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“THE VIEW” March 2021

Happy March everyone. I trust this finds you cheerful and in good health.

A quick COVID-19 update - and won't we be ecstatic when we no longer have to say anything about this fatiguing subject?! There has been some confusion regarding what common areas can be open while Riverside County remains in the Purple tier. The colored tiers represent the way in which the State of California ranks a county based on multiple COVID-19 indicators. As examples, the number of ICU beds available county-wide and the number of new cases county-wide within a given time frame. I mistakenly believed that while in the Purple tier, we could open the patio to 25% capacity for meetings and small gatherings such as Bible Study and Ladies' Night. Unfortunately, I was wrong. So, when Riverside County drops down into the Red tier (soon I hope!) we will then be able to open the common areas including the gym at 25% capacity. Meaning, we will be limited to a specific number of participants.

There have been questions as to why the pool, spa and Pickleball can remain open when other common areas cannot. The State of California has deemed outside, non-contact sports as safe exercise activities and therefore may remain open with proper COVID-19 precautions. Only during a total shutdown are these activities considered off limits.

A reminder from the Architectural Review Committee (ARC):

Homeowners are required to submit a Home Improvement form plus all necessary exhibits along with the transaction fee **before** outside improvements can be made to their property. For example: installing artificial turf, shades or awnings, vinyl fencing, new garage door, patio cover (this is not an all-encompassing list). Forms are to be sent to FirstService Residential who will forward them to the ARC Committee. The ARC meets the Monday prior to the HOA meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month. When homeowners make an improvement without prior approval, they run the risk that ARC may not approve the project. At that point, the homeowner is responsible for correcting said improvement. In addition, the homeowner may be fined monthly until the improvement is corrected.

If homeowners have any questions regarding the Home Improvement form, they may contact any member of the ARC.

The pool will be heated and will reopen on Thursday, April 1, 2021. Please remember, **there can be no more than a total of six residents in the pool at one time** and they must remain six feet apart unless they are from the same household. During the peak summer months and hours, please be courteous to your neighbors and limit your swim time to one hour. Visitors are not allowed.

Wendy Buck will begin a limited version of **Water Aerobics on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.** A sign-up board will be located on the pool gate. Only 6 participants per session will be allowed. We want everyone who wishes to participate to be able to do so but during peak months and times, depending on the volume, you may only be able to participate one day per week. For questions, please contact Wendy Buck at (951) 990-0344.

Remember we change to Daylight Savings Time on Saturday, March 14. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.

Until next month, take care and stay safe.

Pat Roy

Attention Residents: This Publication and all pictures can be viewed in full color on our community web site.

Mountain View HOA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – Kevin Osmun

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

January 2021

Current Income/(Loss)	\$12,095.21
Y-T-D Reserve Funding Actual	\$ 60,762.76
Y-T-D Reserve Funding Budget	\$ 55,116.00
Operating Funds	\$ 26,289.15
Petty Cash	\$1,500.00

DELINQUENCY STATUS REPORT:

As of January 30, 2021, there was a total of \$7,975.75 in delinquent assessments. This value represents an approximate delinquency rate of 2.17%, as compared to the last delinquency rate of 1.96% on December 31, 2020.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance: There was no physical meeting because of COVID-19 and financials were reviewed by committee members online. There were no issues upon review of the January Financial statement.

Social: The Social Club gave the local fire station gift cards for Starbucks. There was not much to plan because of the COVID-19 restrictions, but Memorial Day we might have another parade. We will keep you posted.

Architecture: Projects are going well and keeping current. Please complete the Notice of Completion after your projects are done so they can be archived. These procedures keep track of improvements made to your home.

Facilities: The irrigation leak was fixed, and two new valves were replaced at the pool and spa which should provide better flow to these areas. The lights at the Cactus gate are scheduled to be fixed.

Landscape: No physical meeting. A new proposal was submitted and is under review. One of the pots at the Cactus gate is to be looked at to make sure it is stable.

Communications: Newsletter revenue over cost is \$749 year to date. We had \$60 in ad revenue and newsletter costs were \$107 last month. Printer costs year to date were \$94. 54% of community residents had their FOBS activated as they have signed the waivers.

Neighborhood Watch: Nothing to report.

Clubhouse Renovation: The problem with some of the acoustic panels warping may be a simple fix of additional “z” clips on the bottom. This will be tried and if not successful, the supplier will replace them.

HOMEOWNER FORUM (for items on agenda):

No homeowners spoke

BOARD ACTIONS:

Unfinished Business

COVID-19 Restrictions –Only. Pickleball is allowed under the current color Riverside County is in. All patio meetings are not allowed.

Violation Letters – Will be revised but will take some time to make the requested revisions.

New Business

Architectural Guidelines. The newly revised Architectural Guidelines will be distributed to ALL residents with the newsletter this month. These are an important reference to keep handy before you decide to make changes to your house exterior and landscaping. PLEASE keep them for reference.

