly 53 and 33 years respectively. The marriages of the two Spring Knolls couples began on Valentine's Day, 20 years apart.



The Ludwas at a glance:

- **Who:** Charles (Chuck) Ludwa and Diana Ludwa
- **Spring Knolls residents:** Since November 2001, Via Playa del Rey
- **How they met:** At a house party.
- **When married:** Valentine's Day, 1972
- **Why Valentine's Day?** Chuck felt it was romantic, and also an easy way to remember their anniversary.
- **Where:** Cameo Wedding Chapel, Anaheim
- **Honeymoon?** A friend's cabin in Big Bear
- **Family:** Five children (from previous marriages: Chuck two, Diana three); five grandchildren, five great grandchildren
- **Occupations:** Chuck's a retired aerospace engineer; Diana's a retired hair stylist.

Chuck and Diana dated for a year before deciding on Valentine's Day for a wedding. They both thought it would be a romantic and easy date to remember.

Their wedding was in 1972, at the Cameo Chapel in Anaheim. It was the second marriage for both. Also attending were Chuck's two daughters, Diana's son and twin daughters.

The newlyweds honeymooned at a friend's cabin in Big Bear.

In a recent interview about their nearly 53-year marriage, Diana called Chuck her "Steady Rock."

They also shared that an Orange County restaurant treated them like royalty one year. In honor of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, free dinners were served to any married couples named Charles and Diana who had married on Valentine's Day.

Chuck supported the family as an aerospace engineer, with other endeavors along the way. Shortly before retiring he maintained golf carts at the Escondido Lawrence Welk course. For several years he's worked on carts throughout Spring Knolls.

Diana, meanwhile, was a hair stylist for 50 years before retiring.

The Ludwas loved square dancing and taught all their children and great grandchildren. One couple they square danced with became best friends, and they still have a monthly lunch with them.



Larry and Charlene say they were both looking for Love (and found it). After their first meeting, they dated for six years before becoming engaged. On many nights during that time they returned to that same Tustin dance floor for fun.

At an Idyllwild wedding chapel, they married on Valentine's Day 1992, nearly 33 years ago. They also honeymooned in Idyllwild.

Like the Ludwas, this was a second

marriage for both Charlene and Larry. Charlene had five sons and Larry had two sons and a daughter. So, when they left the chapel as Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood, they suddenly had eight children.

Larry was a Moreno Valley School District maintenance supervisor. Charlene worked for a medical billing company.

Cruising is a shared passion. The Kirkwoods have gone on 10 voyages including their very favorite, to Japan. For their silver anniversary in 2017, they sailed to Hawaii on a 15-day cruise — with Valentine's Day in the middle — for the bargain price of \$650, or \$50 a day!

They also RV camped with their dog; the best trip was to Lake Shasta.



The Kirkwoods at a glance

- **Who:** Larry and Charlene Kirkwood
- **Spring Knolls residents:** since February 2013, Via Escarlata
- **How they met:** Dancing at the Tustin Yacht Club, where Charlene was attending a friend's birthday party.
- **When married:** Valentine's Day, 1992.
- **Why Valentine's Day?** Made it easy to remember anniversary.
- **Where:** A wedding chapel in Idyllwild
- **Honeymoon?** In Idyllwild.
- **Family:** Eight children (from previous marriages); (Larry three, Charlene five); 25 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren
- **Occupations:** Larry's a retired maintenance supervisor at Moreno Valley Unified School District; Charlene worked for a medical billing company.

Booster Bits

Mardi Gras dinner debuts as year's first event

On Feb. 22, we'll start the year off with a Mardi Gras theme dinner and



Dorothy Vaughn
Boosters VP

dance. Starting at 5 p.m., this will be a new one for all of us. Sounds like a lot of fun. We'll have a real New Orleans type dinner, with prizes. See the flyer in the copy delivered to your homes.

In March we'll have our spaghetti and meatball dinner.

In April, we're planning a ham din-

ner with all the trimmings. On May 4, is Taco night.

Then comes May 30 and it's BBQ time again, and that will take care of June, July, and through Aug. 30. Our BBQs keep us pretty busy.

A Halloween party is planned for October, and our annual Veterans Day luncheon for Nov. 10.

