June 2023



Monterra Homeowners Association

Notes From Your Board

The next Member Meeting is June 7th at 5pm at the clubhouse. This is your chance to learn about what your Board of Directors has been doing and ask questions about whatever you might want to know. One topic of discussion will be new flooring for the clubhouse.

On the fence about coming? We will be having our Ice Cream Social immediately following the meeting.



Updating Age Affidavits

Monterra is a 55+ community under the Housing for Older Persons Act (H O P A). In order to keep our 55+ status, one requirement is that we have to comply with the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements for age verification of residents, verifying proof of age of all residents every two years. During COVID, this requirement was relaxed. However, it is now in place again, and so the division representatives will be reaching out to everyone to complete new Age Affidavits and provide proof of age. Please be cooperative with your division representatives in completing these forms when asked. This is a great deal of work, but it is something that the HOA is required to do to keep our 55+ status.

Activities Updates

Ice Cream Social



The June potluck will be an Ice Cream Social, immediately after the Member Meeting on June 7th

at the clubhouse. The meeting starts at 5 pm, and ice cream starts right after the meeting ends.

July 4th Picnic

Monterra residents and guests are invited to the 4th of July picnic sponsored by the MHA. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for details and how to respond. This year we have opened it up to guests again. Note that, as in the past, there is a \$5 charge for each guest, since the HOA pays for much of the food.

BUT—the picnic takes a lot of work and planning, and so we need to have people sign up to help with setup (set up tables and chairs), putting out and serving food, and cleanup, or the picnic won't happen. The signup sheet for volunteers is on the counter in the clubhouse. Or email your Circle Rep.

Trips & Outings

Judi Norton 360-670-3464 of Holley Circle is organizing trips and outings now that the good weather is here. Let her know what interests you, or contact her to join one or all of the following: Port Angeles Underground Tour Sol Duc Falls hike
Marymere Falls hike

<u>Monterra Yard Sale</u>

Thinking ahead, are your closets bulging? Do you have unneeded items gathering dust? Our annual Monterra yard sale happens in August. If you only have a few items to sell, try getting together with a neighbor. One big yard sale tends to draw in more buyers than separate little ones.



Bunco

Bunco will be starting the second Wednesday of every month from 1-5 pm at the clubhouse. The first session will be June 14th.

"Bring five \$1-bills with you."

Bunco is a dice game that is typically played by groups of 12 or more people. The game is played in six rounds, and each round is scored based on the number of dice that are rolled. In each round, players attempt to roll the same number on all three dice. If a player rolls all three dice of the same number, they score a "bunco" and receive 21 points. If a player rolls two dice of the same number and one different number, they score 5 points. If a player rolls three different numbers, they score 1 point. The player with the most points at the end of six rounds wins the game.

Covenant and Bylaw Review Committee

The Covenant & Bylaw Review Committee (CBRC) is ready to resume its open meetings, and we want to welcome you to the Clubhouse on <u>Sunday June 4th at 2:00 PM</u>. The agenda will include a brief recap of our activities so far. Then we will examine feedback that the Board and the CBRC received from the law firm regarding our proposed changes to the Covenants.

Please join us for the meeting. The more familiar we become with the

updates being considered, the easier the voting will be when the time comes.

We'll follow the same format we've used in earlier open meetings. The CBRC will do its work in your presence for the first part of the session, but we'll still open the floor for your input near the end.

Mark your calendars for Sunday June 4th at 2:00 PM, and we'll see you there!

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

Yet another opportunity to stretch your food dollars. The USDA provides a benefit to qualifying seniors to get an \$80 card that can be spent at Farmer's Markets and certain local farm stands/stores to buy fresh vegetables, fruits, honey and herbs.

There are applications (return mailing address is on the back) on the bulletin board just inside the clubhouse door that spell out income limits and age/geographic qualifications. Take one for yourself, or someone else you think may be interested. Although the applications are not available online, for more information, go to:

www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/home-andcommunity-services/senior-farmersmarket-nutrition-program

Styrofoam Recycling

If you have bought any electronics or other large household goods recently, you probably know that the Styrofoam packaging isn't something that is recycled with our trash pick up or at Blue Mountain Transfer Station. But there is a company in Port Townsend that does. Port Townsend Styro-Cyclers accepts and recycles Styrofoam, low-density polyethylene, packing peanuts and clean food trays. There is a drop-off location at Fort Worden Battery Putnam in Port Townsend the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Saturday of every month from 10 am to noon. Check out their Facebook page at Port Townsend Styrocyclers for more information and details.

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Late addition to Activities:

Hey, where is everybody?

Hello there trivia buffs, I know you're out there. We have been playing now for a couple of months and it's been really fun (even if you miss questions.) However, we are in dire need of more people to play. I repeat dire need! Please, oh please, we want to keep the games going, because it's fun. It's on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 3 PM at the clubhouse. We'll beg (Please) we'll cry (Boo-Hoo) we'll be nice and not laugh at your answers. The game only lasts an hour, we hope to see you next time.

Volunteer Corner

We have a number of volunteer opportunities for residents.

We are looking for someone with woodworking talent to update the Monterra sign at our front entrance. Our current one is aging and needs the backing replaced, and the posts reinforced or replaced. Some cleaning and painting touchup may also be needed. If this is something you think you might be interested in doing (or even part of it), contact your circle Representative.

Similarly, the "M" markers that are (were) at the entrances to the various walking paths in the community need replacing. The current markers are wooden, painted red with a white M (for Monterra) on the top. They could be replaced with new wooden markers,

or cement, or maybe something else? Do you have skills that would be a match to this? Or even just an idea about what might make a good replacement. If this is something you think you might be interested in doing (or even part of it), contact your circle Representative.

Interested in joining the mowing crew? Or even just finding out more about what it entails? Contact Tom Villoni

We still need volunteers to help with gardening around the clubhouse. Klara who did the work of about 3 people was supposed to stop, but I have seen her there. If you want to help out contact your circle Representative.

