

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## Monterra Newsletter



Monterra  
Homeowners  
Association

November 2023

### Notes From Your Board

It's the most important time of the year for the people of Monterra! That's right, it's in November that we hold our circle (division) meetings and elect the people we want as our representatives in the coming year. Be sure that you choose a person who will represent your best interests and will spend your money wisely. The dates and times are as follows:

Holley Circle	November 7th at 2 PM
Monterra/Sea Bluff	November 10th at 2 PM
Cypress Circle	November 15th at 1 PM
Ivy Lane	November 17th at 2 PM
Heather Circle	November 22nd at 2 PM

These meetings are also where business that is particular to your circle will be discussed. Also, don't miss this opportunity to ask about all the proposed changes to the Covenants and Bylaws. A representative from the CBRC will be at your meeting. Meet at the clubhouse.

If you are unable to attend your meeting, you can sign the attached proxy and give it to a homeowner to vote in your place.



Some changes to note. For the remainder of the calendar year, Steve Cassaboom will serve as the representative for Monterra/Sea Bluff as Dorrit takes a well-deserved break. Sherry Stout has agreed to do the booking and calendar for the clubhouse. Rosemarie Lueke will oversee the care of the clubhouse. Thank you to these volunteers for filling in.

We were so pleased to see how many members were in attendance at our special Board meeting last month to consider the budget. We want you to know that we hear you and we appreciate your concerns and input. You will receive further information about the budget soon by either email or snail mail.



The county roads department has notified us that they will be doing chip repair on our roads in the new year. They will be here in the next few weeks to trim trees and shrubs up and back to prevent debris from falling into their materials. They are willing to work with homeowners who want to protect their favorite or ornamental greenery, so be sure to discuss any concerns with the tree trimmers when you see them in your area.

We need two more people to cook turkeys for our holiday dinner on November 16th. If you are able to help, please call Shawn Shepherd, Holley Circle.

# We Have Activities! Let's Have Some Fun!!

## Bingo

Bingo is coming to the Monterra Clubhouse. First Bingo will be on Tuesday, November 14th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Mary Kay and Judi will be hosting and calling. We will be giving prizes to the winners. We'll charge 25 cents per card which will be used for the event. If anyone has a small item you have received and are not using, and wish to donate it to the Bingo gift supply, please leave the item in the box on the covered porch by Mary Kay's garage side door at 302 Holley Circle. Unused items only, please. Thanks!

## Book Club

Judi Norton would like to start a Monterra book club. One member a month will pick a book to read and then we'll get together to discuss it the next month. Call or text 360-670-3464 or email at proutcat@hotmail.com.

## Holiday Tea

Klara Morgan and Judi Norton are organizing a "Holiday Tea" for December 17th at 3 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share and we will supply the tea and a cake. We will have a white elephant gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

## Ongoing Activities

Be sure to check the calendar for our ongoing activities which include Bingo, Bunco, Mexican Train, and exercise, as well as our monthly potluck.

## Looking For Something Different?

We are interested in finding out what other activities the homeowners would like to see at the clubhouse. Send your ideas to [communications@monterrahoea.com](mailto:communications@monterrahoea.com).

We have an exercise group that meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 9 AM. We use a DVD made especially for seniors. The exercises are easy, but provide a good workout. If you'd like to do this but wish it was at a different time or day so you could participate, let us know.

Maybe you're interested in ping pong or another game weekly. Send your suggestions and thoughts to the above email. We are open to suggestions.

## Holiday Potluck

### Thursday, November 16th

Join your hosts Dorrit Jensen, Martha Stuber, and Susan McGill in celebrating at the annual HOA Thanksgiving potluck. Monterra will be providing the turkey along with coffee and tea. Please bring a side dish or appetizer to share and other beverage of your choice. Free to members, guests are \$5.

Please RSVP by November 8th, to Shawn Shepherd, Holley Circle, or by signing up on the sheet in the clubhouse.

[shawn@monterrahoea.com](mailto:shawn@monterrahoea.com)



## Stress Management

Dennis Blair will lead a wellness talk on stress management at the clubhouse on the 26th of November at 2:00.

