

Monterra Newsletter



May 2023



Notes From Your Board

Were you at the April meeting of your HOA board? Yes, there was a lot of boring stuff that was discussed, but, mixed in there were things that you, as a homeowner might have wanted to know. You might even have wanted to give the board some feedback.

The most exciting thing being considered is new flooring for the clubhouse. The old floor is very worn, to the point of being dangerous in places. New flooring will complete and compliment the beautiful paint job done by Dorrit Jensen. There is a wide range of flooring available at many different price points.

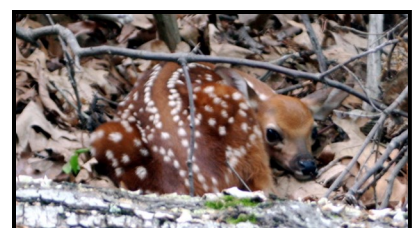
These will be discussed at the next meeting of the board, which is on **May 9th at 5:00 PM**. This is a major spending issue, so your input is important. Please attend. Also, the next general meeting is on **June 7th**.

Other financial items that were discussed included the purchase of a new piece of yard equipment, taking down a very tall fir tree near the clubhouse, and which bid to accept for servicing the HOA heaters.

Monterra has a representative government, much like our country. You elect your board and they, in turn, make decisions on your behalf. Board meetings are open for the sake of transparency, so that everyone knows what is

being done and how our money is being spent. Things that go on at board meetings affect us all.

Every year at this time, we include a warning here, in the newsletter, about the danger to your pets from mother deer who may attack your dog or cat, and even you, if they feel their fawn is in danger. Every year, another pet or two is attacked, some killed. Please be sure your dog can't get to a new fawn who has been hidden under a bush or in some foliage. They can be hard to spot, but there will be no mistaking the mother as she charges at you or your pet. Stay with your dog outside during this time. Check your yard before letting your dog out. A deer has no trouble jumping a 6 foot fence, so be aware that a baby might be hidden right outside your fence, and the mama might go after your barking dog. Keep your dog on a leash outside of your yard and avoid any areas where a fawn might be hidden. We just don't want to have to report on another dead pet. Or on a mangled, dead fawn. So please.



Trivia

Trivia is a great activity that we have at the clubhouse. We work in teams and have a lot of fun amongst the members of our teams and with the other teams.

We have one person designated to ask the Trivia questions and each team works to come up with the answers. If we have nine people, we break into three teams of three each (well you get the picture). It is on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 3 PM (5/24 for May).

Come join us for some fun!

Human Memory and Forgetfulness

How to boost the former and why the latter isn't necessarily a bad thing
by Dennis Blair

Join Dennis for this interesting discussion at the clubhouse on May 20th from 2-4:30 PM.

Be there or be square!

Your Presence Is Requested



Monterra's potluck's have resumed! Please join your neighbors on May 18th and bring your appetite along with a dish to share, your own tableware, and your favorite beverage. Coffee and tea will be available.

We'll gather for social hour at 5:00 PM and start dinner at 6:00 PM.

There's a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. Please also consider signing up to host one of our potlucks. It's easy because there are so many willing hands to help.

Let's come together and keep this Monterra tradition going!

Announcement

Weather permitting, Monterra's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Squad will be testing a megaphone on Thursday, May 4th, between 10 AM and noon. The megaphone was purchased by the HOA, and its purpose is to help provide quick assistance to our residents in the event of a disaster. The messages will be brief and their content should not alarm

anyone. THEY ARE ONLY INTENDED AS A TEST.

Dennis Blair, CERT Squad Leader

A Bump In The Road

Starting in early to mid-May, you may notice some bumps across the road at one or both entrances to Monterra. Why, you ask?

Clallam County Streets and Utilities Department will be placing speed monitoring equipment near one or both entrances for a period of time. The equipment consists of two pneumatic tubes placed across the road a certain distance apart. When a vehicle drives across the first tube, it generates a signal. Then, when the vehicle drives across the second tube, it generates a second signal. The monitoring system attached to the tubes can determine how long it took the vehicle to get from the first tube to the second tube, and determine how fast the car is going. Once the

equipment has collected data for a time, the county will remove it and review the data and assess how fast people are driving here in Monterra. They will then determine what additional steps, if any, to take.

Line Dancing

Yes, you read that correctly. Line dancing is back in Monterra!

Come join Irene Irving at the clubhouse on Tuesdays from May 2-June 27th, 10:30 AM. Dress comfortably, and please don't forget your water bottle.



A Fond Farewell

Bob and Sharon Gavin from Holly Circle have moved to an assisted living facility near Lynnwood to be closer to their adult children. They have been Monterra residents since 2004.

Bob was involved in Monterra HOA leadership for years as Holly Circle rep, architectural chair and Monterra president for three years from 2013 through 2015.

He was president of the board during the pond renovation project. If you are new to Monterra, please call me and I will update you on the history of this. Bob did a lot of mental and physical work to make the project come to be what it is today - a beautiful garden in

front of the clubhouse.

Thank you Bob and Sharon for being great Monterra volunteers and for being great neighbors.

You will be missed.

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PET EMERGENCY GROUP MONTHLY MEETING

Join us for our first in person meeting!

Feel free to bring pets, snacks and/or drinks

Tuesday, May 2nd

4:30 pm

Carrie Blake Park Pavilion

Sequim

Questions? Email us at
info@petemergencygroup.org

More Fun

Join the fun as Gary Ruen hosts Mexican Train Dominoes, every second and fourth Thursday at 2 PM. Mexican train is easy to learn. For those who wish to play something else, there are cards, puzzles, and board games available.

Lori Ferry' leads Yoga Wednesdays at 9 AM. All levels welcome. Dress comfortably and bring your water bottle.

The exercise group meets every Monday and Thursday at 9 AM.

Unfortunately, plans to have monthly craft group have been on hold for lack of a leader. If you can help with this, please contact Lori Ferry' (Holley Circle).

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who host these events.

Pet Emergency Services

For the last few years, we have had no after hours pet emergency services available. All local vets have stopped offering these, even for established patients. To obtain care for your pet outside of business hours, you must travel to Poulsbo. In an emergency, minutes count. Many sick or injured pets don't make it alive all the way to Poulsbo. Some of us can no longer drive at night. It's a real problem.

The group mentioned in the notice above has been working tirelessly to bring emergency pet care to our area. Up until now, due to Covid, they have met via Zoom. This will be their first in-person meeting. Attend this meeting to learn what their challenges have been, what they've accomplished so far, and what you can do to help.