

**SO, WHAT IS IT?** The photo at the right was taken at 5:50 p.m. on Nov. 15 in Spring Knolls. Can you tell what it is? See **answer on next page.**



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# SPRING KNOLLS NEWS

MURRIETA, CA

*Happy Holidays!*

DECEMBER 2023

## KNOLLS VETS HONORED



'FALLEN COMRADE': During the Nov. 10 veterans luncheon at Eaker Hall, Jan Towers (upper right) reads the poem "Fallen Comrade" as a tribute to soldiers who died in combat. See more photos on pages 4 and 5.

*Here's to, um, happy bacon, Ding-a-Ling, brownie days!*

**O**n behalf of the Board of Directors we wish you, your family and friends a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Kwanzaa.

Here's hoping that we all can find joy and celebration through this special month of the year, either with our loved ones beside us, through face-time, phone calls, cards and our special memories.



**Sandy Vollmer**  
SKA president

On a somewhat silly note .... I wish you the following December "Happys." (I'm not making these up!):

- Dec. 3:** National Green Bean Casserole Day!
- Dec. 4:** Santa's List Day!
- Dec. 8:** National Brownie Day!
- Dec. 12:** National Ding-A-Ling Day!
- Dec. 16:** National Chocolate Covered Anything Day!
- Dec. 21:** Look on the Bright Side Day!

See **SKA PRESIDENT**, next page

## Wait! It's your \$\$! Not junk mail!

We hope the headline caught your eye and that you take some time to read a mailer you'll get in the next day or so. It's not junk. Really.

Here's why:

First, the question many people are asking is whether there will be a dues increase. The answer right now is no, and maybe. On the back of the cover letter is the 2024 budget. It doesn't

call for a dues increase, but there will be a bump in how much you pay to have your trash removed every week.

More on that later.

Also, included in the mailer are two forms.

One form gives you the opportunity to spread out your dues payments from two a year to a monthly

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## SKA president . . .

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**Dec. 27:** Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day!

**Dec. 30:** National Bacon Day!

**Dec. 31:** Make Up Your Mind Day

I might add a celebration for our own: How about **Spring Knolls Appreciation Day!** for our outstanding and hard-working board members, volunteers, Area Coordinators, Support leaders and our Caretaker, **Lisa McKinney** ..... who all worked so hard in 2023 to serve the Spring Knolls community?

Especially my fellow 2023 Board members: **Jan Towers, Holli Hanson, Sharon Kilpatrick, Ron Sieber, Candy Lee, Debby Adelhelm, Shawnee Miller and Charlene Kirkwood.**

Together, these outstanding eight individuals volunteered thousands of hours just in 2023 to manage this community's affairs and make Spring Knolls a better place.

When you see them, please thank them. They're making it possible for this association to operate without hiring a management company, that would cost tens of thousands of dollars every year that would substantially drive your dues up.

Speaking of volunteers, I encourage you to attend the Boosters' **Dec. 9th Christmas Party**, by yourself or with family members. The Boosters have worked hard to deck the halls and provide a free and festive atmosphere to all guests.

Santa will be there for your grandchildren, and it's a time when you can leave the outside world behind

and enjoy the gaiety of the party.

On a lighter note: In the next few weeks, you might spot a man and woman driving at night in a silver Prius or pacing in front of your home with a camera. Don't worry, it's probably just Ted and me taking our pictures of holiday decorations for the *Spring Knolls News*.

A couple of years ago **Cindy Woody** got some phone calls from residents reporting us because they thought we might be strangers out to steal their decorations. She quickly blasted out a note that we were harmless. We are, and have the pictures to prove it!

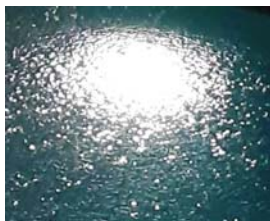
So, this year we'll let you know in a blast when we'll be snapping pics of your beautiful homes. We began doing this a few years ago with about a dozen photos, and each year the number has risen. Last year we posted more than 40 in our on-line January edition.

