

# THE KNOLLS NEWS

## Make Way for Ducklings

*A community effort saves the day*



Driving up Carmel Knolls Drive a few weeks ago, CKPOA Pres. David Churchill spied a white duck in the middle of the street. After stopping to shoe the duck out of harm's way, he drove home and returned with a container of water for the duck who appeared thirsty and distressed. While the duck was drinking greedily, numerous neighbors began stopping to offer assistance to the hapless duck.

Various neighbors fanned out in the immediate area knocking on doors to see if anyone was missing a duck. To the surprise of no one, nary a soul was missing a duck or at least owned up to missing a duck.

Happily for the duck, three very good people stopped to rescue this lost creature. One of them was Laudan Yavari (see photo), a recent graduate

of the University of California at San Diego who was home for a few weeks before heading to Amsterdam for her new job in the marketing department of Fresh Express. The other two heroines of this story are also shown in the photo. A woman whom we only know by her first name (Tamera) and her young daughter stopped, and together with Laudan captured the now weary duck. Tamera and her daughter even volunteered to take the little duck home and care for it.

Where the duck came from no one was ever able to discover. However, this errant duck discovered that if it had to get lost, then there were a lot worse places than Carmel Knolls. Hats off to these gals for their rescue of this poor, scared little duck.

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## Your Dues at Work Redux

There is no question asked of board members more often than: "Where do my dues go?" In a nutshell: CKPOA is charged with *maintaining the physical environment* of the Knolls through our modest annual dues. We all benefit from the enhanced property values of an attractive neighborhood.

If you wondered who funded reconstruction of the collapsed entry wall (right), painstakingly built up course by course with adobe bricks, some donated by residents



(below), you may have guessed it wasn't with city monies. With \$1,500 of community funds, we were able to repair the damage. The once unsightly entrance to the Knolls was redesigned and landscaped; ongoing irrigation, painting and upkeep are expensive but critical. The island near Ryan Place is also maintained, although the lack of water makes landscaping difficult.



Perhaps you recall how a water main had to be relocated to provide irrigation to the entry, requiring digging up the street to the tune of \$8,000. Your dues supply the funds, while

Board members and others log countless hours managing these projects.

At the same time, the Board recognizes the importance of *maintaining community* to foster a climate of communication and connection and to promote safety. With a modest portion of the dues, two or three get-togethers annually afford opportunities to meet neighbors and share ideas. We invite all owners and renters to participate in these events, which are an investment in community. The newsletter is another important means of communication.

CKPOA dues help keep our community attractive; volunteers and good neighbors keep it vital.

## Knolls Residents Triumph Over Illegal Taxi Business



Over the course of several months in 2012, board members David Churchill, president, and David Wheeler logged countless hours in an effort to rid the Knolls of an illegal taxi business in a private residence. Not only was the cab company illegally

operating out of a residentially zoned district, a large number of people lived in the home producing mounds of garbage every week. Persistent sleuthing, stakeouts, dozens of phone calls, emails and letters paid off.

Gumshoe Wheeler followed one of the cabs from the Knolls to the Monterey airport and asked the driver where the company office was located. Without hesitation, the cabbie said it was at the owner's home at 26075 Carmel Knolls Drive. The

Monterey Police had the company's location as 506 Airport Way. Wheeler scoped it out, found it vacant and took photos.

After many misdirected efforts, the duo identified the right county office in charge of code violations and opened a case against the cab company with photos and documentation.

Thanks to their Herculean effort, the taxis are gone from our neighborhood. Kudos!



### PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

In this challenging real estate market, we all want our neighborhood to be attractive and add to our property values. Please remember that your annual dues (\$65) make a difference to our collective bottom line. We appreciate your support!



## Annual Meeting and Get-Together

On August 9, 2013, about 30 residents enjoyed snacks, drinks and good conversation at the home of Board member David Wheeler and Dr. Wei Wong, whose gracious hospitality provided a relaxing place for long-time residents and recent arrivals to meet.

