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SPRING KNOLLS NEWS

MURRIETA, CA

Happy New Year!

JANUARY 2024

Pay options, trash, alarms, election results all on tap for Jan. 13 meeting

By Ted Vollmer
Spring Knolls News

Spring Knolls annual meetings traditionally feature some suspense as we await each year's board election tally.

Not so in 2024. Rather than election suspense there will be a ton of unrelated information for every attendee.

Such as, you ask?

Well, for starters, a new payment system that will offer all members not only ways to pay dues on-line, but will give everyone new internet access to all things Spring Knolls.

Also on tap, a new trash can process requiring you to sort throwaways into different colored bins and pay for all your garbage pickup in a new way.

Also, you'll hear about a Red Cross event where, for free, you soon can get your first smoke detector or swap your old one for more efficient ones.

And, you also may get some inside news on what our neighbors down below are doing at the new Murrieta Hot Springs Resort, which is scheduled to open on Feb. 1.

And, of course, you'll get a final report on the results of the 2023 board

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AWAITING YOUR VOTE: You can drop off your ballots in the Spring Knolls election box in Eaker Hall. Or fill out your ballot and mail them back in the pre-stamped envelopes. Results will be announced Jan. 13.

SK Assn. Annual Meeting

- **When:** Promptly 1 p.m. Jan. 13.
- **Where:** Eaker Hall
- **Who:** Board members, Spring Knolls property owners, guest speakers
- **What:** Addresses by various speakers on a new payment program, a new trash can system, smoke alarms, the opening of the Murrieta Hot Springs resort and election results.
- **Extra:** Light refreshments.
- **Questions?** Call any board member.

Jan. 13th, not New Year's Day, kicks off our great '24 hopes

The Annual meeting on Jan. 13 will kick off 2024 for us with information about: election results, a new way

to pay your dues, Red Cross freebies, new trash procedures and the Murrieta Hot Spring Resort's opening.

Representatives from each area are expected to be at the meeting to give you details on new programs for Spring Knolls and answer questions.

Here are some general tidbits:
Alliance Association Management: Steven Penn, the firm's principal and founder, will explain how Alliance will soon manage our financials. He will answer questions about paying your dues and managing your accounts. You'll be able to log in and enter your own portal to review association governing documents, important notices from the association, and



Sandy Vollmer
SK president

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SKA president . . .

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make payments on your account. There's also an app available that you can download for your added convenience.

Your Board has been researching this option for some months; and Warm Springs officials who have been using this management company for the past year highly recommend it.

Red Cross Smoke Detector: As many of you know, Alan Hanson, chair of SKERT (Spring Knolls Emergency Response Team) has worked with the Red Cross to bring information and programs to our community.

Alan has arranged for a Red Cross representative to be with us on the 13th to talk about the organization's latest free smoke detector program for 2024.

Waste Management (trash): Isaac Bravo, the City of Murrieta management analyst and liaison with Waste Management, will be at the meeting to talk about new trash requirements that begin March 1. He'll be discussing how to sort your trash, a new billing system and answer questions.

By the way, if you receive any mail from Waste Management, be sure to open it! Waste Management is

setting up direct accounts for each Spring Knolls property owner. So, there's vital information you must provide to keep your senior billing discount. The target date is March 1 for Waste Management to bill you directly and we hope it will meet that date.

Murrieta Hot Springs Resort: The official opening of our neighbor, MHS Resort, is Feb. 1. We might have a representative attending who can give us some firsthand information and/or a flyer about it.

With all this to share and the announcement of the election results, I ask that you please be on time for the meeting. Our first speaker will start moments after 1 p.m. Please be seated by 1 p.m. because some of our speakers are on tight schedules due to other commitments.

As for the election, if you haven't yet voted I urge you to do soon, either by dropping your ballot in the Eaker Hall box, or mailing it in. If you need a new one, we have extras.

Our election laws require that we meet certain voting percentages in order to constitute a quorum of owners. Otherwise, the costly voting process must be repeated, from start to finish with multiple ballot mailings. So please get those ballots in! Thanks so much!

We're looking forward to a great 2024 for our community!

Don't dig during 2024 without calling 811

By Jan Towers

Happy New Year to all! Hoping that everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Now it's a new year and time for a refresh.