You don't need to wait for the newsletter to see these homes. If you can, get out and see for yourselves how much your neighbors are beautifying our streets!

A final note that applies, maybe at some level, to us all. My heartfelt thoughts go out to those who've suffered a loss this, or any year. I know from personal experience that such losses sometimes make the holidays seem overwhelming.

I get that sometimes you don't know how you're going to feel until the holidays are upon us. Please, be kind to yourself no matter what kind of season it is for you. I hope you can find some comfort and happiness in your memories.

The next Spring Knolls Association board meeting is **6 p.m., Dec. 20**, in Eaker Hall. An agenda will be posted and blasted out on **SK In the Know**. All Spring Knolls owners are invited to participate.



**FIGURE IT OUT?:** At first glance, the photo on Page 1 appears to be of a new galaxy, a super nova or some other celestial event. It's not. Nor is it the blast of some left over fireworks from July 4. What you see is the work of the underwater spotlight in the Spring Knolls' small pool during the heavy thunderstorm on Nov. 15. Millions of the storm's raindrops helped turn the pool's deep end into a piece of art.



# Sharp-eyed resident helps head off sink hole collapse

A few mornings after the Nov. 15 thunderstorm drenched Murrieta, Lori Miller was heading from her home on Via del Sur when she saw something that made no sense.

Near Via del Sur and Via Playa del Rey was a patch of water. The rest of the street was dry. And there was no visible water running to it.

“It wasn’t raining and it was too early for anyone to be washing their car,” Lori recalled. “There just shouldn’t have been water there.”

The likely water source was below the paved street. Not a good sign.

Lori phoned compliance director Charlene Kirkwood, who called Debbie Adelhelm, the SK Director who oversees Spring Knolls’ streets. Debbie, who lives on Via Playa del Rey, raced over. Like Lori, she felt there was a problem, but wasn’t sure what it was.

Debbie called the Eastern Municipal Water District. An inspector came out, drew a line around the spot and told her there was no imminent danger and it could be weeks before repairs were made. Nevertheless, Debbie set up warning cones.

Board president Sandy Vollmer, meanwhile, also inspected the water patch, called EMWD and was told there was no emergency, because there was no gushing water. He told her though that someone would check on the site every day.

Sandy insisted that a sinkhole collapse could happen unless the water issue was addressed in days, not weeks as Debbie had been told. She reminded the official about the two large sink holes in 2019 and 2020 on nearby Alta Murrieta that cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars to fix.

“Water and asphalt don’t mix,” she told the official. “We’re a senior community, and it will be on you if you don’t get something done soon.”

Nine days later, on Nov. 29, a work



crew tore up a strip across Via Playa del Rey. An EMWD worker told the *Spring Knolls News* that water had undermined the street so much that a collapse could have happened that day or the next. Within hours, the crew finished its repairs and reopened Via Playa del Rey.

Had Lori not spotted the problem, and had Debbie not installed cones on the street and had Sandy not insisted something be done soon, a car, pedestrian or bicyclist might have fallen victim to another Murrieta sink hole.

Lori, an area coordinator with the Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team (SKERT), said her father was in construction. When she was a child he told her that if she saw something that seemed out of place, she must tell someone right away. Luckily for her neighbors, Lori listened to her Dad.

And she did.



Photos by Sandy and Ted Vollmer  
**SINKHOLE DANGER PASSES:** (Upper left). On Nov. 20, Spring Knolls resident Lori Miller sees a patch of water near the intersection of Via Playa del Rey and Via del Sur and contacts HOA board members. Streets director Debbie Adelhelm sets out safety cones. Water officials said there was no imminent danger, but on Nov. 29 EMWD workers discover enough water below the asphalt to cause a collapse as soon as that day. Repairs were made, and the street reopened the same day.



**Lori Miller**



# Vets line up for chow, kudos at luncheon

The Spring Knolls Boosters went all out on Nov. 10 to honor nearly two dozen veterans from all three units.

