



Homeowners Association

# Monterra Newsletter

August 2025

## Notes From Your Board

The board meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The next member meeting is Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Please join the board meeting.

## Local Happenings

The Sequim Mobile Food Bank will be at the Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship every Tuesday from 1-2. **This is for everyone.** The food bank would love to see more Monterrans. The more people who show up and utilize this service, then they will continue to stay there. The stand is fully stocked. Drive up and bring your shopping bags. There are a variety of canned goods including vegetables, peaches, tuna. There are packaged mac 'n' cheese, peanut butter, bread items (danish, bagels, pita bread...). They have a nice selection of fresh produce such as lettuce, carrots, potatoes, onions, apples, oranges. They also have rice, oatmeal, meat, fish, milk, eggs, butter... Their selection varies from week to week. So, stop there before you do your grocery shopping. We will put extras in the clubhouse kitchen.

## Help Wanted

Monterra runs on volunteers. This is what helps keep our HOA fees low. If people stop volunteering, the work will still need to be done. We will have to pay for people to come in and do the work. This may increase our dues. So, please consider volunteering. It's a wonderful way to give back to our community.

**Clubhouse Curator:** Monterra is looking for people who are willing to help with light yard work around the clubhouse to keep it looking pretty... pulling weeds, caring for the plants, etc.

**Book Keeper:** We are in need of someone to work with the Treasurer to help with book keeping duties.

**Sunshine Person:** We would love a volunteer to send

out cards to our community members... a kind word and a positive greeting. Cards will be provided.

## Good Neighbors

**A big SHOUTOUT to our amazing Ground Crew! Your work is hugely appreciated. We give you a big THANK YOU for all of your hard work!**

## Did You Know?

### Quahlee Lassila

Quahlee is one of our new residents. She was born in Brisbane, Australia. When she was 1 ½ years old, she and her family moved to Honolulu, Hawaii. She went to the University of Hawaii where she received her nursing degree. She joined the Air Force after graduating, and served overseas in the first Gulf War where she met her (late) husband. After coming home from active duty, she pursued her Master's degree in Nursing while working as a nurse for the office of Veteran's Affairs. She was an RN for 39 years, and a nurse practitioner for 29 of those years. She's proud to be able to help the injured veterans and her patients in private practice. She moved to Monterra few months ago from the Tacoma area. She has traveled extensively around the world as part of her career and for fun. If you walk past her home, you'll see her love of gardening. Stop and say Hi and introduce yourself. For those of you who are wondering, Quahlee is an Australian aboriginal name.

## Monterra Happenings

The community annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. Have your items out by your driveway bright and early and hang a balloon on your mailbox to indicate you have items for sale or free.

**Clubhouse Work Party!** Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm.

Come out and let's beautify our clubhouse grounds!  
Monterra Book Club: Right now, they are reading the “compelling, inspiring, and comically sublime story of one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid”. Some participate in the book club because it introduces you to genres you may not otherwise select. Some are there to enjoy good conversations once a month with good neighbors. Some are there for the love of reading. Whatever your reason is, just show up! There are no requirements and no sign ups. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 10am in the Clubhouse. Hope to see you there on Aug.21<sup>st</sup>!

Lilly Todd will be hosting another “How to Live a More Comfortable Life” seminar on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4 in the clubhouse. It's about Senior Care options in Clallam County.

### **Memorial for Bob Hays**

There will be a memorial service for Bob Hays on Saturday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-5 in the Clubhouse. This will be a time to remember him and celebrate his life with family and friends.

### **Fun Facts**

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

### **Trivia Corner**

- What is the only letter that doesn't appear in any state name?
- What percentage of the population is left handed?
- What type of bird is sometimes called a “sea parrot”?

June's trivia answer correction:

-In which country do you find the Spanish steps? Rome, not Sicily.

July's trivia answers

What is the only letter does not appear in any state name? Q

What percentage of the population is left handed? 10.6%

What type of bird is sometimes called a “sea parrot”? puffins

### **Ongoing Event Reminders**

**Exercise Group** - Mondays and Fridays at 10am

**Mexican Train Dominoes** - Mondays at 1pm

**Potluck** - every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:30pm

**Game Day** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 2pm

**Cypress Coffee Chat** - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 9am

**Rock Painting** - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 2pm

**Trivia Night** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 7pm

**Book Club** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10am

**NOTE: 8/20-last day for September, 2025 newsletter submissions**

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