Along with the new year you may be thinking about some improvements to your home. As a reminder, per our Rules and Guidelines, any new construction, alterations or additions of any kind require written

approval of the Architectural Director /ARC.

Also, if you're planning on doing any type of digging for fence posts, etc., it's advised that you call a free service, Dig Alert. Many of our utilities are underground and to avoid any issues it's a good idea to call 811 and they can assist you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

-**Jan Towers** is the Spring Knolls board vice president and Architectural Director

The next regular Spring Knolls Association board meeting is at 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday, Jan. 17**, in Eaker Hall. An agenda will be posted and blasted out on **SK In the Know**. All owners are invited to participate.

New financial system to aid SK in payments, records

Alliance Management offers web-based ways to access accounts, documents

Soon, all Spring Knolls members will be brought into a new accounting system that will not only streamline payments, but also provide ease of access to key materials.

By March 1, or even sooner, Alliance Association Management will organize and retool how Spring Knolls members do the following:

- **Pay their dues.** Instead of writing out a check or filling out a money order, payments may be handled on line by credit card, or bank transfer.
- **Access documents.** Instead of going to the board office for governing documents, agendas, minutes, or to view accounts, members can view documents on the company app or at www.thealliancemgt.com.
- **Can make inquiries.** Members may also phone Alliance with questions about their accounts.
- The Spring Knolls board, mean-

Alliance Association Management at a glance.

- **Opened:** 2020
- **Business:** Full service management for homeowner, condominium associations.
- **Principal officer:** Steven Penn
- **Headquarters:** 42111 Avenida Alvarado, #E2, Temecula, CA
- **Website:** www.thealliancemgt.com
- **Phone:** 951 412-1662

while, will have “professional accounting and financial support” that will regularly reconcile bank accounts, provide monthly reports and account statements to the board, as well as issue payments to vendors.

- Alliance will also assist the board in preparing annual budgets, while reviewing current and past expendi-

tures to help the bottom line.

While the new system will result in a slight expense increase each month, the main reason to shift the work is to avoid a dues hike, said Spring Knolls treasurer Sharon Kilpatrick. Payments to Alliance will be offset by eliminating a bookkeeping position and vastly reducing reliance on the on-line accounting website, QuickBooks.

Sharon added that Alliance offers the option of assuming full management of an association, but in this case will provide only the financial services that Spring Knolls wants it to handle.

She pointed out that Alliance recently won an innovation award for its management approach.

Spring Knolls president Sandy Vollmer said that the board has been considering moving to Alliance for several months. She added that Warm Springs Knolls has been using Alliance for nearly a year and is very pleased.

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election, which were known before the first ballot was cast because only five candidates filed for five positions: incumbents Ron Sieber, Debby Adelmhelm, Shawnee Miller, Sharon Kilpatrick and Jan Towers.

Despite the anticlimactic results, all owners are asked to return their ballots by the Jan. 13 deadline. Unless enough people vote, the election process will have to be repeated.

Now for some other details:

Finances: Steven Penn of Alliance Association Management, will be the first speaker. His Temecula company, beginning by March or sooner, will be processing Spring Knolls accounts and shift how owners pay dues, and other services.

Among key changes is that owners will be able to pay on-line

with bank transfers, or credit cards. Now, the only way is by check or money order. Also, owners will be able to access their accounts via a website or app. **(See story above for more details.)**

Trash: City of Murrieta Management Analyst Isaac Bravo will explain how Spring Knolls’ new trash collection system will work and how much it will cost once it begins in March.

Under state law that went into effect two years ago, all California cities are required to have a three-can system whereby garbage is sorted by organic, recycling and regular waste. Most of the city has been under the system since 2022.

The new system also will involve a shift to direct payments to Waste Management. The current process includes trash fees in annual HOA dues.

In the coming weeks, owners will receive a letter from the city about the new program. It will be followed by a

“welcome” letter from Waste Management, and finally a delivery to all homes of the three cans.

Note to owners: You must contact Waste Management to qualify for a senior discount, or you’ll need to pay a higher rate now charged most Murrieta customers. The discount is **not** automatic.

Board president Sandy Vollmer advises all owners to carefully read any mail from Waste Management because it will include discount information.