Look here and our flyers for details. We'd like to offer our condolences to Sunny and family on the passing of Sunny's husband Marvin Prohofsky. At 94, Marv was one of the Spring Knolls' oldest Navy veterans.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bill Allen
Diana Bardsley
Judy Benoit
Leslie Call-Laughorne
Aristeo Castillo
Bill Desmond
Karen Donnerstag
Kathi Ellis
Danny French
Stephen French
Lisa Galvan
Steve Gregg
Richard Goodreau
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Persephonie Saucier
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Spring Knolls Boosters

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| Karen Jacobs | Ted Vollmer |

The Spring Knolls Boosters are residents who hold events during the year and help the SK board with others. They meet monthly at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday in Eaker Hall. All residents are invited to join.



Raphael & Sylvia Cervantes
Bill & Barbara Coleman
Michael & Jennifer Hanson
Larry & Charlene Kirkwood
Charles & Diana Ludwa



Marvin L. Prohofsky
(Jan. 1931 - Jan. 2025)
Via Escarlata

Jesse Villanueva
(Oct. 1940 - Jan. 2025)
Via la Espalda

Yvette Thompson
(March 1938 - Aug. 2024)
Via Playa del Rey

Donna Tackett
(May 1952 - Sept. 2024)
Calle de la Paz

John Louis Campagnolo
(Feb. 1946 - Feb. 2019)
Via Azul

Anita Toni Clarkson
(April 1942 - Feb. 2018)
Via Princesa

Betty Marie Clugston
(Oct. 1928 - Feb. 2017)
Via Amarilla

Shirley Dudman
(Aug. 1926 - Feb. 2018)
Via Azul

Ronald Wesley Guise
(Jan. 1932 - Feb. 2012)
Via Princesa

Donna L. Hastings
(Oct. 1941 - Feb. 2017)
Via Norte Vista

Terrence Dale Hitt
(March 1929 - Feb. 2018)
Via Princesa

Audrey Hulén
(Feb. 1932 - Feb. 2019)
Via Princesa

Joanne Grace Jendrock
(April 1938 - Feb. 2016)
Via Norte Vista



By Mary Lou Morgan
Welcome writer

This month, let's welcome Monica Sims and Francine Walden to our Spring Knolls family.

Monica Sims, 28799 Via Playa del Rey.

Monica was born in Los Angeles, having lived there until moving to Spring Knolls.

Monica has retired from secretarial work after recently being office man-

ager at her church.

Monica has two children who she truly enjoys spending time with. She loves music, especially gospel music. She shares a 14-year-old granddog with her daughter, a darling shih-tzu named Chewy.

Francine Walden, 38607 Via Amarilla

Born in Santa Monica, Francine recently moved from the Colony to Murrieta.

A widow, Francine has been hon-

ored to be a homemaker to her wonderful husband and four children. She also has eight grandchildren and four great grands. She thoroughly enjoys crafting, especially wreaths.

I enjoy getting to know our newcomers during our brief interviews, and then even better during our always fun Newcomers Brunch or Pour at Four. So please, if you know of anyone moving into Spring Knolls, let me know so they can be welcomed into the *Spring Knolls News* and beyond. Also, this includes passes for Bingo and summer weekly BBQs.

Spring Knolls *Free* Classifieds

THIGH END BOOTS: Size 8-1/2 W. Asking \$50 or best offer for these \$110 boots, used only twice but I can't use them because they're too wide. Call Gloria @ 951 677-3820



FREE: Desk/table 79" x 39-1/4" deep, 30" h. Brown & black steel legs. Desk snaps together for easy transportation. Good for work bench, laminate top, modern design. It could be used as a dining room table *Also available:* chair and glass for use on carpet. Lynn @ 951 355-3522.



HANDYMAN SERVICES: Handyman services, gardening, driving to doctor visits, etc. **Steve Lopez, 626 622-4552.**

RIDES: Will provide rides to people needing to go to doctors, grocery shopping. Call Sindy, 562 879-6988

HAIRCUTS / BEAUTY SERVICES: Offering hair cut and other beauty services in your home for your convenience (female & male). I'm a licensed cosmetologist with more than 18 years' experience. Call Nancy @ 951 414-9554

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING: No deep cleaning. Contact Sindy @ 562-879-6988.



