



Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

April
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Opportunities for Community Involvement

The Youth Action Committee, chaired by Board Director Bernice Tingle, will host an open forum for young people between the grades of 6th -12th, who are interested in serving on the committee. Youth in the Mountain House community are encouraged to attend this meeting in order to learn how the committee will function and assist in the development of community youth programs by using the governmental process.

Young people will have an opportunity to express their interest in serving on the committee and provide input on what they feel are high priority needs for youth in this age group, while forging positive civic relations.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 28, 2010, at 6:30 pm** in the MHCS D Board Room at 230 S. Sterling, Drive, Suite 101.

For more information, please contact Director Tingle at btingle@sjgov.org.

Keeping Mountain House Tidy

Now that we have taken down all of our Christmas lights, the MHCS D staff would like to remind you that erecting signs, for most purposes, is not allowed in Mountain House. California State law makes it illegal to post any sign on any utility pole, traffic sign or utility box. San Joaquin County Ordinances make it illegal to post signs in county road right of ways or within five feet of a road without a permit. The County ordinances also proscribe most business advertising and have specific requirements for signage and advertising. It is illegal to post signs in the Mountain House road rights of way as well.

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Municipal Utility Account Refunds

Termination of water notices that were issued prior to October 2009, did not include the total amount owed by the customer, as required by law. Due to this deficiency, the MHCS D will begin refunding customers who paid restoration of water charges for water terminations that occurred from October 2006 through October 2009. Customers with active accounts, that paid these charges, will see a credit by the May bill. For customers that no longer have an active account, the MHCS D has developed a claim process through which customers can request a refund.

Prior to February 10, 2010, late charges that were imposed on the due date, instead of thirty days after the due date, will also be refunded. In order to request either a credit (active accounts only) or a refund, a claim must be submitted to the MHCS D.

Customers requesting a credit or refund in either of the above circumstances must file a claim by **March 10, 2011**. The claim is subject to the statute of limitation, which is three years prior to the date on which the claim is received. For example, if the claim is received on December 1, 2010, it can only cover restoration of water charges going back to December 1, 2007. It cannot cover restoration of water charges made prior to December 1, 2007.

More information regarding the claims process is posted on our website for your convenience. The claim forms are also available on the website and at the MHCS D office. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact us at 209-831-2300.

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In order to place any sign in a Mountain House right of way a person or business must first obtain an Encroachment Permit from the MHCS Development Department.

Signs on private property in Mountain House are subject to the Master Restrictions, which generally allow modest signs for realtors selling a home and political advertisement during an election cycle.

If you wish to place a sign in the Mountain House right of way, or you see a sign in the right of way and wish to know if the sign is legally placed, you may contact the MHCS at 831-2300.

Coffee and Tea Social

The very first MHCS Coffee and Tea Social was held on February 17, at the Trimark Information Center. The informal setting provided the residents in attendance, the opportunity to ask questions of their civil leaders, and also provide information via a short survey, as to their thoughts regarding the top priorities in Mountain House. Please join us for a warm cup of coffee or tea at the next event!

Schedule of Events

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Fire Station Community Room

MHCS Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: MHCS Board Room

MHCS Coffee and Tea Social

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: Wicklund Elementary School

Youth Action Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2010
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: MHCS Board Room

**Wicklund Elementary School
4TH ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION &
FIESTA DINNER!**

Saturday, April 17, 2010 5:00pm-10:30 pm
Hilton Garden Inn Livermore
2801 Constitution Drive
For Event/Ticket Information:
<http://www.wicklundschoolfoundation.org/>

**Bethany Elementary School
MULTICULTURAL DAY AND
SILENT AUCTION**

Please help celebrate Multicultural Day, as well as bid on baskets at the Silent Auction on April 30, from 6pm – 8 pm, at the Bethany School Multipurpose Room. Bring a food item (enough for 10 people) and \$5 cash per family. For more information, please contact bsfbobcats@gmail.com.

MHCS Board of Directors

The Board of Directors held their regular meeting on March 10, 2010. Some of the actions include:

- Approved turning back on all the street lights and traffic signals that were turned off earlier this fiscal year
- Adopted an amended resolution outlining committee appointments
- Referred the proposed Dog Park and Design Guidelines and Rules to the Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Skate Park Design Guidelines and Rules to the Youth Action Committee for review

If you missed the meeting, you can watch the video of past meetings online at our website (listed below).

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