



Homeowners Association

Monterra Newsletter

July 2026

Notes From Your Board

Upcoming HOA Meeting:

July Board Meeting:

Thursday, July 9, 2026 beginning at 2:00 PM

Your 2026 HOA Board Representatives are:

Diane Gemmer, Heather Circle

Angela Perryman, Cypress Circle

Shawn Shepherd, Holley Circle

Stuart Kiehl, Ivy Lane

Dennis Blair, Monterra Drive/Sea Bluff Lane/Gunn Road

Upcoming Events

Monterra Yard Sale

Our annual Monterra yard sale will be held on Saturday, August 8th, from 9 AM to 3 PM or whenever you want to stop. Hang balloons on your mailbox to indicate you are participating in the event. Take down the balloons if you are done selling. Please be respectful of your neighbors. Be sure your buyers don't block driveways and don't allow your sale to spill over onto green belts or others' yards. We are looking for two people to put up (and then later in the day, take down) signs directing buyers to Monterra on the day of the sale. If you want to help with the signs, please inform the Communications Director at communications@monterrahoa.com.

French Potluck Celebration

July 14th is the Fête Nationale de la France. Susan Zarit is hosting a French potluck for her French students, in honor of that day. All Monterra residents are welcome to attend. The potluck is French, so please bring a French dish...but no french fries, french toast, etc which are NOT French dishes. Most of the festivities will be conducted in French. We will also sing La Marseillaise, the French national anthem. The potluck is from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

Who Doesn't Love a Potluck

We have some great cooks in Monterra. Sample their wares and get to know your neighbors at the monthly potlucks on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 in the Clubhouse. And, if you're not one of those who enjoy cooking, be assured that store-bought goodies are also welcome. What's important is that you come.

Next potluck: Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

July 4th Fireworks

An important reminder: Fireworks, including sparklers, are **NOT** allowed anywhere in Monterra, including the Sea Bluff Greenbelt area.

Did you know? More pets go missing on July 4th than any other day. Keep your pets inside for their safety or make sure they are securely leashed if you go outside and that they have up-to-date tags if they are not microchipped. Have a current picture handy just in case. Consider taking your walks earlier in the day, before the fireworks start. And remember that some people set off fireworks on days other than just the 4th. Consider running a fan or playing music to help block outside fireworks noise.

Fawning Season Is Here



SLOW DOWN ... there are little baby fawns running around the streets of Monterra so please -

- Stay with your dog
- Be aware of where you walk your dog; and
- Avoid areas where a fawn might be hidden.

A mama deer will come after your dog and you if she perceives that you are too close to her fawn. She will chase after you - she is a very protective mother so please do not allow your dogs (or cats) to run loose.

Slow Down, "Kids" Playing

The speed limit for our Monterra community streets is 25 mph. Because we are a retirement community, we have many residents who walk their dogs, walk, as well as riding scooters and bicycles and with summer approaching, we may have guests with children visiting. We also have deer and fawns who wander in and out of our yards. For everyone's safety, please remember to slow down when driving in our community as there are areas where there are blind spots and it's hard to see what's around a corner. We want to keep our community residents feeling safe as they walk around our community.

Mahjong, Anyone?

Is anyone interested in playing American Mahjong? If so, maybe we can get a group together to play regularly. If you have wanted to play but don't know how, a local person who teaches it has indicated she will come to Monterra and offer a "boot camp" crash course if there are enough people interested. If you want to play, or learn, please call or text Dawn Wolff at 309-235-3881.

Ongoing Event Reminders

In addition to our special events, we have lots of regular activities 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

(Game(s) will be chosen by those who attend.)

Crafting

4th Thursday at 200 PM

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NOTE: 7/24-last day for August 2026
newsletter submissions