Smoke Detectors: Also scheduled is Gerald Winkel of the Red Cross who will explain how to participate on March 9 in a free installation of smoke detectors in Spring Knolls. **(More details on Page 8).**

Murrieta Hot Springs: A representative of the Murrieta Hot Springs Resort may come to discuss the refurbished facility and all it has to offer to visitors.



Isaac Bravo



Gerald Winkel



Steven Penn

2023: Residents line up for burgers, Bunco, bargains

January: Four board incumbents — **Holli Hanson, Cindy Woody, Charlene Kirkwood and Sandy Vollmer** are reelected in a five-candidate race. City Councilwoman **Cindy Warren** and city Fire Marshal **Aria Reinertson** address the Annual meeting about street widening, the Murrieta Hot Springs



June: Residents of all three Knolls units hold a community-wide garage sale... A brazen daylight theft of two spotlights for a clubhouse area flag display is captured on Spring Knolls closed circuit cameras and reported to police. The lights are replaced months later.



resort and a new fire station in French Valley. ... To discourage rules violations, fine increases begin for such issues as age requirements, residency form compliance and architectural rules... Two new clubhouse activities, **Game Day** and **Community Puzzles**, begin.



July: The July 4 parade fills the route through Units 1 and 2 with what may be a record number of decorated carts, classic cars, trucks and even bicycles... Weeks later, police pursue a suspect in a stolen car, who escapes capture after abandoning the vehicle in a yard at the end of a cul de sac.

February: Responding to a petition about the first dues increase in years, the Spring Knolls board explains to about 50 residents that inflationary hikes in utilities, street repairs and other operating costs required a \$5-a-month hike... Board member **Cindy Woody** announces her move to Tennessee, but continues to post In the Know email blasts for Spring Knolls residents.

September: Thousands of donated castoffs including clothing, bicycles, bric-a-brac, paintings and tools makes for a successful 2nd Hand Treasures sale. ... Spring Knolls prepares for a shift to a new trash / recycling system that will begin in March 2024. At the same time, Spring Knolls begins an early exploration effort for gates at both Via Princesa entries. All three units will have to agree to such a move. Possible grant money for the gates is considered.



March: The **Boosters** hold a sold-out St. Patrick's Day dinner featuring corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew.... A concrete path with safety railings opens for dog owners... For the second year, a pair of ducks protects a nest in bushes near the swimming pool.



October: Five incumbent board members decide to seek two-year terms for the 2024 board. No other residents step forward. Final election results are expected to be announced at the Jan.13 Annual meeting... A SKERT sponsored **ShakeOut** event is held Oct. 19 in Eaker Hall, complete with fire extinguisher training and drills to show people how to respond to an earthquake. The Boosters Oct. 28 sold out Halloween Dinner Party attracts costumed residents who enjoy a DJ and numerous decorations.



April: Shortly before Mother's Day, a brood of 13 hatchlings spends a day in the two pools before Mom leads them to a permanent home... Former



Murrieta Councilman and supervisory candidate **Jonathan Ingram** discusses local issues at the Spring Knolls open house....

November: A favorite Boosters event , a **Veterans Day** luncheon, attracts former service members from all three Knolls units. Many share stories of days in uniform during conflicts dating back to World War II.



May: Game Day gives way to a start up of monthly **BUNCO** games for all three units in Eaker Hall. ... After some landscaping repairs, the Spring Knolls Dog Park reopens after several months... The Boosters **Friday Night BBQs** begin on May 26... Game area behind Eaker Hall is spruced up and features horse shoes, corn hole and ping pong.



December: Santa visits the Boosters holiday open house that features a chili dinner, dessert and photos with the jolly elf. Also, more than two large boxes of food and toy donations are picked up for Murrieta families in need.

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New laws begin as early as Jan. 1; address wages, pot, guns, abortions

Numerous laws passed in Sacramento in 2023 will go into effect as early as New Year's Day and will affect millions of Californians. Here are some notable ones:

Minimum wage: It rises to \$16 an hour on Jan. 1. On April 1, minimum pay will climb to \$20 an hour for fast food workers, and by June to \$23 an hour for nursing assistants, medical technicians and hospital janitorial workers in large health systems and dialysis clinics. Hospitals receiving most funding from Medi-Cal and Medicare must raise their minimum to at least \$18 an hour starting June 1, and a minimum \$25 an hour starting in 2033.

