



Homeowners Association

Monterra Newsletter

December 2025

Notes From Your Board

Save the Date:

HOA Membership Meeting:

When: Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025, 1:00 PM

Where: Monterra Clubhouse

All members are welcome. Members are encouraged to ask questions and comments during the open forum portion.

Next Board Meeting:

When: Thursday, Dec 11, 2025, 2:00 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.

2026 Budget:

We were pleased to see many members were in attendance at our special Board meeting last month to consider the budget. By now you should have received your budget packet and ballot via email or snail mail. Come ask questions at the December 4 Member Meeting or the December 11 Board Meeting. **Ballots are due back by December 11 at 4 PM.** Ballots are located on the counter in the

clubhouse next to the ballot box.

Your 2026 Board

The results of the Division (Circle) elections for your 2026 Division Representative and Alternate members are:

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| Cypress | Angela Perryman, rep. |
| Heather | Diane Gemmer, rep. |
| Holley | Shawn Shepherd, rep. |
| Ivy | Vic Ferry, alt. |
| Mont/Sea Bluff | Stuart Kiehl rep. |
| | Rosemarie Lueke, alt. |
| | Dennis Blair, rep. |
| | Susan Ballard, alt. |

Christmas Tractor Light Parade **Saturday, Dec 13th, 2025 at 5PM**

I LOVE A PARADE!

by Dennis Blair

It's the holiday season again, and Monterra will have its annual tractor parade. Agnew resident Lyle Hagen and many of his neighbors will doll up their tractors and trailers with lights and festive decorations and drive through our community on Saturday, December 13th. They will enter Monterra Drive from Gunn Road at around 5:00 PM and spend about an hour helping us celebrate with holiday music, singing, waving, and exchanging season's greetings with us. We can line our streets, watch from our houses, or gather at the clubhouse for the fun!

The only place the tractors can't go is around Sea Bluff Lane because they can't negotiate a tight turn there; so bundle up, all you Sea Bluff folks and meet the parade from another place in the Monterra community.

This year the drivers will not be throwing candy as they pass by. That is to keep our pets and wild birds from eating the treats that don't get picked up from the streets.

So, on Sunday the 14th about mid-morning Lyle and another parade organizer will drive back through Monterra to remove any debris that we or the drivers may have accidentally left. Watch for their flatbed, wave as they go by, and join us for the merriment Saturday night.



Merry Christmas & 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**

Volunteer Corner

Newsletter Editor Wanted:

Our current newsletter editor will be stepping down at the end of this year, so we are looking for a new newsletter editor for 2026. 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 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

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 and download emergency kit information at mil.wa.gov/kits

Build Your Emergency Food Supply

If we have an emergency such as an earthquake or bad winter storm, experts say you should have at least a 7-day supply of food and water that is shelf-stable (long-lasting), easy to prepare and stored in a safe container that will protect it from moisture, rodents, etc.

In an emergency, we will likely lose power, so most of the foods should be ones that can be eaten as-is or easily prepared, such as by just adding water. Protein-rich foods are very important to help you feel full and satisfied.

There are emergency food kits you can purchase, or build your own. Building your own will help make sure you have foods you would want to eat, and will likely be less expensive than purchasing a ready-made kit. You can buy a few items with each grocery shopping trip so it won't be a big expense all at once.

Here are some suggestions for items to keep in your Emergency Food Supply.

- **Water:** You will need at least 1 gallon of water per day per person for drinking and meal prep.
- Single-serve instant oatmeal or dry cereal
- Dry milk
- Dried fruit, individual applesauce or fruit cups
- Protein bars
- Tuna & cracker snack packs
- Canned or pouched tuna and chicken
- Peanut butter
- Canned beef stew
- Canned chili
- Canned pasta with meat
- Canned refried or other beans
- Canned soup
- Instant Ramen soup
- Ready to eat macaroni and cheese
- Pouches of ready to eat rice
- Pouches of instant mashed potatoes
- Crackers
- Trail mix or your other favorite snack
- Seasonings (salt, pepper)
- Water flavor packets to help you enjoy staying hydrated. Consider those with minerals and electrolytes.
- Hard candies or some other comfort food that has a long life.
- Disposable napkins, utensils, plates or bowls,
- Can opener (if the canned foods you have aren't pull tab)
- Wipes
- Small pot.
- If possible, a heat source such as a camp stove or sterno, or see if you have a burner on your gas grill.

Once a year, check your food supply and rotate out food that is going to expire, eat it, and replace. And don't forget your pets!

Holiday Lights Tour Offered by 7 Cedars Hotel

Tours from November 23rd - December 30th
Monday - Thursday | 6 PM
Friday - Sunday | 6 PM & 8 PM
Tickets: \$15 Per Person

Buckle up for a twinkling journey through over 3 million lights of pure holiday magic! Perfect for families, date nights, or a festive evening with friends! Tour includes stops at all the Blyn properties, Tribal Campus, Medical Facilities, Railroad Bridge Park, and more. Reservations are required as space is limited. Tours Include:

- \$5 Jamestown Java Voucher good towards any hot holiday or coffee drink.
- A festive 7 Cedars Holiday Gift.
- 75-90min guided tour of the properties with information behind each location.

To purchase your tour, please visit the Hotel Front Desk.

December Events For Our Members

Glass Mosaic Craft Event

December 3, 2025
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Monterra Clubhouse

Susan Zarit is hosting a glass-on-glass mosaic craft event. The cost of the event is \$20.00 which includes all materials. You are welcome to bring an extra 5x7 complete frame for more, if time permits. The signup sheet is in the Clubhouse. If questions, please contact Susan Zarit at (360) 775-0695

Holiday Potluck

Where? Monterra Clubhouse
When? Thursday, December 18, 2025
5:00 PM - 7:30ish PM

It's time for our Holiday Potluck! Bring your favorite dish to share. Wear your favorite ugly sweater! We will also be having a fun time with an optional white elephant gift exchange. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped new gift valued at no more than \$20 and see the mayhem and fun that will ensue.

Ongoing Event Reminders

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

Exercise Group

Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 am

Mexican Train Dominoes

Mondays at 1:00 pm

Book Club

3rd Thursday at 10:00 am

Potluck

3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm

Game Night

3rd Saturday at 6:00 pm

Note: The game(s) will be chosen by those who attend. Trivia has been tabled for now)

Crafting

Due to the holidays crafting is being canceled for November and December and will begin again in January, 2026

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NOTE: 12/20-last day for January, 2026
newsletter submissions