CAMPER VAN: "Fun and freedom" 2021 Dodge road-trek Zion SRT camper van. Only 5,000 miles! Pristine condition. Come see it for yourself. Asking, \$99,000. Call Carole at 518 495-0825.



CURTAINS, AREA RUGS: Curtain sets, \$15 each pair. In beautiful shape. Panels are 84" X 48." Four sets but you can buy one or more. Machine washable. **Rugs:** 1. Gray/white diamond pattern, 5' x 7'(\$15); 2. 5' x 2' runner (\$7); and 3. 3' x 2' rug (\$5). Call Marla @ 951 694-2874.

Spring Knolls News Classifieds

Ads are for Spring Knolls residents. They should include brief descriptions of items and a phone number. Photo(s) may be included but their use is on a space available basis. The Spring Knolls News is not responsible for the content or accuracy of any ad, and reserves the right to decline any for any reason.

REALTOR: Paula Rodig, A Knolls resident Realtor. Call or text 949 324-5141. Stanfle Realty, DRE# 01731868.

Feb. 2025: What's up in Spring Knolls & Beyond?

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| February Flowers: Violets and Irises February Birthstone: Amethyst February Zodiac: Aquarius (until Feb. 18) and Pisces (until March 20) February: Black History Month, LGBT History Month | | | | | | 1 World Interfaith Harmony Week, National Freedom Day |
| 2 Bible Study, 10-11 a.m. GK; Groundhog Day; World Wetlands Day | 3 National Women Physicians Day | 4 Bible Study, 10 a.m.- noon; World Cancer Day | 5 National Girls and Women in Sports Day; World Read Aloud Day | 6 National Frozen Yogurt; Chopsticks Day | 7 SK Office hours, 9:30-noon; National Wear Red Day | 8 National Kite-Flying Day |
| 9 Bible Study, 10-11 a.m. GK; Super Bowl; National Pizza Day | 10 World Pulses Day | 11 Bible Study, 10 a.m.- noon; Int'l Day of Women and Girls in Sciences; Safer Internet Day | 12 Boosters meet, 10 a.m.; SKERT 6 p.m. Online class, 2 p.m.; Tu Bishvat begins; Lincoln's BDay | 13 Bingo, 1-4 p.m.; World Radio Day; Kiss Day; Galentine's Day | 14 SK Office hours, 9:30-noon; Valentine's Day; Lailatul Barat begins | 15 Childhood Cancer, Singles Awareness; Susan B. Anthony Day. |
| 16 Bible Study, 10-11 a.m. GK | 17 President's Day; Random Acts of Kindness Day | 18 Bible Study, 10 a.m.- noon; National Drink Wine Day | 19 SK Board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Library | 20 Nat'l Lover Your Pet Day; World Day of Justice. | 21 SK Office hours, 9:30-noon; Int'l Mother Language Day | 22 Boosters Mardi Gras dinner and dance. 5 p.m.; Washington's BDay; |
| 23 Bible Study, 10-11 a.m. GK | 24 | 25 Bible Study, 10 a.m.- noon | 26 | 27 Bingo, Unit 3, 5:30 p.m. | 28 SK Office hours, 9:30-noon; Ramadan begins.; Rare Disease Day | |

Open n Closed open:

Board office hours: Fridays - Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 9:30 a.m.-noon

- **Clubhouse Winter hours: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.** Gym, library, both swimming pools open, but **small pool is not heated at this time.** All ages may use large pool during winter hours. Jacuzzi or billiards room open to adults only. Call Facilities Director **Ron Sieber @ 951 541-6276** for more information.
- **Eaker Hall:** Clubhouse ground events need advance Board of Directors approval. Call **Debby Adelhelm @ 760 717-9876** at least 2 weeks in advance.
- **Dog Park, Clubhouse grassy areas:** Owners must keep dogs under control and poop picked up in all areas.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times, even in the clubhouse grassy areas.



