



Homeowners Association

Monterra Newsletter

May 2024

Notes From Your Board

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 2 pm
Monterra Clubhouse

All members are welcome to observe the Board at work. Members are welcome to ask agenda-related questions during the open forum portion.

Save the Date:

HOA Membership Meetings.

Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 2 PM
Monterra Clubhouse

All members are welcome. This meeting provides an agenda-driven update on the current work and progress of the HOA Board and other volunteers. Members are encouraged to ask questions and comments during the open forum portion.

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.

2024 Division Representative Board and Alternate Members:

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

Susan Zarit, our Activities Director, has asked for any ideas for upcoming events and volunteers to help set up and take down items used at our events such as tables and chairs.

If you are interested in volunteering to help clean up the grounds/RV lot please contact Steve Cassaboom. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Activities Director, Susan Zarit, has obtained a whiteboard that will be placed near the Clubhouse to announce upcoming events for our Monterra residents.

UPDATE FROM THE COVENANT & BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE (CBRC)

by Dennis Blair, CBRC Chairperson

In its meeting on April 11, 2024, the Board of Directors tasked the CBRC with creating a voters' guide and a secret ballot to assist the homeowners in revising the MHA covenants. The Committee will therefore hold an open meeting on **Saturday, May 4 in the Clubhouse at 2:00 PM** for those purposes. The meeting will adjourn no later than 4:00 PM.

The CBRC will craft a voters' guide that is as user-friendly as possible. The voters' guide will explain how each amendment compares with the existing covenants. It is very important to understand that only the official amendment proposals accepted by the Board on February 22, 2024, will appear in the voters' guide and on the ballot. The CBRC will not consider any modifications to those proposals in the upcoming meeting.

Time will be allotted at the end of the meeting for the audience feedback that accompanies every CBRC meeting. The CBRC will be especially interested in how helpful the voters' guide appears to be. All homeowners are therefore urged to join the CBRC on Saturday, May 4 at 2:00 PM, so let's fill up those chairs.

Wanted: Working Vacuum Cleaner for the Clubhouse

If you have a working vacuum that you would like to donate to the HOA, please see Sherry Stout, our Clubhouse Manager.

Fawning Season Is Almost Here

We have had dogs killed by mother deer that felt their fawns were in danger. In the past, a dog was attacked in his fenced backyard. The deer jumped the fence. Some reminders:

- Stay with your dog
- Be aware of where you walk your dog; and
- Avoid areas where a fawn might be hidden.

A mama deer will come after your dog and you if she perceives that you are too close to her fawn. She will chase after you!

Community Bulletin Board

Just a reminder that the Clubhouse Community Bulletin Board has lots of helpful and fun local events and information. Take a look anytime.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
NOTICE ABOUT POSSIBLE
WATER RATES INCREASE

Cascadia Water, the company that provides water to Monterra, has filed a request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) to increase the water rates they are charging us for the water supplied to our home, starting June 1, 2024. **The proposed rate increase would be a 94% increase over our current rates (almost double).**

There will be an open meeting of the WUTC on Thursday, May 23 at 9:30 am in Olympia. You may attend the meeting in person or remotely. If you want to participate remotely, call 360-664-1234 at least a day before the meeting to get sign-in instructions.

You may also submit comments about the proposed rate increase to the WUTC prior to the date of the open meeting at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment>, via email at comments@uts.wa.gov, via phone at 1-888-333-9882, or via mail at WUTC, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Be sure to include the company name (Cascadia Water) and the UTC Rate Case # UW-240151 in your correspondence.

You are also urged to copy your correspondence to:

VIA EMAIL: MELISSA CASTANEDA-KERSON, Public Involvement Coordinator
melissa.castaneda-kerson@utc.wa.gov
360-664-1142

VIA MAIL: Utilities and Transportation Commission
P O BOX 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

General phone#: 360-664-1113
FAX#: 360-586-1150

Request that the communications BE MAINTAINED AND INCLUDED IN THE PERMANENT DOCKET/FILE

**DOH, Office of Drinking Water:
Southwestern Region
(Clallam and Jefferson Counties)
Regional Manager:**
Andy Anderson
Andy.Anderson@DOH.WA.GOV

Clallam County:
Mark Ozias - District 1
Mark.Ozias@clallamcountywa.gov

State:
Senator Kevin Van De Wege: -
Kevin.vandewege@legal.wa.gov

Representative: Mike Chapman
mike.chapman@leg.wa.gov

Monterra HOA Communications

Would you like to receive emailed HOA Communications or Division News via Email?

When you sign up for official Emailed HOA Communications it includes the Monterra Newsletter, Activity and Event Calendar, Financials, and Board Meeting Minutes.

If you feel you have already signed up but haven't received any past email communications or would like to; contact the Communications Director directly with your email address or any changes that need to be made.

Sherry Stout is our Communication Director and has access to update and send communications directly to you and can be reached at

Communications@monterrahoa.com

Benches Needed for Sea Bluff/Monterra Greenbelt

This would be a great opportunity for our HOA members to purchase or build an "In Memoria" bench in honor of someone as a memorial to that person or persons. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Judi Norton and she will be able to provide further details.



Cinco de Mayo Potluck

Where: Monterra Clubhouse
When: Sunday, May 5, 2024
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a suitable Mexican dish. Make it, buy it...just come! Can't wait to see you! All are welcome for a festive evening of fun and friendship! Every person who comes will receive a raffle ticket and a prize will be raffled off!

April's potluck was a success! Everyone had a great time! Please join us for the next one.

Outings Are Back!

Outings are BACK! The first outing this year (and more to come!) will be to Whitney Gardens in Brinnon. We will leave here at 1pm on Thursday, May 23rd. Carpooling is encouraged. Please email me (zaritglassworks@gmail.com) to let me know if you plan on attending.

Rock Painting

Wow, what a great time everyone who participated had at the first rock painting session. And everyone created great rock art, as seen in the photo below. Please come join us in July when we will have another rock painting session.



Event Reminders

In addition to our special events, we have lots of events and activities that occur regularly:

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!

PLEASE NOTE: Bingo is being suspended until the fall. A date when Bingo will resume will be announced at a later time.

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 From
Holley Circle!!!

The Spring Graze & Gather was held on

April 13th, a beautiful sunny Saturday. Spring was most certainly in the air. A big shout out to Emily Eccles and Irene Irvine for all the planning and preparations they put into kicking off the majesty of Spring in Monterra during this social event to bring us all together. And a huge thank you to everyone who attended. The vibe was joyous and the food was beyond delicious.

Proceeds went toward Holley tree maintenance as the HOA dues do not cover trees on the open spaces around Holley Circle. Your donations are profoundly impactful for neighbors on Holley Circle when assessments for tree services are required. In profound gratitude!



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NOTE: 5/24-last day for June
newsletter submissions