Sick Leave: Benefits increase for full- and part-time workers from 3 days annually to a minimum 5 paid sick days. Employers must provide five days of leave to an employee who suffers a reproductive loss such as a failed adoption, miscarriage, still birth.

Work place: Employers may not retaliate against workers who complain about their pay, discuss wages or inquire about another worker's pay.

Cannabis use: Employers may not punish employees who legally use cannabis while off duty and they may not discriminate against job applicants based on prior cannabis use. Workers may still be penalized for coming to work under the influence.

Renters: Beginning July 1, landlords may charge no more than the equivalent of one month's security deposit, rather than the two or three-month deposit some landlords now charge. Also, starting April 1, if a tenant is evicted so the owner can move in, the property owners or their family members must move in within 90 days and live there for at least 12 months.

Hate: Penalties will increase for people using swastikas, nooses or desecrated crosses in schools, cemeteries, places of worship, work places, private property, public spaces and facilities.



A FUNGUS AMONG US: A new law designates the California Golden Chanterelle (above) as the official state mushroom. An edible form grows near live oak trees.

Elections: It will now be a misdemeanor to vote in an election in California and in another state if the elections are on the same date. Also, ballot measures that state one thing but may indicate the opposite must now include simple clarifications such as "keeps the law" or "overturns the law." ... Top funders of ballot measures will now be listed on the ballot information.

Mental health: New law expands the definition of who can be put on an involuntary mental health hold to include people suffering from drug or alcohol addiction, or can't provide for their personal safety.

Abortion: A new law protects California-based doctors and health care practitioners who mail abortion pills or gender-affirming treatment to patients in other states. The law forbids authorities from cooperating with out-of-state investigations and bans bounty hunters from apprehending doctors or pharmacists in California to stand trial in another state. A second law allows physician's assistants to perform surgical abortions without a physician's supervision.

Criminal Justice: Senate Bill 673 created the **Ebony Alert** emergency alert system to help find missing Black women and youth between 12 and 25 years old.

Firearms: There will now be an 11% tax on firearms and ammunition. Starting July 1, the generated funds will pay for gun violence prevention and school safety programs.

Senate Bill 2, meanwhile, strengthens state law concerning concealed weapons in certain public places, requires stronger firearms safety training and raises the minimum age from 18 to 21 for a concealed carry permit. A court challenge is pending in federal court against SB 2.

Sharp-eyed resident helps head off sink hole collapse

(Editor's note: The following story is an updated version of one that appeared in the December on-line edition.)

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."



Lori Miller

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

Lori phoned compliance director Charlene Kirkwood, who called director Debbie Adelhelm, who oversees Spring Knolls' streets. Debbie

raced over, and agreed there was a problem, but wasn't sure what it was.

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

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

Sandy insisted that a collapse could happen unless the issue was addressed in days, not weeks as Debbie had been told. She reminded the official about the sink holes in 2019 and 2020 on Alta Murrieta that cost 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 a resident's leaky water pipe had undermined the street so much that a collapse could have happened that day. 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 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.



Photos by Sandy and Ted Vollmer
SINKHOLE DANGER PASSES: (Upper left). On Nov. 20, Spring Knolls resident Lori Miller sees a patch of water on Via Playa del Rey near Via del Sur and contacts HOA board members. Streets director Debbie Adelhelm sets out safety cones. Water officials say there's 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 quickly made, and the street reopened within hours.

The Boosters wish everyone a Safe & Happy 2024!



Photo by Alan Hanson

CHRISTMAS PARTY CHEER: Front: Lisa McKinney. First row: Mary Lou Morgan, Holli Hanson, Linda Dunn, Santa, Lorraine Haber, Roberta Jiron. Back row: Secretary Betty Dutton, Outgoing President and 2024 Vice President Dorothy Vaughn, Jan Towers, Charlene Kirkwood, Outgoing Vice President and 2024 President Debby Adelmhelm, Lori Miller, Lynda Miller. Missing from photo: Treasurer Sharon Kilpatrick, Diane Velasquez, Linda Neuman, Teresa Avalo and Boosters who couldn't attend the Dec. 9 holiday party.

See more holiday party photos and 90 decorated homes in the 35-page special section following Page 10.