A tasty lunch and dessert was served to every veteran and a guest. The meal was followed by many of the vets discussing their days in uniform.

The free event came the day before Veterans Day so the vets could attend a local parade in their honor in downtown Murrieta.



Clockwise from top: Veterans and their guests line up for lunch in Eaker Hall...

... Military memorabilia, photos and flags adorn the Eaker Hall stage in honor of the veterans...

... Navy veteran and former Spring Knolls Association board member **Bill Desmond** addresses the gathering about his days in the service...

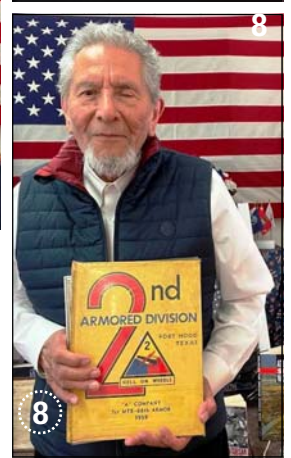
... **Norma and Pierce Box** from Unit 2 hold a photo from their Nov. 7, 1952, wedding with Pierce in his Navy uniform....

... Members of the **Boosters** lead the crowd in a chorus of "God Bless America."

Photos by Ted Vollmer, *Spring Knolls News*  
(See more luncheon photos in the *Spring Knolls News* online edition)



# Veterans mug for pics, many with their ‘special’ guests



Photos by Alan Hanson and Ted Vollmer



1. Bridget Hawk, Marines
2. Charles Parker, Navy
3. Sonny & Marvin Prohovsky, Navy
4. Lawrence Hodges, Submarine Service
5. Jesse & David Folsbee, Navy & Marines
6. Margaret & Roger Marceau, Navy
7. Karen & George Mora, Navy
8. Al Sanchez, Army
9. Cindy & Bob Freiberg, Army
10. Dwayne & Amparo Fields, Marines
11. Bob Eisenstein, Army
12. Dennis Applegate, Army
13. "Fallen Comrade" table setting with a list of Spring Knolls veterans who died in the past few years.



# Here are effective ways to drive rats from your home

**By Charlene Kirkwood**  
SK Compliance Administrator

T'was the night before Christmas when all through the house, not a creature was stirring not even a mouse...oh no, it's RATS!

Per the Spring Knolls Rules and Guidelines, Section 18 states that owners must keep their property clear of any accumulation of decay or flammable material.

Rats are attracted to bird seed, pet food and water left outside. They particularly like sunflower seeds, especially the hulls discarded by birds.

Rats also like places to hide. They will nest in untrimmed palm trees or in the engine of a vehicle, doing costly damage. It is suggested to rake up leaves and other debris from your yards to discourage nesting.

Also, trim dense vegetation, especially where it is near the ground.

Clear your patio/driveway of stored items where rats can nest.

The following can be used to repel rats: garlic, onion, hot peppers, ammonia, used coffee grounds, peppermint, eucalyptus, white vinegar and citronella oil.

Doing these simple things can help get rid of them and discourage their return.

I wish everyone a wonderful Holiday and peaceful New Year.



## Letters TO THE Editor

### Thanks to my desk, I'm still around!

I lived in East LA and went through the October 1987 Whittier earthquake.

I worked upstairs and the wall separated.

I went under my desk, and the files fell on top of my desk. They had to dig me out!

I didn't think I was going to survive. I was so scared. But thank God, I am still around.

And I'm going to be 92 in January! Have a nice day.

Gloria Castaneda  
Spring Knolls

*Editor's note: Have you had an earthquake experience like Gloria's? Many of our residents have never felt the strong shaking that comes with one. If you'd like to share an earthquake experience, email [tscjnews@gmail.com](mailto:tscjnews@gmail.com) and we'll help tell your story in our Letters to the Editor section.*

*Letters from Spring Knolls residents can be on any topic. Try to keep them to around 250 words. Letters deemed hateful or libelous will not be printed and may be edited for clarity and spelling.*

## Mailer . . .

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schedule. If that's preferable to you, please fill out that form right away and send it to us.

