



Homeowners Association

# Monterra Newsletter

December 2024

## Notes From Your Board

### Save the Date:

#### HOA Membership Meeting:

**When:** Thursday, December 5, 2024  
2 pm

**Where:** 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.

#### **Monterra Membership Meeting Agenda:**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Announcements
  - Introduction of Current and New Board Members
  - Recent Accomplishments and Updates
  - 2025 Budget Ratification
  - Covenant Vote Tally Results
  - Clubhouse Floor Installation and Carpet Cleaning
  - Installation of Entrance Lights
  - A Round of Applause for the 2024 Volunteers

- Upcoming Events:
- Saturday, December 14:  
(4:30 pm - 6:30 pm)
  - Christmas Caroling and Volunteer Appreciation -  
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
  - Tractor Parade - 5:00 pm
- General Questions and Answers
- Adjourn Meeting

### Save the Date:

#### Next Board Meeting:

**When:** Thursday, December 12, 2024  
2 pm

**Where:** 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:

#### Christmas Caroling and Volunteer Appreciation

**When:** Saturday, December 14, 2024  
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

**Where:** Monterra Clubhouse

Calling all Monterra Residents, Guests and Volunteers:

Let's meet at the Clubhouse for hot chocolate, warm cider and sweet and savory bites before Christmas Caroling through the Monterra Neighborhood as we offer our profound gratitude to all our Monterra Volunteers past, present and future.

No special singing skills required, come as you are, but dress warmly and be ready to bring JOY to our residents!

Music sheets will be provided. Bring a flashlight or headlamp if you have one.

Contact Lori at 206-771-7252 if you have any questions.

### Save the Date:

### Christmas Tractor Light Parade December 14th, 2024 at 5PM

Great news! The Christmas Tractor Parade is once again coming through our Community. The route has been extended from last year, starting at Gunn Rd. coming up Monterra Drive, circling through Cypress Circle, Holley Circle, and Heather Circle and then circling around the Clubhouse and exiting via the main entrance of Monterra.

There was a large turnout last year, neighbors circling the Clubhouse and standing on Monterra Drive. This year if

you live on one of the Circles, you can sit on your own porch or watch from your living room. It is a perfect time to invite some neighbors over, have hot cocoa or a hot toddy.

Another option is to meet at the Clubhouse for sweets, savory, and hot cider, and join in the Christmas Caroling and Volunteer Appreciation beginning at 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

What could be better than to celebrate the holidays by watching a decorated tractor parade, singing some Christmas carols, and enjoying some treats.

This parade is in its 2nd year and is an offshoot of the Sequim Tractor Parade. There were approximately 30 participants last year, complete with a decorated horse, trucks, a riding lawn mower, and tractors.

All of last year's participants shout out a Thank You for the attendance last year and hope you enjoy the parade again this year.



**Merry Christmas and Happy  
Holidays to everyone**

## Here's who to thank:

### Sponsor:

Chris & Mandy Frankfurst  
Agnew Grocery and Feed  
2863 Old Olympic Highway

### Coordinator:

Lyle Hagen  
360-460-5357

## 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:

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| Cypress        | John Willette, rep.<br>Andrea Perryman, alt. |
| Heather        | Tyler Conkle, rep.<br>Diane Gemmer, alt.     |
| Holley         | Lori Ferry, rep.<br>Judi Norton, alt.        |
| Ivy            | Moses Zakarian, rep.<br>Larry Morgan, alt.   |
| Mont/Sea Bluff | Dorrit Jensen, rep.<br>Pam Erb, alt.         |

The results of the Division (Circle) elections for your 2025 Division Representative and Alternate Board members are:

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|---------------------------|---|
| Cypress:                  | Andrea Perryman, rep.<br>Myrna Martin alt.  |
| Heather                   | Tyler Conkle, rep<br>Dianne Gemmer, alt   |
| Holley                    | Lori Ferry, rep<br>Emily Eccles, alt  |
| Ivy:                      | Moe Zakarian, rep<br>Hedi Voloshen*, alt<br>*Pending appointment<br>by the Board at the<br>December 14 Board<br>meeting |
| Mont/Sea Bluff/Gunn Road: | Dorrit Jensen, rep<br>Pam Erb, alt  |

## Volunteer Corner

### Newsletter Editor Wanted:

Our current newsletter editor will be stepping down for 2025, so we are looking for a new newsletter editor. The newsletter editor is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the creation of a monthly newsletter and forwarding a monthly calendar of events for the Monterra Homeowner's Association under the supervision of the Board President. The newsletter contains information of interest to Monterra residents, and the calendar shows HOA activities. There is a MS Word template for the newsletter.

The newsletter typically contains a "Notes from the Board" section. The

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newsletter editor should attend Board and Member meetings to be able to write this section of the newsletter, and will incorporate other information provided by members of the Board of Directors in this section. The newsletter may also contain other items of interest to Monterra residents.