Above, new resident Anthony Davy (center) accompanied by his children and wife Christine (to his right) chats with Jennifer Evans (far right), also new to the Knolls, David Wheeler (in plaid) and Bill Pendergast (left).

Above right, Bob Evans (center) makes a point to (l-r) Bill Pendergast, Jennifer Evans, Jean-Claude Mouton and Brigit Mouton, Sara Koppel and Judy Kenyon.



Left, Harold Whitehead, Judy Kenyon (center) and Audry Kalber share drinks and thoughts.

### MOUNTAIN LION SIGHTINGS!

Over the past several months there have been several close encounters with mountain lions. Harold Whitehead found two in his inner courtyard, necessitating a call to police. More recently, a resident was walking her dog around 8 a.m. when she saw a mountain lion walk across Carmel Knolls Drive.

Coyotes, alone or in a pack, have also been sighted on the Knolls.

Please be alert and contact your board members with any concerns.

### *Churchills Host Fall Cocktail Party*

Thank you to David and Pat Churchill for hosting a community cocktail party on Oct. 12, 2013. Some 40 residents lingered over drinks, finger foods and good conversation. The robust turnout testifies to the interest in and need for social opportunities to get to know the interesting folks who are our neighbors.

*N.B.* This event was in lieu of the usual holiday party in December.

### TELEPHONE TREE

Several residents have expressed interest in establishing a telephone communication system with select individuals responsible for notifying a cluster of immediate neighbors of critical information and important news that would impact the community. Let us know if you would be interested in providing a phone number for this purpose.



## Get to Know Your New Board Members



**Carol  
Pendergast,  
Vice  
President**

**2013, President elect 2014**, moved to the Knolls with husband Bill and family in 1994 after living on the east coast and abroad. Carol was a professor of Art History (Ph.D. Yale) for 20 years and shifted to non-profit development until her retirement. She is an independent consultant assisting universities and non-profits with strategic planning and fundraising issues. She and pooch Huxley troll the Knolls daily. You can reach Carol at [cpendergast@gmail.com](mailto:cpendergast@gmail.com).



**Harold  
Whitehead ,  
Secretary**

**2013, Vice President 2014** is a native Californian and new to the Knolls (2010). With a BA from CSU Stanislaus (Political Science and Business), Harold has over 30 years experience as an International Insurance Broker and Risk Management Consultant. His expertise is in Workers Compensation, Disability Management, Health and Safety, and Risk Assessment. He is a certified Yoga Therapist, and conducts private one-on-one sessions. He specializes in injuries, stress management and Canine Massage. An avid dog lover, his Corgi Shiba Inu mix is 17 year old Maxine (Max). Harold can be reached at [haroldgwhitehead@gmail.com](mailto:haroldgwhitehead@gmail.com).



**Valerie Hunken,  
who will join the  
board in 2014,  
and her daughters  
moved from  
Thousand Oaks**

to the Knolls in 1991. She has a master's degree in administration, a Bilingual Cross-Cultural Specialist credential, and a community college credential. Valerie worked for the school districts of Guadalupe, L.A. City, Oxnard, Monterey, and taught at Moorpark College. She enjoys walking her dog and meeting other Knolls residents and their dogs. Reach Valerie at [vbythec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vbythec@sbcglobal.net).

### A Reminder

Please drive at the speed limit of 25 mph in our community. Children, walkers and dogs may be just around the bend - not to mention deer, mountain lions or other animals!

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### CHANGES AHEAD

We are changing our look and eventually, our method of delivery. More photos and color have become cost effective with new print technologies and create a more impactful, interesting copy.

We are also hoping to develop a CKPOA website during the coming year that would permit ongoing updating of news and information available on the web or sent to your email, if you choose to provide it. This will save money on postage and hours of volunteer labor.

The newsletter would also become available online. Print copies would still be made available for those without computer access.