



Homeowners Association

Monterra Newsletter

March 2024

Notes From Your Board

2024 Member Meetings Join us on March 7th for the first Member Meeting of 2024. This is your chance to hear directly from the Board what is going on in your community and where you can speak up and have the ears of your Board members.

Save the Date: The next Member Meeting will be June 6, 2024.

Note that the March 2024 Board Meeting will be on Thursday, March 14 at 2 pm. Board meetings are open to all homeowners.

Victor ("Vic") Ferry has been named as the new Monterra HOA Treasurer. Thank you, Vic!

We also have a new Alternate Circle Rep for Sea Bluff/Monterra. Welcome Doug Markham!

Daylight Savings Time

Once again, we will be springing forward one hour starting at 2 AM, on Sunday, March 10, as Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

Questions?

If you have a question pertaining to the HOA, start by contacting your division representative or alternate. If they don't know the answer to your question, they will route it to the correct person to get an answer for you.

The 2024 Board members are:

Cypress	Dawn Wolff, rep. Connie Jo Smith, alt,
Heather	Tyler Conkle, rep. Diane Gemmer, alt.
Holley	Lori Ferry, rep. Judi Norton, alt.
Ivy	Moses Zakarian, rep. Larry Morgan, alt.
Mont/Sea Bluff	Dorrit Jensen, rep. Doug Markham, alt.

Volunteer Corner

MOWING CREW — Tom Villoni is our mowing crew coordinator. With spring coming, there is a need for volunteers to help mow the MHA Greenbelt Areas and help keep our community looking great. The HOA has all the equipment needed to do this job and will train you on safe operation. If you are interested, or just want to learn more, text Tom Villoni at 360-601-9746.

Architectural Committee Notes

By Carter Kirk

The Monterra Architectural Committee and its members are frequently asked about setback requirements on homeowners' properties.

The following information is provided for homeowners planning structural or building additions, remodels, and/or renovations for your use and planning of future Architectural projects.

References:

- (a) Amended and Restated Declaration of Protective Covenants, Restrictions, Easements and Agreements with Respect to Monterra I, II, III, IV, and V
- (b) Clallam County Code 33.10.020 (dated December, 2023)

Paragraph 5.6 of reference (a) states "Property line setbacks on all buildings, homes, or structures shall comply with Clallam County building standards."

Clallam County Code (reference b) states:

(8) Setbacks:

(a) Front Yard - 45 feet from local access street ...

"(b) Side Yard - ten (10) feet...

"(c) Rear yard -fifteen (15) feet ..."

Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, January 10th Holley Circle residents hosted a pancake breakfast for Monterra residents to raise funds to clean up the berm which is on the west side of the entrance to Monterra. The berm is overgrown with thistle and blackberry shrubs which need to be removed. There was a good turnout. Thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly to make this event a huge success. Thanks to our chefs, Vic Ferry and Peter Renner. Also, thanks to Lori Ferry, Judi Norton, Irene Irvine, Emily Eccles, Jeanie McNamara and Dave Iezzi for the setup, cleanup, cashiering, and for serving and refilling coffee and juice, etc. But especially thanks to the Monterra residents who supported this worthy cause.



Chef Vic



Chefs Peter Renner and Vic Ferry, hard at work

Event Reminders

Pi Day Pie Potluck March 14th

For those of you with a scientific mind, you know that the number Pi (π), 3.14, is the mathematical constant that is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. So, to celebrate, join us on March 14th (3/14) from 7 - 8:30 pm to eat some pie. Bring your favorite kind of pie (or other circular food) to share along with whatever beverage you might want.

And in addition to our special events, we have lots of events and activities that occur on a regular basis:

Yoga and Chair Yoga

Yoga class is every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Bring your yoga mat, water bottle and wear comfortable clothing for movement.

Chair Yoga is every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing for movement.

Exercise Group

Exercise is every Monday and Thursday from 9 to 10 am at the clubhouse. The exercises are geared to seniors and a great way to get moving and toning.

Bingo!

Bingo is the third Tuesday of every month at 12:30 pm at the clubhouse. Bring \$2.

White elephant donations for Bingo may be brought to Judi Norton's house. She will have a bin on a table under the carport.

Bunco

Bunco is the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm at the clubhouse. Bring \$5.

Mexican Train Dominoes

Mexican Train Dominoes is the 2nd Monday and the 4th Tuesday of every month from 2-4 pm at the clubhouse. Please note this minor change.

Thank You!!!

New Ping Pong Table



The clubhouse has a nice ping pong table located where the old pool table was. This was generously donated by a resident of Holley Circle, Warren Sewell. Now we can add Ping Pong to our activities. Thank you so much, Warren

Shred Event

March 23 from 10 am to 1 pm at the old JC Penny parking lot (651 W Washington St) in Sequim, LeMay Mobile Shredding will be holding a mobile shred event. This is a fund raiser for the scholarship fund for Five Acres School in Sequim. Suggested donation \$20.

Scoop Your (Dog's) Poop Please

A number of residents have commented that they have seen an increase in the amount of dog poop left in various places around the community. Just a reminder that per Article 5.30 of the Monterra Covenants, pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets anywhere in Monterra. If you go out walking your dog and find you are without a baggie to collect your dog's poop, there is a doggie waste station on the west side of the clubhouse property that is kept stocked with baggies (thank you to Hedi Voloshen of Ivy Lane for donating this waste station to the HOA and keeping it stocked). The streets in Monterra are public streets, and people from outside Monterra come to walk their pets here, so the source(s) may be from outsiders, but please clean up after your own pets to help keep the problem to a minimum. Thank you.

DEER EAT WHAT???

Published by David Lukas

If you have a garden, fruit trees, or ornamental plants in your yard you already know what deer eat—they eat almost every plant that you try to grow, right?!

Deer are in fact "**browsers**" which means they nibble on a little bit of everything

(buds, stems, leaves, small plants), as opposed to "**grazers**" like horses or sheep, that feed intensively on a single item (grasses).

Technically, every animal that eats plants—from the tiniest insect to the largest elephant—is an **herbivore**. And all herbivores face the same challenge: how to digest plant tissues when they lack the enzymes to break down complex cellulose molecules?

Mammals solve this problem by having modified chambers in their guts which house immense numbers (trillions or quadrillions!) of microbes that specialize on breaking down plant tissues.

I'm writing about this topic because something else happens in the winter: When there are no green leaves and buds for deer to eat, and everything is covered in snow, a deer resorts to swallowing the only thing they can find—bare woody twigs and stems. These types of plant tissues are much, much harder to break down and require a very different set of gut microbes.

A deer and its gut microbiome can slowly adjust to these winter conditions, but it requires that a deer keeps eating the woody stems that these microbes specialize in eating. Under these conditions a deer cannot (and should not) be fed handouts like kitchen scraps, bread, or fruit that well-meaning people offer them. Digesting those items requires a different (summer-only) set of

microbes, and a deer can actually starve to death if its stomach has been filled with items it can't digest.

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NOTE: 3/24-last day for April newsletter submissions