



Monterra Newsletter

Monterra
Homeowners
Association
April 2023

Notes From Your Board

Welcome Spring! It's a time of renewal and growth. Soon Tom Villoni and his mowing crew will be out, working hard to keep Monterra beautiful. The clubhouse has been refreshed and is looking wonderful for all of the special activities that are in the works. Likewise, your board has been working overtime to do the business of our community. A to-do list has been created and your board members have risen to the task, addressing everything from the improvement of forms and guidelines to the upkeep of our Monterra trees.

What should be of particular interest to every person in the community is the finances associated with Monterra. Your board makes important decisions about how and when to spend your money at every meeting. This is why we encourage attendance at our monthly Board meetings. The next will be on **April 11th at 5:00 PM**. Have we mentioned that this is YOUR money and YOUR community, in which YOU have invested? Please consider joining us and weighing in. It's important.

We want you to know that we have received several recommendations about our proposed Covenant & Bylaw changes from the attorneys. The Board has been reviewing these and will be forwarding them, with any changes, to the

Covenant & Bylaws Review Committee for changes. Once they have incorporated the recommendations, a ballot will be drafted so that you have a chance to vote on them.

We have so many volunteers and others who contribute to this community, many of whom go largely unrecognized. This month, we'd like to give a shout out to Klara Morgan, who has served this community for years, maintaining our clubhouse, decorating for special holidays, and keeping up the clubhouse gardens. Now that Klara is taking a well-earned retirement, we are realizing it will take three people to do all that Klara had been doing. Thankfully, new volunteers have come forward. Hedi Voloshen along with Jane Zakarian will be decorating in the clubhouse and Deb LaPlante will be taking care of the gardens. Thanks to you all, and most especially to Klara. People like you are the heart of this community.

Thanks, too, to Hedi who is donating a doggie waste station to Monterra. It will soon be placed near the clubhouse.

Reminder: It's almost fawning season. Every year we have had dogs attacked, some killed, when a mama deer felt her fawn was in danger. Please, everyone, plan now to keep your animals safe!



Earth Day Coastal Clean Up & Picnic

Saturday April 22nd

Join Vic & Lori Ferry' for Coastal Clean Up at Pillar Point Recreation Area, Pillar Point Road., Clallam Bay. Pillar Point is adjacent to the Highway 112 National Scenic Byway, 35 miles west of Port Angeles. Once you arrive, you will feel the soft breeze blowing off the water and hear the sounds of nature's shorebirds and gulls.

- Meet at Pillar Point at 10:30 am **OR** Rideshare from the clubhouse to Pillar Point
- Departure time from the clubhouse is 9:30 am. Coordinate your own Rideshare or, if you prefer to make the drive on your own, we'll see you there!
- Bring your picnic lunch

Plastic bags , plastic glove, and hand sanitizer will be provided.

Please bring anything you need for a day outdoors. Wear appropriate clothing for wet, muddy, and rocky conditions, a long-sleeved shirt, and a hat or other sun and wind protection.

Remember your water bottle!

...And don't forget your picnic lunch. After the clean up, we will gather so that we may enjoy a meal together.

Lori



Origins of the Cosmos

Formation & Fate
of the Galaxy, Stars & Planets
Saturday April 8th 2-4:30 pm

Join us at the clubhouse for this talk and demonstration by the always entertaining Dennis Blair using common household items as visual props.

Yoga

Wednesdays 9-11 am
Practice time is approximately 65 minutes
at the clubhouse

- Please bring a mat. If you don't have one, we might have a few on hand to borrow.
- Don't want to sit on the floor; how about chair yoga?
- Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a water bottle.



All Are Welcome!

Caring For Our Monterra Trees...by Deb LaPlante

It's a fact that trees get big, tall, and eventually die and fall. The cost of cutting down dead and dangerous trees in the greenbelt and open spaces of our neighborhood has been added to our annual expenditures of late. In an effort to preserve and keep our trees safe and healthy for as long as possible, mulching may provide some long-term benefits.

Proper mulching can help improve the health of your soil and your trees. Here are eight reasons to use mulch around trees and in your yard.

- Weed Control
- Moisture Retention To Improve The Soil
- Prevent Soil Erosion
- Nourish Your Plants
- Moderate Soil Temperature
- Protect Beneficial Organisms
- Beautify Your Garden
- Repel Pests

However, if you pile too much mulch or pile it too high around your trees, it is possible to kill a young tree. Here are some guidelines to follow:

Wood chips and fallen leaves are the most popular and easy option for mulch. You can also purchase commercially produced mulch. Spread your chosen mulch in a layer two to four inches thick all around the tree. The mulch should extend to the furthest reaches of the trees canopy. If there are branches above, there should be mulch below. Some tree roots extend two or three times beyond their canopies, so mulching a wider area can help.

Be sure that the tree's root "flare", which is the area at the bottom of the trunk that's slightly wider than the area above it, is NOT covered by mulch. The space between the base of the tree and the mulch should be about two inches.

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**Wanted: Organizers
For a Day Trip/Excursion**

Contact Lori Ferry' (Holley)
Salt Creek Beach
Madison Falls
Sol Duc Falls/Springs
Marymere Falls
Lake Crescent
local events and offerings
...your favorites

Let's do this!



Let's Get Together!

New Activities

A very warm thank you to all who participated during the Activities Meetings on February 6th & March 16th. I am excited for all the events, activities, and offerings that are now filling up the calendar. Check these out!

Lori

Port Angeles Underground Heritage Tour

On a Tuesday
\$15/\$12 Seniors

If interested in this group tour, contact Lori Ferry' at holleyrep@monterrahoa.com

Potluck

Monthly-host **sign-up sheet in clubhouse.**
3rd Thursday of every month, 5 pm BYOB
cocktail hour, 6 pm dinner. Join us on **4/20.**

Trivia

4th Wednesday of every month, 3 pm, at the clubhouse. Contact Judi Norton (Holley)

Craft Day

3rd Tuesday of every month, 3 pm, at the clubhouse.

Bunco

Hosted by Anne Burke (Ivy). Contact Anne directly.

Bingo

In the planning stages (looking for a bingo machine). Contact MaryKay McCabe (Holley) if interested or you can help in any way.

Chess Club

Hosted by David Iezzi (Holley). For both experienced and new players. Please contact David directly.