P-Card Approved. A P (purchase) card was approved for Amy Dankel, FirstService Management representative for our community association to make Board approved purchases. This eliminates management representatives making purchases with their personal credit cards and being reimbursed later by check.

Landscape Approval. New mulch will be placed around the pool and the existing roses at the JFK gate will be replaced with Tacoma plants.

Pool Heating. The pool will be heated on April 1st.

Clubhouse and Other Painting. A proposal to have the clubhouse exterior and trim as well as the entry gate walls, and monuments and other miscellaneous areas painted was approved for \$9,500.

HOMEOWNER FORUM (for non-agenda issues):

No homeowners spoke.

NEXT HOA BOARD MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be held March 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm.



March 2021

The Social Club will continue, to the best of our ability, to plan events using the restrictions for our county. We may have to cancel or change events as necessary.

New business: The Social Club discussed the possibility of having a community yard sale in early summer or fall, as long as the COVID-19 restrictions have lifted. We would like community input if we should have one or not. You may call or email any of us on the Social Club Committee with your thoughts on a yard sale here in our community. You may also come to our next Social Club meeting on the 11th for the discussion on this topic and give us your opinions.

Notes:

- The Social Club dining activities (TGIF, Dine Out, Ladies' Luncheon and Men's Breakfast) are not able to meet until restaurants are open.
- Things keep changing for our community, so when facilities are open, events will again take place. Therefore, it is important to check the COMMUNITY CLUB EVENTS PAGE for information or to call the contact person.
- The **Social Club's meeting** is once a month on the second Thursday at 10:00am on the clubhouse patio or Pickleball court. We invite residents to join us. Please bring your ideas to share. We want to continue to be a great community! **Our next meeting is Thursday, March 11.**

*The Social Club Committee:
Gretchen Williams,
Joan Brodowsky,
Judy Box and
Jo Lippire*



Mountain View Social Club Financial Report

Mountain View Social Club Financial Report

by Judy Box

January 15 - February 14, 2021

Balance Forward		\$ 1,856.51
Income		
Grab n' Go Dinner	\$ 108.00	
Total	\$ 108.00	\$ 1,964.51
Expenses		
Fire Station 58 Gift Cards	\$ 100.00	
Total	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,864.51
Funds on hand		
US Bank	\$ 1,677.92	
Petty Cash	\$ 186.59	
Total	\$ 1,864.51	\$ 1,864.51



A DAY TO CELEBRATE

By Luanne English

March Greetings, friends and neighbors,

I hope all of you have a wonderful and safe March and that you enjoy each and every day of the month.

Here are some dates for the month of March.

March 14: Daylight Saving Time begins.



March 17: St. Patrick's Day.

Wear your green!
Happy St. Patrick's Day!



March 20: First Day of Spring.



March 7 thru 13: Celebrate your name week!

Do you know how you got your name? Were you named after someone? What does your name mean? For more information look up: Namesuniverse.com

- ❖ Donald Duck's middle name is Fauntleroy.
- ❖ Jake the Jailbird is the name of the guy in jail on the Monopoly board.
- ❖ The police officer on the opposite corner of the Monopoly board is Officer Edgar Molloy.
- ❖ Scotty is the name of the Monopoly dog playing piece.
- ❖ Cracker Jacks dog is Bingo.
- ❖ Barbie's (the doll) last name is Roberts.
- ❖ Ken's is Carson.

Find some more trivia about names!

Luanne means: Gracious Warrior

THE GREEN THUMB CORNER

From the Archives by Victoria Klaas

Greetings, fellow gardeners.

March is a beautiful month and our beloved flora, particularly our lawns, will require supplemental feeding. If your turf still appears yellow two weeks after applying fertilizer, consider applying additional supplemental iron. Never apply fertilizer to lawns when the temperature is above eighty degrees. If you choose to apply fertilizer, you should increase the volume of water you apply to the lawn for one or two weeks, just to give it a good start and prevent possible burning. This is also a good time to apply a broadleaf weed killer to the lawn to control such weedy pests as crabgrass, dandelions and oxalis.

Remember to resist the temptation to prune back the parts of tropicals which sustained frost damage. It is much safer to prune these plants when new buds swell and when it is easier to see what is dead and what is not. Additionally, frost is still possible through the month of March, though unlikely, and the dead growth protects the healthy growth from further frost damage. At this time, prune only summer blooming plants. Early bloomers such as Hydrangeas or Camellias, form buds on last year's wood and will fail to bloom at all if pruned now.

Being prone to drought, it has become quite imperative that we choose new plants wisely and consider their demand for water. Think about selecting drought tolerant additions for your garden. Cacti produce amazing and colorful flowers, require the least amount of care and attention, and are available in a form or color to suit almost anyone's fancy. "Rattail" and "Peanut" Cacti are splendid in hanging baskets as are the gorgeous Epiphyllums, or Orchid Cacti.