If you wish to keep your current payment plan, ignore the form. More information will be included in your invoice coming later this month.

The other form, required by California, asks if you'd like to shift to a mostly e-mail form of delivery of documents. If enough people shift, it would save a lot of money and hundreds of hours of volunteer time spent preparing and sending out every item.

You might ask, why bother sending all this stuff out? Wouldn't that also save a lot of time and money?

It would be great if we could. Unfortunately, state and federal laws require the mailing of many items. And the laws also say that many publications must be in separate mailings.

Back to our latest mailing ... and your

money. As board president Sandy Vollmer says in her cover letter, there's no dues increase. Beginning in March, however, a monthly hike of about \$10.68 in everyone's trash pickup costs will bring your total to about \$23.68 a month. Waste Management will then begin to bill you separately instead of with your dues.

Once that payment shift occurs, you can expect a pro-rated refund of trash costs from the association. The new system involves three cans for recycling, organic waste and other items. The Spring Knolls News will provide updates on the new system and costs.

There is much more in the mailing you're getting — a new Neighbor-to-Neighbor harassment policy and insurance costs. We urge you to check those sections as well.

We realize that with all the mail we already receive, yet another piece from your association can be annoying. We're owners too, and we get it.

We also must follow the law. So, please read what we send you.

## Spring Knolls Board report for Nov. 15, 2023

### Approved/Reported

**Approved:** The 2024 Annual budget of \$432,144, reflecting no dues increase.\* Annual policy statement.\* Neighbor to Neighbor Harassment policy.\* Tree maintenance, not to exceed \$9,500; Eaker Hall painting, not to exceed \$1,500; DVD storage tower, not to exceed \$400.

\* Further information contained in Nov. 30, 2023 mailer sent to all owners.

**Treasurer's report (summary):** For October 2023 (Sharon Kilpatrick) : Total operating /checking funds \$267,421.79; Total Reserve/Savings funds \$467,626.27; Accounts receivable \$63,918.61. Year-to-date expenses (\$289,216.79). Total expenses October (\$21,972.72).

Boosters Bits

# Santa's waiting to see you Dec. 9!

**H**ere goes, my last column of 2023. We'll be in a new year by the next newsletter and we wish all our friends, neighbors and families a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Our Veterans Day luncheon on Nov. 10 was well attended. Our hearts were so full of pride, listening to the stories of those who served to keep all of us safe. We couldn't ask for better company, or better prepared food.

Eaker Hall was decorated with photos, military memorabilia, flags and a special table honoring those veterans from Spring Knolls who have passed away.

A special thank you to Robert and Paula Raquel for donating a case of wine that was handed out to veterans



**Dorothy Vaughn**  
Boosters president

in a drawing.

I hope you've reserved Dec. 9 for the Spring Knolls Holiday open house with homemade chili with the "works," mac'n cheese and goodies for the kiddos, Christmas trees and pictures with Santa, hosted by the Boosters.

Also, don't forget to add non perishable food and unwrapped gifts for kids up to age 17 to two large boxes outside Eaker Hall. See photo to the right!

Both are filling up, and Murrieta firefighters will be coming to the clubhouse to gather your donations and distribute them to needy residents.



Rosa Andrade  
Anthony Andrea  
John Braswell  
Leland Britt  
Esther Cale  
Raul Cosio  
Nancy Desmond  
Beverly Getzler  
Lorraine Graham  
Chris Heilbron  
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Fakri Zubek



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Roger & Susan Melanson  
Ritch & Bobbie Purcell  
Sam & Rose Soria  
David Thompson & Karol Parker