Here: (Spring Knolls)

- Feb. 13: **BINGO**, 1-4 p.m. Eaker Hall.
- Feb. 19: **SK BOARD MEETING**, 9:30 a.m. Library. Spring Knolls members welcome.
- Feb. 22: **MARDI GRAS** dinner and dance, 5 – 8 p.m., Eaker Hall. Advance tickets for \$15. **Dorothy Vaughn, 951 696 -0871** and **Lisa McKinney 951 212-8781**

There: (Units 2 & 3)

- Feb. 9: **SUPER BOWL PARTY.** (Unit 3) \$3 at the door. Hot dogs, dessert, etc. Begins at 2 p.m. Main clubhouse.
- Feb. 27: **BINGO, (Unit 3);** doors open 5:30 p.m., main clubhouse.
- **March 1: SOUP SUPPER (Unit 2)** 6 p.m., \$10. A variety of soups accompanied by grilled cheese sandwiches. **Contact Sherry Tater, 951 536-4604.**

Elsewhere . . .

- Feb. 4: **SPEAKER HEALTH SERIES:** *Free.* Understanding AFib: Recognizing Risks, managing your heart. **Niraj Parekh, M.D., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Also, blood pressure screening. Temecula Valley Hospital, 31700 Temecula Parkway. RSVP at TVHheart-to-hearts.eventbrite.com.
 - Feb. 25. **COFFEE WITH THE CITY:** Meet with the mayor, city council members, etc. about city issues. 8:30- 9:30 a.m. The Theater, Murrieta Hot Springs Resort, 39405 Murrieta Hot Springs Road. *Free*
- Murrieta Sr. Cr. Exercise Classes:**
- **Tai Chi**, \$28 / month; Mondays 9:30 a.m. & Wednesday @ 9 a.m.; **Chair Tai Chi**, \$30/month, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 - **Line Dancing**, \$24/month; Thursdays 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.; Thursday 6:30-8 p.m.
 - **Yoga**, \$30/month or combo \$50 for both; Tuesdays, 9 a.m.; Thursday. 8:30 a.m.; **Chair Yoga**, \$30/month, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 - **Zumba**, \$32/month, Wednesday, 9 a.m.
- All classes are monthly, registration starts on 15th of each month for following month.

How much do you know about how fraud?

If you've been victimized, do you feel it'll ever happen again?

Take this 20-question fraud quiz from the Riverside District Attorney's office and see how ready you are to do battle with scam artists.

You might be surprised at what you learn ... *(answers on 14&15)*

1. True or False? The top ways identity thieves get your information is through purse snatching, mail theft, Dumpster diving and e-mail/phone "phishing."
2. True or False? You should always carry your Social Security card with you.
3. True or False? You have the right to get a free credit report once a year.
4. True or False? Investing in credit card protection is a smart move.
5. True or False? Once you have subscribed to the National DO NOT CALL registry, you don't have to worry about telemarketers any more.
6. True or False? Older adults are deliberately targeted for telemarketing fraud.
7. True or False? There is not a law that requires charities to spend a certain percentage of their income on programs and services.
8. True or False? Telephone solicitations on behalf of police or firefighters must give some of the money raised to a city police or fire department.
9. True or False? Foreign lotteries are illegal in the U.S.
10. True or False? The only proven way to protect yourself from telemarketing fraud is to hang up.
11. True or False? Buying magazines or other products improves your chances of winning sweepstakes and contests.
12. True or False? As long as you don't buy any magazines or send any money, playing sweepstakes is harmless entertainment.



13. True or False? Work-home-days, like stuffing envelopes, offer a legitimate way to make money.
14. True or False? There are legitimate companies who 1) offer loans for an advance fee, or 2) can help you clean up your credit for a fee.
15. True or False? Red flags when hiring a contractor are: 1) The contractor solicits door-to-door, and 2) the contractor requires substantial payment in advance of starting any work.
16. True or False? If you're happy with your roofing job, it's okay to go ahead and make a final payment.
17. True or False? If a uniformed utility employee appears at your door to conduct an inspection, shows a badge and ID it's safe to invite him in.
18. True or False? Once signed, legal contracts like Quit Claim Deeds can be very difficult or impossible to reverse.
19. True or False? Most investment fraud is committed by long term, trusted advisors.
20. True or False? If you have a trusted family member, a financial adviser, or someone with your Power of Attorney who is paying your bills and managing your money, it is critical that you or others review your account statements.

See answers on next two pages.

Fraud Quiz:

Answers 1-10



1. **True.** Identity thieves steal purses, wallets, checkbooks, credit cards and other information. They rummage through trash looking

for account numbers. They look for checks, credit card “convenience checks” pre-approved credit card applications and statements in your mail box.