Another useful drought tolerant design element is the addition of a small herb garden. Most perennial herbs are highly heat and drought tolerant including thyme, sage and rosemary.

Remember, gardening is supposed to be a pleasure, not a burden.

"Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes." ~ Author Unknown

Happy Gardening, Victoria



A Letter From Our HOA Vice President

Hello Everybody,

Even though we are a few months into the New Year, I still want to wish all of you a Happy New Year and I hope you and your families are well and continue to be well through the remaining of the year.

Speaking of the New Year, I would like to reflect back to December 2020 and mention how beautiful the community looked during the holiday. My heartfelt thanks go out to all who participated.

First, our Mountain View volunteers did a fantastic job in decorating our incoming and outgoing gates at Cactus and San Jacinto. Once inside of our community there was an array of homes tastefully and beautifully decorated. It was so uplifting and nice to see, especially during the time of doom and gloom. Since I've been living here, I have never seen such a display of the Christmas season. It really lit up the community.

Then on a cold winter's night, I believe it was the coldest night we have had, there were three ladies from our community that came out and sang Christmas carols. What a delight that was.

Lastly, secret Santa, that was a lot of fun. I hope we can do that again next year. Thank you, secret Santa, I love my gift.

As we continue to be challenged with the pandemic, there's hope ahead with getting the vaccine. Of course, we will still have to follow protocols, wear masks and continue social distancing, but with the vaccine, I am looking forward to having some semblance of life rather than isolation. Remember a time when a person would sneeze, and some would say "bless you" or "gesundheit"? Now we distance ourselves from that person or look at them sideways. With the vaccine, I would feel somewhat protected should that occur.

Thanks to those who voted for me during the recent Mountain View Board elections. I will continue to work for the betterment of our community.

Respectfully,

Sharol Lewis
Mountain View Board Vice-President

A Bit of Humor

How to Get the Police to Your House.

An elderly man, from Georgia, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. He opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me.

Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available." The old guy said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30.

Then he phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them." and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to the old guy, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

The wise old man said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"



Something Lovin' from the Oven

by Eunice Kang



Celebrate St Patty's Day with one or both of these Irish treats.

Authentic Irish Coffee

Ingredients

Coffee (freshly brewed, strong, hot)
1 tbsp brown sugar
1 jigger Irish Whiskey (1½ oz or 3 tbsp)
1 oz. heavy cream, slightly whipped

Preparation

- Fill and empty mug or wine glass with hot water.
- Fill about ¾ full with very hot coffee.
- Add brown sugar and stir until dissolved.
- Add whiskey.
- Top with cream by pouring gently over the back of a spoon.

Irish Soda Bread Cookies

Ingredients

2 cups flour	1 tsp Caraway Seeds
¾ cup sugar	½ cup chopped currants or raisins
½ tsp Baking Soda	1 egg, lightly beaten
¼ tsp salt	¼ cup buttermilk*
½ cup butter	

Preparation

- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Combine flour, sugar, soda and salt.
- Cut in butter until it resembles coarse meal.
- Add seeds and currants or raisins.
- Mix in egg and buttermilk* with a fork.
- Shape into a ball on a floured surface.
- Knead lightly 5 or 6 times.
- Roll ¼ in. thick. Cut with cookie cutter.
- Transfer to ungreased cookie sheets.
- Bake 12-14 min until slightly browned.
- Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

* Buttermilk substitute: Combine 1 tsp vinegar with enough regular milk to make ¼ cup.

Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

I would like to make an announcement.

Do you knit, sew, crochet or quilt?

We're looking for handmade lap robes for our Veterans at Loma Linda. The Lap Robes must be 3' x 3' with no fringe. The fringe can

catch in a wheelchair. Please avoid blood red color material and patterns of guns, etc. This may be a trigger for PTSD.

The VA Loma Linda can use as many as we can donate. Be sure to put your name and address on each item. You may receive a "thank you".

Our Veterans really need your help!

Meredith Teague
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Thank you so very much!

The Value of Gratitude

A 2019 study in *Behavioral Sleep Medicine* indicates that people who have higher levels of gratitude have better sleep quality and higher daytime energy. This may be because people who score higher in gratitude have fewer symptoms of depression, which may lead to fewer presleep worries and better sleep quality. Think about the things you're grateful for in your life such as family, home, and friends – or small pleasures like cooking a meal or taking a walk in nature.

From: *Brain and Life*, February/March 2021



Quote of the Month

*May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!*



Irish Proverb



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Hello Again Mountain View Community!

I hope that you had a great February and enjoyed our ever changing California weather, cold one day and hot the next. I personally love it! I take great pride in what I do and would love to meet each of you. If you or your family or friends have any real estate related questions, I would be be honored to help.

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Please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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