



Monterra Newsletter

May 2025

Notes From Your Board

The scheduled meeting of the Monterra HOA Board of Directors was canceled due to the lack of a quorum of the Circle Representatives. The next Board meeting is scheduled for **May 8th at 2 PM**. Please consider attending. There will be time at the end of the meeting for your questions and comments. Come and check out the work that's being done during our Spring refresh in the clubhouse.

As you already know, our Monterra HOA is completely staffed by volunteers. We'd like to share with you some of the benefits of volunteering here in Monterra, not just to the community, but to the volunteers as well.

Volunteerism strengthens relationships among residents who may not have interacted otherwise. Such connections can lead to lifelong friendships and a more united neighborhood. Connecting with neighbors can reveal shared interests and ideas.

Volunteers often develop new skills through their roles, such as event planning, communication, and teamwork, among others. This personal growth benefits the individual and enhances the community.

Volunteers can influence the community in a positive, friendly way. By joining committees, residents can collaborate and voice their opinions, thus driving beneficial and tangible changes in Monterra.

There is a profound sense of fulfillment that comes from helping others and contributing to the neighborhood. This intrinsic reward can significantly improve a volunteer's mental and emotional well-being.

There is more information available at <https://monterrahoa.com> or by reaching out to your Representative or their alternate.

We invite each of you to join us as a Monterra volunteer. There is always plenty to do. If your time or bandwidth doesn't allow for an ongoing commitment, consider volunteering for any of the one-time or short-term projects that come up during the year. It takes many hearts, minds, and hands to make Monterra a great place to live.

We love our volunteers!

It's time to start planning for our annual yard sale which will be on **August 9th**.

Let's make it a big one this year!

As of 4/23 there is no news to report about proposed Cascadia rate changes.

Activity News

How about a day trip to Chimicum? We will visit the Finn River Cidery where we can lunch on their wood-fired pizza or a meal you bring from home. We'll also visit the Country Corner Farmstand which has a great market and nursery (and very good ice cream). We can carpool and split car expenses. The date is **May 23rd**. The signup sheet will be in the clubhouse. For questions or to sign up, contact Judi at jhawknorton@gmail.com or 360-670-3464.

Debbi Soderstrom is hoping to form carpools to take advantage of the free summer concerts offered by Sequim City Band. The date of the first concert is **May 4th at 3 PM**. Concerts are held at the James Center for the Performing Arts at the Water Reuse Park, adjacent to Carrie Blake Park. There is ample parking. Concert goers should bring a chair and sun hats. Food and drinks are permitted, and dogs are welcome. Please contact Debbi at 360-460-0332.

Paris Heart is looking to meet others who play Scrabble. If you're interested, please contact her at heartsong@wavecable.com.

Happening at the clubhouse is something for almost everyone. If you enjoy games, there is Mexican Train, game day, and Trivia. For those looking to stay fit, we have exercise classes. Check your calendar to see the dates and times! We have room for more people in our book club. We are now reading May's book, "Eleanor and Hick about Eleanor

Roosevelt. We would love to have you join us **May 15th at 10 AM**.

Come join us at the rock painting group on the last Thursday of every month at 2PM. We do more than just "rock" painting. Bring some driftwood, yard art that needs sprucing up, birdhouses, or whatever else you want to decorate.

Come and join us because it is fun.

Lily Todd is offering another seminar in her **How to Live More Comfortably** series. This one will feature elder law attorney Judith Peace. Come with your questions on **May 24th at 2 PM**.

The DELTA CERTS have been planning an "Agnew Ready" event to help our area prepare for disasters. Mark your calendar for **June 22nd**. We will have more information in the June newsletter,



It's Fawning Season!

It's that time of year again. Newborn deer might be hiding anywhere, and their very protective mothers will be close by.

In recent years, we've had dogs injured and killed because a mother deer has perceived a threat. Please keep your dog leashed and away from possible hiding places. Unless you have a tall fence, your dog might not be safe alone in the yard. We want to thank Sue Kirk for this beautiful photo. It is so Monterra. Do you have pictures that are so Monterra, so Peninsula, or so the Northwest. We would love to see them. Please send them to newsletter@monterrahoa.com, and you might just see them in an upcoming edition of the newsletter.

Sue Kirk is a woman of many talents. We've all seen her wonderful hummingbird pictures, and some have read her books about hummingbirds. We want to congratulate Sue on the publication of her second children's book.



"What I Wanna Be When I Grow Up" is a delightful children's book that brings career dreams to life through the adorable antics of dogs.

Sue has a special offer for Monterra residents. Anyone First 7 who buy the book and leave a review on Amazon will receive a copy of Sue's second book on hummingbirds. (corrected 5/2 by SQS)

Antoinette "Toni" Fulkerson



On April 10th, Monterra saw the passing of beloved resident, Toni Fulkerson. Toni has lived in Monterra for more than 25 years. She loved to attend functions at the clubhouse and was, most recently, a member of the book club and exercise group.

She leaves behind four of her children, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, along with extended family members. Her son, David Iezzi, and niece, Deb La Plante both reside here in Monterra.

A sweet, kind, and loving person, Toni will be missed. Our hearts go out to her family and friends.



A Proposal

At the last Holley Circle meeting, a proposal was made for a fundraiser to compliment the annual Monterra-wide yard sale.

It was suggested that the clubhouse be utilized to host an indoor sale with all proceeds going to the Holley fund that maintains the berm that lies to the west of Monterra's main entrance. Maintaining the berm benefits all of Monterra.

A volunteer has stepped forward to organize and oversee the event. However, they will need help. The current plan is to hold the sale from 7am to 12 noon and to limit it to 4 to 6 tables of merchandise. Help would be needed to set up tables, arrange and price items, circulate and help potential buyers, and break down tables and clean up at the end of the event. One person will also be needed to handle the cash box, preferably for the entirety of the sale.

We also need donated items to sell. Do you have things sitting around that you'll probably never use? Are you tired of dusting knick-knacks? Do you have a decorative piece that no longer fits your décor? Please think of donating it to us. Note: even though someone's junk is another person's treasure, donated items should be in condition to sell. No large or bulky items, please, and no tv's or other electronics.

A personal note from the organizer: an event like this should be pressure-free fun! Please help if you can.

More information to follow.



We welcome your input for this newsletter. Submissions for the June issue are due by **May 20th**.

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The Clubhouse is Open!

The first phase of the clubhouse refresh is complete. It looks so warm and inviting.

Special thanks to Dorrit Jensen and her band of volunteers for making it happen!