



Homeowners Association

Monterra Newsletter

November 2025

Notes From Your Board

Save the Date:

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monterra Clubhouse

Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 2 pm

Monterra Clubhouse

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

Save the Date:

HOA Membership Meeting.

Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 1 PM

Monterra Clubhouse

All members are welcome. This meeting provides an update on the current work and progress of the HOA Board and other volunteers. Members are encouraged to ask questions and comment.

Division (Circle) Meetings – Representative Elections

Each of our Monterra Divisions will meet in November to elect their representative and alternate to the Board of Directors for 2026. These are the people who will make decisions for the HOA in the coming year. The meetings will be held at the Clubhouse as follows:

Cypress Circle:

Tuesday, November 4

9 AM (combined with Coffee Collective)

Holley Circle:

Wednesday, November 5

12 PM to 1 PM

Heather Circle:

Wednesday, November 19

2 PM to 3 PM

Ivy Lane

Saturday, November 29

12 PM to 1 PM

Monterra/Sea Bluff/Gunn Road:

Sunday, November 30

2 PM – 3 PM

If you think that you might want to get involved, but have questions, please talk to your current representative or alternate about the duties to see if it is a good match. If you are interested in serving on next year's Board, please let your current representative know so that your name can be put forward.

Mark your calendars now so you can be sure to save the date. If you are unable to attend your meeting, you can sign the attached proxy and give it to a homeowner from your Division (Circle) to vote in your place.

Tentative Thanksgiving Potluck

Thursday, November 20, 2026

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Monterra Clubhouse

We are hopeful that we will once again have an annual Thanksgiving potluck. However, this event will only be possible if the following conditions are met:

- 1. Three residents volunteer to cook a turkey. The HOA will reimburse the cost of the turkey; and
- 2. Enough residents sign up for additional potluck items, setup, serving and cleanup roles.

Please sign up for these roles by November 8th. If these two conditions are not met, the Thanksgiving potluck will unfortunately not take place.

Signup sheets will be available on the counter in the Clubhouse. Please look for an e-Blast advising of the final status of the Thanksgiving potluck.

Holiday Meal Program

- **Thanksgiving Food Bag Distribution:**

The Sequim Food Bank will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Meal program again this year, but with some changes from the past few years.

Instead of the big one-day event in Carrie Blake Park, the event will be held at the Sequim Food Bank facility at 144 W Alder St

in Sequim, and will be spread over three days: November 21, 22 and 24. Visitors will choose which foods to receive instead of getting a prepackaged box of foods as in the past.

Additionally, the Food Bank will also be providing food at the Mobile Food Pantry stops this year. So on Tuesday, November 25th from 1 to 2 pm, you can go to the Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 1033 N Barr Rd and get your Thanksgiving meal.

Additionally, this year, holiday food will only be offered for Christmastime if some is left after November.

Preparing a Pet Evacuation Go Bag

By: Judi Norton

Monterra CERT Squad

Here are some useful tips for preparing a "go bag" for your pet(s) in case the need to evacuate with your pet should arise:

- 1. Make a plan;
- 2. Build an emergency kit;
- 3. Keep informed.

Listed below are some items that need to be included in an emergency kit for your pet or pets.

- 1. Food and water for each pet for at least 14 days and bowls for that use;
- 2. Medicine that your pet(s) take;
- 3. Pet first aid kit;
- 4. Pet(s) Licenses and vaccine records and a microchip number -if applicable;

- 5. A picture of you and your pet(s) TOGETHER;
- 6. Sanitation needs including pet litter and box;
- 7. Familiar items to your pet(s) such as toys, treats, and bedding; and
- 8. Pet carrier(s).

For additional information visit
www.ready.gov.

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. Your response and payment (check and/or cash) is due by November 7, 2025 and can be dropped off at 242 Cypress Circle. If questions, contact Susan Zarit at (360) 775-0695

Volunteer Corner

If you are interested in volunteering to help clean up the Clubhouse grounds please contact our Clubhouse Manager, at clubhouse@monterrahoa.com. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 2 AM. Don't forget to

move your clocks **back** one hour. Things such as watches, cell phones, computers, etc. should automatically change to the correct time.