## In Memoriam

**Gail Elaine Caruso**  
(Feb. 1940 - Dec. 2005)  
Via Norte Vista

**Sheila R Friedkin**  
(Dec. 1941 - Dec. 2008)  
Via Amarilla

**Beulah Karcher**  
(Dec. 1922 - Dec. 1997)  
Via La Espalda

**Sylvia Leib**  
(Dec. 2016 - Dec. 2015)  
38481 Calle de la Siesta

**Bette Levinson**  
(May 1916 - Dec. 2005)  
38618 Calle de la Siesta

**Mario Eurto Lizarraga**  
(Aug. 1924 - Dec. 2008)  
Via La Calma

**Richard William Mezin**  
(Sept. 1938 - Dec. 2002)  
Via Norte Vista

**Jose Francisco Montiel**  
(July 1916 - Dec. 2011)  
Via Princesa

**William C. Rosenberg**  
(June 1939 - Dec. 1996)  
Via Playa del Rey

**Jean Ruth Saez**  
(June 1930 - Nov. 2010)  
Calle de la Siesta

**Calvin Eugene Shannon**  
(Nov. 1926 - Dec. 2008)  
Via La Espalda

**Marvin David Stuart**  
(May 1923 - Dec. 2009)  
Via Escarlata

**Charles A. Whisner, Jr.**  
(May 1918 - Dec. 2006)  
Via Princesa

**Robert E. Williams**  
(March 1924 - Dec. 1997)  
Calle de la Paz



SKERT (Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team)

# Block parties, ShakeOut highlight SKERT's 2023 activities

Well, for the last column of the year I thought I'd go over some of the events of 2023:

We had a new member, **Chris Heilbron**, join SKERT. The Board also asked us to plan another Open House gathering in the clubhouse



**Alan Hanson**  
SKERT chair

• We added two new Area Coordinators, **Mary Lou Morgan** and **Lori Miller**. We worked with area coordinators **Jan Towers**, **Roberta Jiron** and **Mary Lou Morgan**, and held a Block Party for the residents of Calle de la Siesta, Via El

Avion, El Pavo Real, and even a few from Via Princesa. **Joe Compton** and I marked the utilities afterward.

• We got another new AC, **Lynda Miller**. We were somewhat disappointed with the turnout for the Open House and we'll do something different in 2024.

(See Holli's article below.)

• We held another Block Party for the residents of Via Norte Vista and Via del Sur, then AC's **Lori Miller** and **Ed Carey** marked the utilities.

• We lost two AC's. **Doria Lore** moved to Oceanside and **Mary Lou** resigned due to surgery. **Kathi Ellis** volunteered to take over for her.

• We held a Block Party for **Sandy Bright** and **Tino Guterrez** for residents on Via Magnolia.

• The **ShakeOut** event was held at the Clubhouse on Oct. 19. We downloaded the MyShake App and did a Drop, Cover & Hold On drill, and went over Go Bag contents.

**Ed Carey** did some fire extinguisher training, we held a raffle (all households in attendance won a prize) and had lunch.

We talked about holding a Health and Safety Fair instead of the Open House next year and selected Saturday, April 6, 2024 as the tentative date.



Photo by Ted Vollmer

**TRAINING DAY:** Retired fire captain and Spring Knolls resident **Ed Carey** prepares a water fire extinguisher for residents to try on a dummy fire set up behind Eaker Hall during Oct. 19's **ShakeOut**. The earthquake readiness event was one of SKERT's main projects this year.

# Health, safety, wellness fair to replace 2024 Open House

By **Holli Hanson**

For the last two years we have held a Spring Knolls Open House. This event, proposed by SKERT, started so we could show all new residents what amenities we have to offer.

We also wanted to show residents who have been here a while what improvements have been made. We not only had speakers, but Area Coordinators conducted tours of the grounds.

In 2022, we had a great turnout for our first Open House. Many residents who had never been to our clubhouse or had spent much time there said they were very impressed with what they saw.

This year, for our second Open House, we hoped to have an even larger turnout. Unfortunately, many residents who attended the first Open

House apparently thought it would be a lot like the first, and mainly for new residents. While a good event with an enthusiastic crowd, a low turnout was disappointing.