The holidays can bring positive and negative stressors, so the group will explore both. The group will explore stress in physical and emotional terms, discuss the different degrees and causes, and talk about ways of reducing unwanted stress.

This will be a round-robin get-together on staying calm.

## Shred Event

There will be a shred event in the Swain's parking lot, 602 East 1st Street, Port Angeles on November 18th from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Your \$20 donation will allow you to shred two grocery bags full of paper or files. Money raised will go toward updating or replacing the elevator in the Port Angeles Elks building which houses many of our public events. Also, if you would like to donate separately to this cause, please send a check to the Elks Naval Lodge, 131 East 1st St., Port Angeles WA 98362.....Mary Kay McCabe



## PUBLIC SAFETY & INFORMATION FAIR

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⇒ Are You Ready? Is Your Family Ready for a Natural Disaster? ⇐

**WHEN:** Saturday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9am – 5pm

**WHERE:** Guy Cole Convention Center,  
202 N Blake Ave in Carrie Blake Park

Dozens of Participating Agencies ! Come and ask questions !

- Clallam County Fire District #3 (fire engines)
- Sequim Food Bank
- Sequim Police • Clallam County Sheriff
- Jamestown S'Klallam Health Services
- Jefferson County Emergency Mgt.
- Disaster Airlift Response Team (DART)
- Sequim Food Bank • Red Cross
- Peninsula Behavioral Health Services
- Boys & Girls Club
- Habitat for Humanity
- Map Your Neighborhood and more!
- Featured Speakers: • Ms. Elyssa Tappero, Tsunami Program Coordinator, Washington EMD; The Tsunami Threat • Mr. George Drake, Safety Manager, Public Utility District #1; Electrical Power Safety Precautions • Mr. Jim Buck, former State Rep., Joyce Emergency Planning and Preparation (JEPP) group; Post-Disaster Survival • Mr. Dan Orr, Chief, Fire District #3; "Chief Doom" description of a Cascadia Subduction Earthquake Disaster
- CERT
- City of Sequim
- Life Flight (helicopter)
- Washington State Emergency Mgt.
- Clallam County Emergency Mgt.
- Dungeness Free Clinic
- KSQM Radio (on-site transmission)
- Clallam Transit
- YMCA
- Department of Natural Resources



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11/22 last day for December newsletter submissions



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**Focus On Our Volunteers**

Dorrit Jensen has been serving on the Board as vice-president, clubhouse manager, and on the Finance and Architecture Committees. The paperwork alone has taken 3-4 hours a day. She painted the clubhouse which saved us \$16,000. Add in another \$1000 for refurbishing our Monterra sign. The list goes on.

Shawn Shepherd works tirelessly for the community. He just never stops! It's not just the time he spends cutting trees and pouring cement. He manages our website and jokes that, as president of our HOA, he's had to do enough research to get his law degree!

These are just two of the many who have spent countless hours to make Monterra a wonderful place to live. Think what our dues would be if we had to pay for that time. Please join me in thanking every one of our volunteers.

*Ida*



with flies", Kletabel replied as the door opened.

Asmerelda welcomed them into her home.

They all began talking at once. "You look lovely." "Is that wart new?" "I love how your hair looks so dry and matted." "Have you had work done? Your gold-capped snaggle tooth really makes your eyes pop."

They enter the house and surround the bubbling pot with ten more of their friends to enjoy their witch's brew.

Their cousin Hazel is also there. Hazel is so crazy she even has a nut named after her. It is so comforting to be with your friends on this Holiday.

*Picture and story by Susan Kirk*

Janelda and Ketabel coming in for a landing to visit their favorite old crone, Asmerelda...(you can call her Assey for short). They are delighted to see a welcoming Jack 'o lantern had been set out to greet them. They are famished from their long trip and are anxious to see what is cooking in the simmering cauldron. "I hope it is Toe jam and Lady fingers", Janelda said. "I would like a big fat burger

PROXY -DIVISION (CIRCLE) REPRESENTATIVE & ALTERNATE VOTE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my proxy to \_\_\_\_\_ to vote in the November, 2023 meeting to elect the Division (Circle) Representative and Alternate for the 2024 Board of Directors.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Monterra Address \_\_\_\_\_

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