The newsletter is an important way to keep residents informed, and if we don't get a new editor, we won't continue to have a newsletter. If you are interested in this position, or if you want additional information, please email [communications@monterrahoa.com](mailto:communications@monterrahoa.com)

### Grounds/RV Lot Crew

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

### 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.

### Weather Alerts

With high winds for Western Washington and snow in the mountains becoming more

regular, it is a good time to stock up on supplies, prepare your emergency kits for your cars and get ready for potential power outages at your homes (which we have already experienced), especially if you live in Western Washington. Find your local forecast at [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) and download emergency kit information at [mil.wa.gov/kits](http://mil.wa.gov/kits)

### Holiday Food Bag Distribution

**When:** Friday, December 20  
11 AM to 2 PM (or until food runs out)

**Where:** Carrie Blake Park (enter via Trinity United Methodist Church parking lot)

Mark your calendars! The Sequim Food Bank will be holding their annual Holiday Food Bag Distribution event on Friday, December 20th. This will be drive-thru event at Carrie Blake Park, with entry via the Trinity United Methodist Church parking lot.

All local residents are welcome. People receive free food to make a holiday meal for themselves and their family. The hours have not yet been finalized, but in the past the hours were 11 am—2 pm (or until they run out of food). Check the Sequim Food Bank website closer to the events for the actual hours at [www.sequimfoodbank.org](http://www.sequimfoodbank.org).

## New Mobile Food Market in Sequim

OlyCAP is opening a Mobile Food Market in Sequim outside the Serenity House Thrift Store every other Saturday (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday) of each month - weather and holidays permitting

**Where:** 551 W. Washington St. Sequim

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday monthly

You will need to bring your own bag to shop

## Monterra Max

You may have seen Monterra's mascot, Monterra Max, as you drive in or walk by the Clubhouse. He started as a project for the Rock Painting Club, but has grown beyond that! Residents love to see his progress as he winds around the flag poles (well, eventually he will). People who are not in the Rock Painting Club are adding to him, and their grandkids are as well! It's wonderful to see how this community has embraced him.



## 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 *Monterra Newsletter*

send communications directly to you and can be reached at

[Communications@monterrahoa.com](mailto:Communications@monterrahoa.com)

## December Events For Our Members

### Monterra's 1st Annual Cookie Exchange

**Where:** Monterra Clubhouse  
**When:** Saturday, December 14, 2024  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The holidays are a time for gathering with family and friends... AND a time to bake like there's no tomorrow! Do you have a favorite cookie recipe? Bring at least 2 dozen of your favorite cookie to share with fellow Monterrans. Print out copies of that recipe to share... AND don't forget to bring a large container to bring home all the different cookies you'll get! Bonus points for dressing festive! A sign-up sheet will be in the Clubhouse... be sure to sign up by December 10.

### Games and Nosh

**Where:** Monterra Clubhouse  
**When:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Every 4th Wednesday of the month, we will have a game day and light refreshments. Come learn a new game or play one you already know. Everyone is welcome.

### Rock Painting

**Where:** Monterra Clubhouse  
**When:** Thursday, December 19, 2024  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This will happen every 4th Thursday of the month.

### Holiday Potluck

**Where:** Monterra Clubhouse  
**When:** Thursday, December 19, 2024  
5:00 PM - 7:30ish PM

It's time for our Holiday Potluck! Bring your favorite dish to share. Wear your favorite ugly sweater... you could win a prize! Have you seen the White Elephant? No? Come to the potluck and see for yourself! Bring a new gift valued at no more than \$20 and see the mayhem ensue!

PLEASE NOTE: Potlucks will now be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, except for holidays.

### Holiday Trivia Night

**Where:** Monterra Clubhouse  
**When:** Friday, December 20, 2024  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Come test your knowledge of the holidays. Teams and solo Trivia players welcome. Who gets the high score? Come to the Clubhouse on December 20 at 7:00 pm to find out!

## Holiday Lights Outing

Would anyone be interested in doing an outing to see Holiday light displays in December? If so, please let our Activities Director, Susan Zarit, know and further details will follow if so.

## Outings Anyone?

Susan Zarit, our Activities Director, would really like some feedback on what outings interest you and what days of the week are preferred. Susan would like to host outings, but she needs to know what works best for the community as a whole. Please email her at [zaritglassworks@gmail.com](mailto:zaritglassworks@gmail.com) with your comments and suggestions.

## Ongoing Event Reminders

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

### Chair Yoga

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 Friday (note the new day) beginning at 10 am (please note the new start time) at the clubhouse. The exercises are geared toward seniors and are a great way to get

moving and toning.

### Mexican Train Dominoes

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

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NOTE: 12/20-last day for January, 2025 newsletter submissions