Guadalupe Arangure
Gloria Castaneda
Ed Carey
Sylvia Cervantes
Mike Deshane
Robert Guerra, Jr.
Sonia Guerra

Charlene Kirkwood
George Larson
Gisela Moll
Betty Niggemann
Marvin Prohofsky
Rick Roguemore
Al Salazar
Kay Schmidt

Pam Spence
Ann Spitz
Evelyn Totten
Katie Turner
Tony Uro
Susan Williams
Eileen Zelda

Roberto & Aurora Chavez
David & Nancy Maurice
Rafael & Graciela Rocha
Donald & Marie Whitfield



In Memoriam

Richard L. Campbell
(Jan. 1929 - Jan. 1994)
 Via Amarilla

Jay Gordon Hale
(Sept. 1921 - Jan. 1997)
 Via Escarlata

Morris Katz
(March 1908-Jan. 2, 1981)
 Via Magnolia

Willy Theodora King
(March 1920 - Jan. 2013)
 Via El Pavo Real

Harold Levine
(July 1917 - Jan. 2007)
 Via Playa del Rey

Jack A. MacDonald
(June 1922 - Jan. 2009)
 Via Magnolia

Geraldine May Moseley
(Feb. 1925 - Jan. 2007)
 Via Escarlata

Theresa Claire Nunnaro
(May 1929 - Jan. 2014)
 Via Norte Vista

Dorothy Tatiner
(Jan. 1924 - Jan. 2013)
 Via Princesa

Kenneth E. Callahan
(Aug. 1930 - Jan. 2000)
 Via Escarlata

SKERT

Sign up for your free smoke alarm installations



Alan Hanson
SKERT chair

Great news! Our favorite Red Cross representative, **Gerald Winkel**, is back on the job and can do the long-delayed smoke detector installations!

Please call me at 714 493-1709 with your name, address and phone number and we'll get you signed up for the installations on Saturday, March 9.

Things to know: First, there's no charge. This is part of the Red Cross "Sound the Alarm" program which includes helping you create a fire escape plan and evaluate your home's emergency readiness. This is a great chance to make your home safer- don't miss this opportunity!!

Second, the smoke detectors have 10-year batteries (if you had them installed a few years ago you WON'T need new ones). It's recommended you have one alarm in each bedroom and one near the kitchen (but not actually in it).

In other SKERT news, during our last meeting of 2023 we discussed our plans for 2024. We're planning the following: A Senior Health & Safety Fair in late March / early April. **Holli Hanson** and **Lori Miller** have been attending events in Temecula and have made a lot of contacts to benefit our event.

It was suggested we buy fire blankets to put out stove fires. I ordered some for raffle prizes. We also discussed doing another Block Party before the October ShakeOut.

And we're always seeking volunteers as SKERT members and / or Area Coordinators. It only takes a few hours a month, and is a great help to your fellow residents!

In a few months, we'll have our own fair

By **Holli Hanson**



Holli Hanson

Coming this spring to your Spring Knolls clubhouse will be a senior health and wellness fair.

This event is not to be confused with the Jan. 19 Cybersecurity health and safety forum that you're also invited to attend in Golf Knolls. (See notice below.)

All knowledge is good knowledge so by all means if you're able to attend the Golf Knolls event, please do so.

The Spring Knolls fair will occur in late March or early April. Updates with more details will appear in future editions of the *Spring Knolls News* and in e-mail blasts.

If you'd like to help with the planning of the Spring Knolls event, or just have some suggestions, please call me at 661 972-0799.

This Golf Knolls event is open to all Knolls residents

PLEASE JOIN SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON AND COUNCIL MEMBER CINDY WARREN, DISTRICT 5

CYBERSECURITY, HEALTH & SAFETY RESOURCE FORUM



FREE EVENT!

Come learn about safety and wellness resources!

+ Special presentations by Murrieta PD and Murrieta Fire & Rescue

Friday, January 19, 2024
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Knolls Community Clubhouse
29070 Camino Alba
Murrieta, CA 92563



FREE first aid kit and mini phone charger for Seniors (one per household, while supplies last)

- Easy and budget friendly Emergency Preparedness
- Healthy Aging and Wellness

**Light refreshments will be provided.*



The above program notice was supplied by Golf Knolls

Make sure trash cans close

By Charlene Kirkwood
SK Compliance Administrator

The holiday festivities are almost behind us and, be it from boxes, wrapping paper, or packaging from all the goodies sold this time of year, there always is more trash.