They contact you through “phishy” e-mails or phone calls asking you to verify account numbers by impersonating a bank or credit card company representative.

2. **False.** It is a good idea to have **nothing** in your purse or wallet that contains your Social Security number. An identity thief can apply for and receive credit and/or secure a job under your Social Security number.

3. **True.** You have the right to get a free copy of your credit report each year from each of the three major credit bureaus. Your report can have a dramatic impact on your financial stability. Aside from paying your bills on time, the single most important thing you can do to ensure you have good credit is to be aware of the contents of your credit report.

4. **False.** Telemarketers may trick you into thinking you need credit card protections for a \$250-\$500 annual fee (which they will be happy to charge to your credit card). You are protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act which says as long as you report and verify fraudulent charges **within 60 days of the date of your**

credit card statement, the most you will be held responsible for is \$50, Save money and review your mailed credit card statements promptly, or online ever week.

5. **False.** Consumers who have subscribed to the National DO NOT CALL Registry have reported a decrease in calls. Charitable organizations, politicians and companies you’ve done business with can still

call you. The DO NOT CALL Registry will not stop crooks. *To protect yourself, simply don’t talk to strangers.*

6. **True.** Unscrupulous telemarketers know many older adults can be manipulated due to characteristics shared by most victims. They may be lonely, alone or independent to a fault; they do not seek advice from others and keep the phone calls “our secret.”



They may be overly trusting and willing to believe the telemarketer is telling the truth. They may believe they need more money or would like to have a higher retirement income. They may have some memory loss or dementia. They may be timid

and afraid of consequences if they don’t do what the telemarketer tells them to do. The phone is a telemarketing crook’s weapon—don’t be a target. **Hang up!**

7. **True.** It is your responsibility to determine how your donations are used. Ask charities for a copy of their annual report. Contact the Better Business Bureau’s (BBB) Wise Giving Alliance at www.giv.org or contact your local BBB.

8. **False.** Most of the money raised on behalf of police or fire unions or fraternal organizations go to the telemarketers and the professional fundraisers for whom they work. Very little — if any — goes to a community police or fire department or for direct police or fire services.

9. **True.** Federal law prohibits mailing payments to purchase any ticket, share or chance in any foreign lottery. Canadian, and other foreign crooks have conned thousands of older Americans into sending millions in payments for “taxes” on phony Canadian, Jamaican, Australian, etc. lottery winnings.

10. **True.** If the caller is not a friend, relative or a verifiable business connection, why should you talk to this person? They are not calling you to wish you a good day. Remember what our mothers taught us — **DON’T TALK TO STRANGERS.**



More Fraud Quiz Answers, next page

Fraud Quiz:

Answers 11-20

11. **False.** Federal law prohibits sweepstakes promoters from representing that entries accompanied by an order for products will be treated differently than entries without an order.

12. **False.** When you play sweepstakes, your name is frequently put on marketing lists bought and sold by other direct marketers. Eventually your name can end up on fraudulent telemarketing lists, also known as “sucker” or “mooch lists.”

13. **False:** Work-at-Home promotions in ads, fliers and street signs that offer high income for little work are generally deceptive. After paying an up-front fee to get information, you will find that instead of learning how to set up a legitimate business, you will be pulling the same scheme on others by putting up signs, taking out ads, etc. Work-at-Home schemes are illegal, and if you participate by taking money from others you may be prosecuted.

14. **False.** ALL advance-fee loan and credit repair offers are illegal or at the least fraudulent. If you pay to receive a loan, you will not get it and you will end up losing your advance fee. No one can help you erase bad credit. It takes time, and there are non profit agencies that can help you — at not charge.

15. **True.** Itinerant con artists sometimes known as “Travelers” prey on older adults in both cities and rural communities with door-to-door roofing, paving, painting, and tree trimming scams. Although they quote bargain prices, the amount doubles or triples after the work (usually shoddy) is done. Be cautious of contractors demanding 50% or more in advance.



16. **False.** You may be happy, but the building inspector and suppliers may not be. Getting a contractor to come back to bring a job up to code may be difficult, and suppliers and employees can place a lien on your home if they have not been paid.

