



# Monterra Newsletter

August 2023



## Notes From Your Board

Happy August! Please join us for the next meeting of your Board on **8/8 at 5:00 PM**. Many important items of interest are on the agenda.

We have been fortunate to have Lori Ferry' serve as the coordinator of our Activities Committee for several months. She has helped introduce new activities, such as Bunco, line dancing, and yoga while supporting our ongoing offerings like exercise classes and game days. We are so appreciative of her endeavors. Unfortunately, her busy schedule will not allow her to continue in this position, so we're asking one of you to step up and take this over. Please call Shawn Shepherd or your circle rep if you are willing to volunteer.

Our monthly **POTLUCK** is happening on **8/17**. Come at **5:00 PM** for a social hour and plan on eating at **6:00**. BYOB and a dish to share. Let's party!

We also want to send a word of thanks to Judi Norton who has volunteered to arrange activities for us that take place outside of our clubhouse. See page 4 for upcoming trips and tours.

Remember the Monterra garage sale, **August 12th from 9 AM to 4 PM**. As in past years place balloons on your mailbox to indicate your participation and take them down when you are done selling. We have volunteers to put up signs and to advertise in online sites.

A portion of the Monterra bluff on Ivy Lane open space has eroded and fallen, leaving a tree endangered. This reminds us of how fragile our bluff really is and every effort must be made to maintain it. Please be aware that the roped off area adjacent to the bluff edge on the Monterra greenbelt should not be entered upon for any reason. No one should be walking there, much less operating any mowing or trimming equipment here without the express knowledge and consent of the Board. This is to limit bluff erosion, prevent falls and injuries, and protect us from liability.

We have commissioned the trimming of many trees throughout the greenbelt and near the RV lot. Special thanks to Shawn Shepherd for trimming and taking down some alder limbs close to the entrance to Holley Circle. He has saved the HOA countless dollars with all of the work he does. Thanks, also, to David Iezzi who helped Shawn haul away the trimmings.

Thanks to Paris Heart for submitting her work for this newsletter. We'd like to hear from anyone who has something to share.

## Adjusting To Change

## Bob Gavin

On Sunday August 13th at 2:00 PM Dennis Blair will present another of his continuing talks at the clubhouse. This one is entitled Adjusting To Change. He will cover many of the gains and losses that all people experience. Then he will lead a discussion of healthy strategies for responding to life's changing realities.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Bob Gavin on July 14th after a long illness. Bob and his wife, Sharon, moved to Monterra in 2004. He was very active in our HOA and served as president for three years 2013-2015. The couple recently moved to assisted living in Lynnwood.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Sharon and all of Bob's family and friends.

## 101 Road Closures, August 13-18

SEQUIM – A multi-year project that will correct six culverts under US 101 in Jefferson and Clallam counties to improve fish passage and migration in the area is now underway.

The week of July 10, construction crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin mobilizing equipment into a work zone on US 101 between Diamond Point/Chicken Coop Road and Guilles Road/Knapp Road at Eagle Creek in Clallam County.

From July until mid-August, travelers will see occasional daytime one-way alternating traffic on US 101 at milepost 274.2, followed by a week-long around the clock reduction to a single lane.

### **Aug. 13-18, plan for delays and backups on US 101**

From 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13 through the evening of Friday, Aug. 18, US 101 will be reduced to one-lane of alternating traffic at the Eagle Creek culvert site.

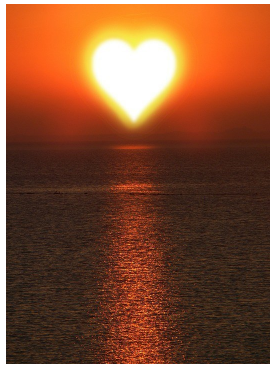
Travelers will want to plan ahead to help prevent delays. With one travel lane of US 101 closed, drivers will see increased congestion approaching the work zone. To help reduce backups during this week-long lane reduction, travelers can:

- Add up to 90 minutes of extra travel time to help prevent delays.
  - Consider postponing discretionary trips.
  - Travel early in the morning or later at night, especially on Monday, Thursday and Friday.
  - Carpool, use transit or telework if possible.
- No detour route is available during this work. Signs will be posted for local access only on near-by county roads.

WSDOT recognizes the inconvenience this will create and has worked to reduce overall traffic disruptions. This type of work in waterways can only be done during certain timeframes in the summer to ensure fish and habitat aren't unduly disturbed.

Eagle Creek is the first of six streams or tributaries that crews will correct under US 101 between Gardner and Sequim during the next two years. The \$109 million dollar [project](#) is anticipated to finish in late 2025.

The work is part of WSDOT's ongoing effort to [remove barriers to fish](#) under state highways. The work removes items such as too-small culverts under roadways to allow fish to move more freely through the area during migration, which helps protect and restore salmon runs, the landscape and the economy



*by Paris Anne Heart*

## *A LOVE AFFAIR*

*Go forth with courage and trust.*

*Know Thy Self to be the beautiful being you truly are.  
Your Self is the gift, the one and only true gift. Receive it.  
Embrace the gift of your Self.  
Appreciate all you do for you.  
You couldn't do it without you.*

*You are the closest friend you will ever have.  
This is absolutely, positively true, without any doubt.  
Give your Self the same consideration, care and respect you  
have always given so easily to others. You deserve it too.  
It is time.*

*Be generous with your Self.  
Make time to be gentle, kind and understanding  
with your Self. Take your Self lightly.  
Laugh with your Self. Laugh at your Self.*

*In a mirror, really look at your Self, into your eyes.  
See your reflection looking back at you. Then say "I love you."  
Put your hands to your heart and say those sweet words to  
your Self any time at all, as often as you like.  
You can speak them in a whisper; or keep them very  
private, by having just the thought; or if you're feeling  
bold and daring, you can loudly shout them out.  
You can even write them in a letter and send it to your Self.*

*To be true to your Self, return home to your Self, so that you  
may remember who you really are.*

*I wish you a love affair with the One who is with you every  
moment, breathing every breath, the One who never  
leaves you, even at your very death.*

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## New Activities

Sign up sheets are available in the clubhouse for new activities. These will be held outside of the clubhouse.

**August 15th** for the underground Port Angeles tour—\$15 for adults and \$13 for Seniors plus we will carpool and share costs.

**September 20th** for Lake Crescent and Marymere Fall and Granny's for ice cream. Bring a lunch and drinks., carpooling sharing.

**September 25th** for Sol Duc Falls. Bring a lunch and drinks, carpooling sharing.

For more info contact Judi Norton, 360-670-3464 or proutcat@hotmail.com

Please respond at least a week before the event.

**Join Your Neighbors!**

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## Calling On All HOA Members To Attend!

On Monday August 7th at 2:00 PM our Covenant & Bylaw Review Committee will hold an open meeting. The Committee and the Board are another step closer to finalizing a set of proposed covenant amendments for the membership to eventually vote on. The email notifying you about this newsletter had the marked-up document attached.

At this meeting the Committee will respond to your questions about our work. The following day at the regular monthly meeting there will be another CBRC question & answer sessions so all homeowners can again talk with the Committee.

We, the Committee, urge you to examine our interim proposals and attend the meeting on August 7th. The more chances everyone has to get familiar with this material, the easier it will be for the members to complete their ballots when the time comes to vote.

.....Dennis Blair, Committee Chair

