



Monterra Newsletter

Monterra
Homeowners
Association

Notes From Your Board



September 2023

Wow! Fall is almost upon us and there are changes going on at the Monterra clubhouse. Be sure to check here and on the website for new activities that have been added to the calendar. Especially note the two day trips this month hosted by Judi Norton.

September 6th is our member meeting and ice cream social. We'll be discussing a number of important issues including the proposed changes to Monterra covenants and bylaws. This is a chance for you to see what the Board is proposing and have some input into the process.

We're sorry to announce the resignation of George Stuber as the RV Lot Manager and Heather Representative. August also saw the resignation of Dawn Wolff from her position as Recording Secretary. Thanks to both of them for the many hours spent in service to the community. Dawn will continue as the rep for Cypress Circle. Steve Cassaboom will be the new RV Lot Manager and Ida Birney will serve as Recording Secretary.

There has been some confusion about what constitutes the different types of meetings held by your Board and its committees.

An **open meeting** means that the meeting is

open for observation by all owners and their authorized agents. Our monthly routine Board meetings are open. **Closed sessions** should only occur to consider personnel matters and to discuss matters involving possible violations of our governing bodies, and liability of an owner to the association where privacy is a concern. **Emergency meetings** may be called only if inaction by the Board might lead to injury or property damage. A **special meeting** may be called to consider urgent issues which cannot wait for resolution until the next routine Board meetings or if there is more to be discussed than can reasonably be addressed in a routine meeting, and are open meetings. If you see the Board or any of its committees operating outside of these general guidelines, question what is going on. Sometimes those who tell you over and over that they're being transparent, just aren't. It's up to all of us to pay attention.

Don't forget the potluck on **September 21st**. The social hour will begin at 5:00 PM and we'll eat at 6:00. Bring a dish to share and come get to know your neighbors.



POTLUCK DINNER

Talk Offered

Dennis Blair will offer another of his talks on Sunday, September 17th at 2:00 PM. This one will be on living a balanced lifestyle. He will provide a worksheet to help you assess the amount of balance you have in some key life areas. You'll then have an opportunity to brainstorm ideas for achieving that balance in the areas you have identified as needing some change.

Join him for this exercise in self care.

Social Time

Don't forget the ice cream social being held in conjunction with our HOA general meeting on September 6th at 4:30 PM. You won't want to miss this chance to get informed, socialize with your neighbors, and enjoy a cold treat.

See you there!



What Would You Do?

The recent tragedy on Maui is yet another reminder of how quickly natural disasters can hurt us with little or no advance warning. Were you watching the news coverage and wondering what you would do if faced with that kind of event? How would you survive and how would you help your neighbors to survive the aftermath? One way is to be part of your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Our CERT squad is made up of (currently) five of your Monterra neighbors. Each received 24 hours of initial training from Clallam County Fire District 3, our sponsoring agency, and they attend monthly in-service training to practice and improve the skills they will use if a disaster occurs in our community. These include strategies for assessing the safety of our homes, search and rescue techniques to assist our residents and their pets, basic first aid, and more.

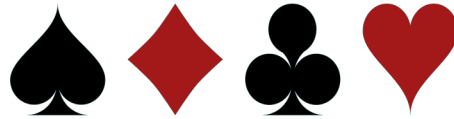
Here's what you should know if this kind of volunteering interests you.

All training is free. The initial sessions are offered in three eight-hour blocks on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of most months. Contact Cindy Zechenelly at cindyiz@hotmail.com or at 360-504-2531 to sign up. There is no obligation to join CERT after you complete the training, but if you decide to continue, you would be assigned to the Monterra squad. You would then receive a CERT vest and some personal protective equipment, also free, and you would become certified as a State of Washington Emergency Worker.

To learn more about CERT even before you contact Cindy, Google www.ccfcd3.org and click on "CERT PROGRAM" under the banner.

You can also contact the Monterra squad leader, Dennis Blair, at guitardennis07@gmail.com or at 360-504-2341.

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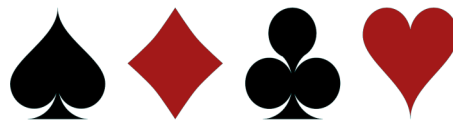
COME PLAY PENNY ANTE POKER

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 2-4 PM

WE WILL PROVIDE THE POKER CHIPS

AND FUN!

HOSTED BY LARRY MORGAN



Day Trips

On **September 20th**, Judi Norton will host a day trip to Lake Crescent lodge and to Marymere Falls. This involves an easy 1.7 mile hike and a stop at Granny's for ice cream. Bring a lunch and drinks. We will carpool and share costs.

Then on **September 25th**, there will be an easy hike to Sol Duc Falls. Again, bring lunch and drinks and we can stop at Granny's for ice cream. We'll carpool and share costs.

Call or email Judi for all the details.
360-670-3464 or proutcat@hotmail.com

Sounds like fun!

Calling All Crafters

Are you someone who enjoys crafting? Does a crafting group appeal to you? If so, let me know and we'll see if we can arrange a time to meet, perhaps do an easy craft together, and share ideas for a monthly crafting session.

The holidays are almost here so let's get crafting!

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Beach Walk



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Went to the beach at twilight. Sunbursted mountains etched
along the horizon.

I skipped and danced and sang Three Blind Mice. The tide was low.

I ventured out pretty far and came upon a crimson starfish. She too was dancing. I
could see and feel her life, her breath.

The first star was twinkling at me. I made a wish.

Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight,
I wish I may, I wish I might, have this wish I wish tonight.
I see the first star, the first star sees me,
God bless the first star, God bless me.

And before departing, I looked down at my dancing starfish

And repeated: I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you.

I began walking away and found I was quite pleased with my Self;

pleased with the chill blowing across my cheeks into my hair,
pleased with the bounce in my step; pleased with the beauty all
around me and the joy splashing about my heart.

Ambling along, I became excited by the idea of putting words

To my experience; then running the rest of the way to the car,
Oh so anxious to spill out that perfect moment onto paper.

This is my gift to me. This is my gift to you.....Anonymous