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.

Hair Salon Tips

Submitted by: Susan Kirk and Ida Birney

Many of our local hair salons now have websites that include options for online scheduling appointments, and some salons even offer online check-in. You always have the option of calling the salon to schedule your appointment as well.

Some helpful tips to ensure you get the best service possible at your favorite salon are:

- Check to see if the salon offers a senior discount.
- It's helpful to have a picture of the type of hairstyle you want.
- For best results, make sure your hair is clean. You can have your hair damp, but most stylists will spritz it when cutting and styling it,
- Inquire what other services the salon offers,
- Inquire about the pricing of the type of service you want, and
- Be sure to pick up a business card of your favorite stylist to have on hand for reference and to share with others if you wish to do so.

Monterra Happenings

Several of Monterra's residents went on local field trips this past year. One was the Underground Port Angeles tour, where we learned a lot about the history of the area.

Another trip was to Lake Crescent and Marymere Falls.

The latest trip was to Glass Beach in Port Townsend to do beach walking and collecting glass, shells, and rocks.

Each of these outings was a fun experience, and we are planning more outings for the coming year.

Monterra Max is the painted rock collection of Monterra at the base of the flags. It is located on Clallam County property. Please do not remove any of the rocks. Thank you.

A Warm Monterra Welcome To Danny and Kirstin Mauritsen

On behalf of all Monterra residents, we would like to give a warm welcome to Danny and Kristin Mauritsen.

They arrived in late July from Kent, after purchasing their new home on Heather Circle from our 'own' Tyler Conkle, who assisted them in finding the home of their dreams here in Monterra. They wanted a 55+ community and heard positive comments about us.

While working in south King County, they explored the northern Olympic Peninsula for many years, enjoying the nature, beauty and

slower pace here. Once retired, they realized they could live here, in Vacation Land!

Danny's mother is 98 years old, and still lives in Kent, by herself, near where he was born & raised. He's also got three sisters in nearby Auburn and Graham, WA. And, Kristin has a sister 'next-door' in Gardiner, WA.

Kristin is from Motown, aka Detroit Michigan. She readily shared her biggest accomplishment: 41 years of continuous sobriety. Congratulations, Kristin!! Another facet of her life is her deep involvement with Missing Pet Partnership (now known as the Missing Animal Response Network) and the Regional Animal Services of King County. She is trained in the art and science of lost pet behavior and still advises people in locating, capturing and reuniting with their lost pets.

Kristin is attending the book club group, and are both impressed with the variety of activities here at Monterra. They can't wait to avail themselves to all Monterra has to offer. In contributing, Danny has volunteered his services to be our new Monterra Treasurer. After several years as an HOA President along with being a Treasurer, his contributions in time and expertise will be much appreciated.

Danny loves cooking, puttering, organizing, and working with numbers! Both are excited about getting out in their garden, now that they have a greenhouse and a deer safe area. They have big plans to spend more time there!

New members to their family are Mickey and Blackie, active adult cats that provide an

endless source of entertainment and affection.

Danny & Kristin will celebrate their 20th anniversary together this Thanksgiving...I wonder where they'll decide to go celebrate?

Special Acknowledgements and Thank You's

At a recent Mexican Train game day at the Clubhouse, one of our members became dizzy and short of breath. Other participants determined the member was in distress and immediately called 911 and the member's relatives. Help arrived quickly and the member was transported to a local hospital. The member is now home and is on the road to recovery. Without the quick thinking of these neighbors, this medical emergency could have had a much different outcome. Thank you for caring and helping.

The Board would like to thank David Perry and Lisa Zane (Holley Circle) for volunteering to bring the clubhouse trash to the curb for pickup and bring it back every week. Thank you!

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 7:00 pm

(Note: The game(s) of the evening 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 on the 4th Thursday in January, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

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NOTE: 11/21-last day for December newsletter submissions