

VILLA MONTEREY

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Mark Your Calendars

Monthly Board Meetings

Saturday, January 4 and February 8 at 9 a.m. at the Ramada

Friday Happy Hour

January 3 and 17 and February 7 at 5 p.m. at the Ramada

Brush and Bulk Trash Pickup

January 19

Book Club

Tuesday, January 21 at 6 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 8 at 2 p.m. at the Ramada

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Annual meeting, elections and reception February 8th

All members are encouraged to attend the Villa Monterey Recreation Association annual meeting and Board of Director elections on Saturday, February 8th at 2 p.m. at the Ramada. A wine and cheese reception will follow at 3 p.m.



Ballots and information on candidates were mailed with annual dues invoices in late December. Georgia Bichekas, Sharyn McCaslin, and Gail Rackliffe have been nominated to fill 3 expiring member terms.

Book club meets January 21st

Read the current selection, *The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos* by Judy Batalion, and join neighbors on January 21st at 6 p.m. to discuss. At the end of the meeting, those present will select the February book, meeting date, and host home location.



To check out a book or for information on the January meeting and location, contact Emily Estes-Cross: 509-551-4160

Connect at Happy Hour

Please bring a light snack to share, your beverage of choice, and gather at the Ramada at 5 p.m. the first and third Friday monthly to meet and socialize with neighbors.



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Bill Marshall, Board President



Fountain history: From lackluster to showpiece

The beautiful fountain entrance that currently welcomes residents and their guests to Villa Monterey wasn't always so, recalls Kate Evans, whose family has owned their home on Hazelwood since 1963. In the early years, then-residents saw only a roundabout of grass and a large square structure with a blue-tiled border and empty saucer in the middle.

"Many residents found it most unattractive and thought it was unfinished by the developer," Kate wrote. "It became an ongoing topic of discussion and concern of various Board members for many years."

In the 1980s, Board members had heard enough! Larry Landsman, Ernie Morrison, and Kate – with photo in hand—went to a Phoenix stone company on a mission to solve the entry problem. With help, they selected 4 separate stone pieces that when assembled and installed would become the working water fountain we admire today.

Share your community memories in the newsletter: estes.cross@gmail.com

A Note from Bill

Hi Homeowners,

About 20 neighbors attended the holiday luncheon, and we appreciate volunteers for organizing the festivities.

As noted in the annual dues invoice, inflation precipitated a small dues increase to \$670. Please remit by January 31st to avoid a late fee.

The Board has received numerous complaints of people not picking up after their dogs, in violation of city ordinance. As outlined in Code 1972, §4-204, anyone with a dog should immediately remove and thereafter dispose of any dog waste on public or private property. We are considering installing signs, but they are costly and we recognize the problem extends beyond VM2.

Finally, if you have any changes to your information for the 2025 Owner's Director, please notify me or Emily Estes-Cross.

Happy new year,

Bill Marshall, VMRA 2 President