Never make final payment until the job has passed building inspections and you have verified the contractor’s suppliers and employees have been paid (Request a “lien waiver.”)



17. **False.** City and utility workers do not go door to door, but con artists do. Once in your home, they will distract you while an accomplice sneaks in to steal purses, jewelry and other valuables.

Never let a stranger in your home, no matter who they claim to be!

18. **True.** Never sign a document you have not read and understood, no matter how well you trust or know the person asking you to sign. Seek opinions from a lawyer, banker, etc.

19. **True.** The majority of investment fraud cases involve financial advisors who have had long-term trusting relationships with their victims.

The perpetrators use trust — and sometimes faith — as their weapons. No matter how long you’ve known or trusted someone, never make an investment decision without seeking advice from a lawyer, accountant and/or your state’s securities administrator.

20. **True.** In most cases of theft by family members, trusted advisors and Powers of Attorney, victims have given up total control to others and did not review financial statements. Perpetrators took advantage of the victims’ trust.

In addition to your own review of accounts, surround yourself with several advisors and caregivers who can provide a system of checks and balances so that no one person has total control over your finances.

IMPORTANT AGENCIES TO REPORT FRAUD

If you have been a victim of fraud, you can report fraud to:

Your local law enforcement agency (first)

www.IC3.gov

www.reportfraud.ftc.gov

Consumer Fraud Unit 1-877-387-4357

United States Secret Service Office at 951-276-6781

To stop fraudulent wire transfer, contact the FBI at 951-276-6781 (fraudulent wire transfers can typically be stopped within 72 hours, but only within 24 hours if it's at the same bank).

Adult Protective Services

Call 1-800-491-7123 or www.reporttoaps.org

Office on Aging

Call 1-877-932-4100 or www.rcaging.org

Riverside Legal Aid

Call 951-682-7968 or visit www.riversidelegalaid.org

National DO NOT CALL Registry

Sign up at www.donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222.

Credit Card Offer 'Opt Out' Line

Stops credit card offers and unwanted credit cards from credit reporting agencies' marketing lists. Sign up at www.optoutprescreen.com or call 1-888-567-8688

Credit Reporting Agencies

To receive a free copy of your credit report each year, go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228.

To report theft or unauthorized use of your credit card or social security number, call:

Equifax 1-800-525-6285 www.equifax.com

Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com

Trans Union 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com

Remember, if you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to a FREE credit report every month for 1 year.

Freeze Your Credit

www.oag.ca.gov/idtheft/facts/freeze-your-credit

ALERT TO SPRING KNOLLS RESIDENTS:

Coyote mating season extends through March 2025. Be extra careful and make sure your pets are leashed and supervised. Coyotes can jump most fences so pets should not be allowed outside by themselves.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

Coyote Hazing GUIDELINES

How to Haze for Effective Reshaping of Coyote Behavior

Generally, coyotes are reclusive animals who avoid human contact. Coyotes who've adapted to urban and suburban environments, however, may realize there are few real threats and approach people or feel safe visiting yards even when people are present. These coyotes have become habituated (lost their fear of humans), likely due to the ready availability of food in our neighborhoods. Sometimes, this food is deliberately provided by people who like to watch wild animals or misguidedly feel they are helping them by offering food. These bold coyotes should not be tolerated or enticed, but given the message that they should not be so brazen.

Hazing is a method that uses deterrents to move an animal out of an area or discourages an undesirable behavior or activity. Hazing can help maintain coyotes' fear of humans and deter them from neighborhood spaces such as backyards and playgrounds.

HAZING METHODS

Using a variety of different hazing tools is critical because coyotes can habituate to individual items, sounds, and actions.

- ▶ Yell and wave your arms while approaching the coyote.
- ▶ Use noisemakers (e.g. your voice, whistles, air horns, bells, soda cans filled with pennies or dead batteries, pots and pans banged together).
- ▶ Use projectiles (e.g. sticks, small rocks, cans, tennis balls, rubber balls).
- ▶ Try other repellents (e.g. hoses, water guns with vinegar water, spray bottles with vinegar water, pepper spray, bear repellent, or walking sticks).

"GO AWAY COYOTE!"