Please break down boxes so that the trash can lids can close completely. CC&R section 7.12 states that refuse shall be stored in suitable containers.

Kitchen refuse and garbage subject to decay and/or attracting insects, bugs, or rodents must be stored in covered and suitable containers specifically manufactured for such purposes and placed as far back as possible on your property so as not to be visible from the street.

Thank you, and have a very happy first month of 2024!

Free Waste drop off event Jan. 27

A free Waste Drop Off and Shredding event will be held between 8 a.m. and noon, Jan. 27 at the Murrieta City Hall parking lot. It's open **only** to Murrieta residents with identification, such as a driver's license, to participate. The next one is in September.

Acceptable items: washers, dryers, electronic equipment, microwaves, TV sets, air conditioners, computers, refrigerators, freezers, chairs, couches, tables, box springs, mattresses, barbecue grills, patio furniture, bundled branches, bagged green waste. Papers for shredding may have staples.

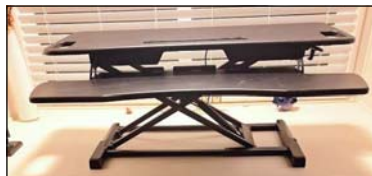
Not accepted: tires, latex, oil or paint, fluorescent light tubes, empty drums, batteries, motor parts, pool chemicals, commercial or remodeling waste, transmission/brake fluid, weed killers/herbicides, bleach or tub cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides, rodent poisons, anti-freeze, solvents, gasoline, and engines.

Call 800 423-9986 with any questions about items..

Spring Knolls *Free* Classifieds

{ To place a free classified, email your ad with photo (optional) to tscjnews@gmail.com Questions? Call (951) 319-6749 }

SIT & STAND TABLE:
Brand new adjustable Sit & Stand desk/table. Makes a great gift. **Asking \$25.**
Originally cost over \$75.
Call Bill @ 951 240-9065.



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.**



SIGNING PARTNER: I'm taking an ASL (American Sign Language) class and seeking someone who signs, to practice with. If interested call: **Pat, (970) 749-4221** Thanks!

HAIR CUTS / 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**

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.
2. New Medicare plans may be available. Review all your options to get the care you deserve within your budget.

Contact **Sarah**, a licensed insurance agent (Spring Knolls resident) at **310-980-9509** or sarah@sarahinsure.com, Or visit www.sarahinsure.com for more information. CA License # 0K16275. Explore your options today!

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 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 not each other so much, so should go to separate homes. The black one is a female. **Frank @ 951 375-8707**

Email ad(s) to tscjnews@gmail.com or send to **38441 Via Paloma, Murrieta, CA 92563.** The **Spring Knolls News** is not responsible for content or accuracy of ads. Photos will run as space is available.

What's up in Spring Knolls & Beyond?

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day (Clubhouse closed)	2	3 Best Year's 11:45—1:15 p.m.	4	5 SK Office hours: 9:30 a.m. – Noon	6
7 Sunday Bible Study, 10-11 a.m. Unit 3 clubhouse	8	9 Bible Study, 10 a.m. -noon	10 Boosters, 10 a.m. SKERT, 6 p.m.	11  BINGO, 1-4 p.m.	12 SK Office hours: 9:30 a.m. – Noon	13 SK Annual meeting 1 p.m. (See P/1 for details)
14 Sunday Bible Study, 10-11 a.m. Unit 3 clubhouse	15 Martin Luther King Day	16 Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon BUNCO 1-4 p.m.	17 SK Board regular monthly meeting, 9:30 a.m.	18	19 SK Office hours: 9:30 a.m. – Noon Cybersecurity forum, GK, 10 a.m.- noon (see p/ 8)	20
21 Sunday Bible Study, 10-11 a.m. Unit 3 clubhouse	22	23 Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon	24	25	26 SK Office hours: 9:30 a.m. – Noon	27: Free waste drop off, shredding event. 8 a.m. to noon, Murrieta City Hall Parking lot. See page 9 details
28 Sunday Bible Study, 10-11 a.m. Unit 3 clubhouse	29	30 Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon	31	Note: All Spring Knolls listings are in Eaker Hall unless otherwise noted. Times subject to change. Winter clubhouse hours 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. for gym, library, pools, Jacuzzi and clubhouse grounds.		