That's why, for 2024 we'll be trying something new. For now, we're calling it a senior health and wellness fair and it likely will be held in early April. **Alan Hanson**, **Lori Miller** and I have attended two health and emergency fairs this year to get some ideas.

We spoke to several people who provide services and they said they would be happy to come to Spring Knolls and share their information with our community.

We tentatively have lined up a nutri-

tionist. I also want to find people who can speak about legal aid, a Medicare specialist, and someone who can help with small jobs around the house.

We also hope to show how people can use Synergy, the energy and water-efficiency company that works with utility companies to boost utility usage and savings.

If there is anything you, as residents of Spring Knolls, would like to see at this event please call me at 661 972-0799. In the coming months we will keep you posted on the progress of what we hope will be an exciting and informative day for all of you.



**Holli Han-**

*Holli Hanson is a member of SKERT (Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team) as well as the Spring Knolls Association board secretary, program administrator and senior advocate.*





## Help yourself — and others — at the SK Sharing box

By Lisa McKinney

I noticed that people would bring extra fruit they had from their trees to share, and left a bag outside the board office. Sometimes the fruit would just sit there where they left it. Which was all over the place.

So I placed a sharing box in the same spot. People seemed to like it, and soon people brought not only fruit, but other goods as well.

The sharing has now moved to a small bookcase outside Eaker Hall. Items go in and out, as people drop off things or maybe swap something for something they need.

So, please, when you're at the clubhouse check it out. Who knows what you may find. If you see you have too much of something, please bring it to share. It won't go to waste.

-- Lisa McKinney is the Spring Knolls caretaker

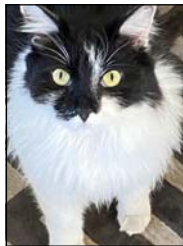
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**MISSING KITTY:** Tigger is a 4-year-old female, brown & gray tabby who lived with our clubhouse caretaker. She's a bit shy, so if you see her, please call Lisa immediately so she can come get her. **Lisa, 951 212-8781.**

**MISSING MAX:** My black & white long hair cat, Max, has been missing since Oct. 21. He lives on Via la Rueda. He's shy, so likely won't come to you if you call. Please call **Patti O'Connell at 916 955-3895.**



Medicare Annual Enrollment is your opportunity to find the plan that works best for your needs. Even if you're happy with your current Medicare plan, take a few minutes to review all your options for next year.

Here are a few reasons why:

1. Your needs may change. You may find you're going to the doctor more or less often, the prescription drugs you take may be different, or your health needs may have changed.
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**HANDYMAN SERVICES:** Handyman services, gardening, driving to doctor visits, etc. **Steve Lopez 626-622-4552.**

**SEEKING:** Any books on woodwork crafts. Call **Jim at 714 851-5025.**

**SEEKING GOLF CART:** \$1,600 - \$2,000, 48-volt, 4 seats. Call **Sandra Bright @ (951) 443-5083.**

**SEEKING NEW HOMES:** The cats pictured are seeking new homes after their Golf Knolls owner recently passed away. Both are 11, healthy and "very sweet." Love people but don't like each other so much, so should go to separate homes. The black one (left) is a female. Call **Frank @ 951 375-8707**



**TABLE, CHAIRS, HANGING LAMP:** Table & six chairs for sale. Asking \$250 or best offer. Also, hanging light that was above my table. Asking \$30. Call **Gloria @ 951 677-3820**

**DOG CARE:** Need your dog walked? **Janet 951 970-8219**

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# HogePodge

**DUES ARE DUE:** Owners will receive their invoice for 2024 HOA dues in late December. Payments are **due Jan. 1 and late after Jan. 15, subject to a 10% late fee.** Owners may opt for an annual, or two semi-annual payments or even ask to pay monthly. (See page 1 article and a Nov. 30 notice to all owners.)