The simplest method of hazing a coyote involves being **loud** and **large**. Watch this fun video for a demonstration: bit.ly/19hkRB2

If a coyote has not been hazed before, he might not immediately run away when you yell at him. If this happens, you might need to walk towards the coyote and increase the intensity of your hazing. If the coyote does run away, he might stop after a distance and look back at



REMEMBER...

- ▶ **NEVER** run away from a coyote!
- ▶ If the coyote doesn't leave at first, continue approaching him and/or increase the intensity of your hazing until he runs away. If he runs a short distance away and then stops and looks at you, continue hazing him until he leaves the area completely.
- ▶ If a coyote returns after you've successfully hazed him or her, continue to haze the coyote as you did before. It typically takes only one or two times to haze a coyote away for good.
- ▶ Contact authorities and do not interact with a coyote whom you suspect of being sick or injured. Although coyotes are skittish by nature and generally aren't aggressive towards people, engaging animals who are sick or injured can result in unpredictable behavior.

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you. It's important to continue to haze the coyote until he leaves the area completely. You might need to use multiple tactics, such as shaking noisemakers, stomping your feet, and spraying him with a hose to get him to leave.

DOG-WALKING TOOLS

There are several tools for repelling coyotes that you can carry with you while walking your dog. Of course, remember that you should always walk your dog on a leash. If you see a coyote, either pick up your dog (if possible) or place him or her behind you before hazing the coyote. Then:

- ▶ Blow a whistle or air horn at the coyote.
- ▶ Squirt a squirt gun at the coyote.
- ▶ Yell and wave your arms.
- ▶ Use a homemade noisemaker, such as pennies in a sippy cup or soda can (sealed with duct tape).
- ▶ Pick up sticks or rocks and throw them towards the coyote.

IN YOUR YARD

Keeping pets and pet food inside is the best way to keep coyotes out of your yard. If you do encounter coyotes, all of the above methods can be used in your yard. First, try the "Go Away Coyote!" method (yell and wave your arms as you approach the coyote). You can also squirt the coyote with your garden hose or a squirt gun or bang pots and pans together.



TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- ✓ Hazing is most effective when an individual coyote is hazed by a variety of people using a variety of tools and techniques.
- ✓ A coyote who is being hazed must be able to recognize that the potential threat is coming from a person. Therefore, hiding behind a bush and throwing rocks or hazing from inside your car isn't effective.
- ✓ You can use hazing techniques and tools for one animal or multiple animals. There is usually a dominant animal in the group who will respond, and others will follow her lead.
- ✓ Don't stop hazing after it's successful. Coyotes or their pups could return to their unacceptable habits or behaviors if you stop.
- ✓ Share this information by teaching your family, friends, and neighbors how to haze coyotes too! The more people that get involved in hazing, the more quickly you will see results.

For more information and tips, visit our website at humanesociety.org/coyotes.



MURRIETA

HOT SPRINGS RESORT

We're excited to extend a special offer to our neighbors! Take advantage of discounted day passes to experience the soothing geothermal mineral pools, lush gardens, and serene atmosphere at Murrieta Hot Springs Resort. Whether you're looking for a peaceful retreat or a rejuvenating soak, we'd love to welcome you for a day of relaxation. Visit us soon and indulge in the tranquility right here in your community!

I created a promo code "**Knolls**" that will offer a 50% discount for our friends in the communities behind the resort. This drops the local day passes to less than \$25, before taxes. Please book the day pass online. Add promo code when checking out.

Natural Hot Springs Pools

Open Daily 9 am -10 pm

- 20+ All-Natural Geothermal Pools & Cold Plunges
- Adult-only Oasis with Sauna, Bathhall, Sun Deck
- Family Pool & Mud
- Contrast Kneipp Reflexology Walk
- Guided Cold Plunges & Gratitude Ceremony

"Rates are subject to change and based on availability".

Food & Beverage Hours of Operation:

Guenther's Lounge:

Wednesday & Thursday- Closed

Friday - Tuesday 5pm-9pm

*New food and drink menu effective 11/15

Azuli: Daily 7am-6pm

Serving breakfast effective 11/12

The Tortoise Shell : Daily 10am-7pm

Talia Kitchen:

Monday & Tuesday- Closed

Wednesday & Thursday - 5pm-9pm

Friday & Saturday- 5pm-10p

Sunday- 5pm-9pm

New discounts coming soon