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REFLECTIVE TAPE: Safety stickers for use by those walking at night are now available at **no charge** at the Spring Knolls office on Friday mornings. These stickers, in **orange, green, red, silver and blue**, adhere to clothing, bicycles, helmets and pet collars. They are waterproof and scratch resistant. Limit of five per resident.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARKING: Due to safety concerns, the Spring Knolls board has agreed it will not require an overnight parking pass on New Year's Eve. If guests have been drinking, the board prefers they not drive rather than try to seek an overnight parking permit at the last moment.

DUES ARE DUE: Due to some glitches, dues invoices won't be mailed until after Jan. 1. The payment period has been extended to **Jan. 31**. Payments submitted after Jan. 31 are **subject to a 10% late fee**. Owners may opt for an annual, or two payments or request to pay monthly.

OWNER/RESIDENT FORM: Also due by Jan. 31 will be your (pink) 2024 owner/resident form. The state mandates updated information each year to ensure that age-restricted HOAs meet legal requirements. There also is a late charge on forms received after the deadline. Please fill it out and return **by Jan. 31**.

What's open and closed?

OPEN:

Board Office: Fridays - Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26
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: Events on clubhouse grounds require advance Board of Directors approval. Contact **Debbie Adelhelm @ (760) 717-9876** at least two weeks in advance.

- **Dog Park, Clubhouse grassy areas:** Owners must keep dogs under control.

CLOSED:

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

A Spring Knolls News



Holiday Season 2023

Food. Toy donations. A holiday party featuring Santa and glad tidings.
And see in pages 4-35 what was up at **90 Spring Knolls** homes!





Meeting some needs for the needy

Residents come through with food, toy donations



For several weeks residents dropped off bags of food and unwrapped toys for the annual drive to help the city's less fortunate.

Two large boxes set up by the Boosters overflowed with individual gifts and bags of donations. On Dec. 14, two volunteers (above) stopped by the clubhouse to pick them up.



Via Azul



Via Amarilla



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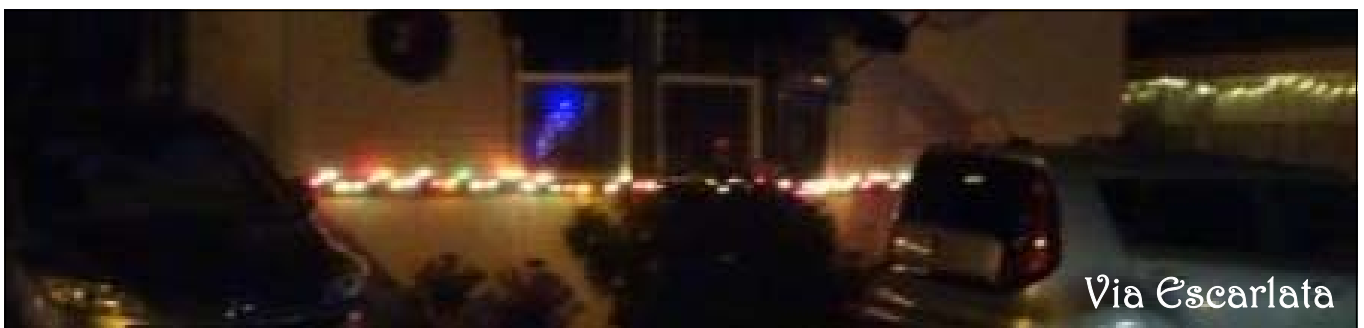
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When we began this annual special section, we were in the middle of a pandemic. In January 2021, our special section on decorating featured **16 homes** where only about a dozen or two of residents celebrated the holidays with lights, streamers, and simple displays. A few others hung a string or two of lights.

In 2021, we hope it was partly because of that special section, the number of homes we featured nearly doubled, to 31. And last year it was about 45.

For the 2023-24 holiday season, we're featuring **90 decked out homes**. That's more than five times the number from 2020-21. Wow.



I wish to thank Sandy, who again worked with me on this project. Our photos don't do justice to the beauty and originality we saw, but hopefully it will give you a good idea how our neighbors welcomed in the holidays. My apologies for the photo bombing by our friends from the North Pole. It's his thing. — Ted Vollmer, *Spring Knolls News*