**OWNER RESIDENT FORM:** Owners also will receive their owner-resident form, which by state law, must be filled out with information about who is living in each household, ages, and other identifying information to ensure we remain a 55+ age restricted community. Those forms also are due Jan. 1, with a penalty if turned in past Jan. 31.



**DVD ACCESS:** The Spring Knolls Library now has a DVD tower holding more than 750 films of all genres. The tower replaces a much smaller area that held less than half that number. DVDs are easy to borrow. Simply take any

you'd like to watch and return them later. All films have dots on the front.

**OVERNIGHT PARKING:** Owners are reminded that on-street parking between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. is prohibited without an overnight parking pass. Violators face \$50-a-day-fines or towing charges. Call Compliance Administrator **Charlene Kirkwood** for free passes at **951 348-0042**.

**TRASH PICKUPS:** Since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a weekday, trash pickup will be delayed a day those weeks.

**WALK SAFELY:** With the earlier darkness, drivers should keep a look out for pedestrians and pets. Walkers are encouraged to wear bright colored clothing and reflective tape.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Lisa McKinney's name was misspelled in November's edition. We regret the error.

## What's up in Spring Knolls? UPCOMING EVENTS ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	WHO?
Christmas Open House, Santa	4:30 -7:30 p.m. Dec. 9; free	Eaker Hall	Dorothy, 951 696-0871
SK Annual Meeting	1 p.m. Jan. 13	Eaker Hall	Any board member

### ONGOING GROUP, BOARD, TEAM EVENTS

Best Years (formerly Singles)	11:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. (1st Wednesdays)	Eaker Hall	Mary Lou Morgan, 760 613-7514
Boosters	10 a.m. - noon	Eaker Hall	Dorothy Vaughn, 951 696-0871
SK Emergency Response Team	(2nd Wednesdays)	Eaker Hall	Alan Hanson, 714 493-1709
SK Board Monthly meeting	6 p.m. 3rd Wednesday	Eaker Hall	Any board member
Bible Study	10 - noon, Tuesdays (No meetings Dec. 26 or Jan. 2)	Eaker Hall	Mellie Villarreal, 951 442-5052
Bingo	2nd Thursday of each month, 1-4 p.m.	Eaker Hall	Debby Adelhelm, 760 717-9876
Bunco	1 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of month.	Eaker Hall	Diane Velasquez, 951 850-8107

Events on clubhouse grounds require advance Board of Directors approval. Contact **Debbie Adelhelm @ (760) 717-9876** at least two weeks in advance.

## SK Clubhouse?

### What's open and closed?

**OPEN:**

Board Office: Fridays - Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. 9:30 a.m.-noon

- Clubhouse Winter hours: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Gym, library, large swimming pool, now open to all ages. Jacuzzi or billiards room. Call Facilities Director **Ron Sieber** at (951) 541-6276 for more information.

- Showers: Showers available

- Eaker Hall: Open for gatherings (see info at end of Calendar to arrange).

- Dog Park, Clubhouse grassy areas: Owners must keep dogs under control. and not permit digging or aggression.

**CLOSED:**

- Small pool is unheated until Spring and is closed. The large pool is open during this period to all ages.

- Clubhouse grounds on Dec. 24 and 25; Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2024.



Thanks to Lisa McKinney for setting up and maintaining the Sharing Shelf outside Eaker Hall.

Thanks to Charlene Kirkwood, Patricia O'Connell and Dolly Martinee for their kind donations for the Spring Knolls Library.

## Near the Knolls

**DONUTS WITH SANTA:** 9-10:30 a.m., Dec. 2. Town Square Park, Murrieta. Admission, 1 non-perishable food item per child. 951 304-7275. Later, from 5-8 p.m. at the same location, the free Murrieta Festival of Trees & Tree Lighting. City tree will be lit at 6 p.m.

**HOLIDAY SALE:** Friends of the Library stores are selling Christmas items at half price through Dec. 31. The items include books, CDs, and DVDs. The stores are at the Ronald Roberts Temecula Library, 30600 Pauba Road, and Grace Mellman Library, 4100 County Center Drive.