



Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

August
2010

UPCOMING ELECTION

It seems like only yesterday that the community of Mountain House was preparing for the historic election that established an Independent Board of Directors. That election occurred on November 4, 2008. Fast forward to today, and we have a Board of Directors that has passed two budgets, established committees, and set a calendar full of community events that the entire community of Mountain House can enjoy.

The term for two of the seats on the Board of Directors will expire at the end of this year, and residents will vote at the November 2, 2010 election to fill the seats. The filing period for interested candidates began on July 12 and ends on August 6. If the incumbent has not filed to run in the election by August 6, the deadline is extended to August 11 for non-incumbent candidates only. All prospective candidates must file forms for candidacy with the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters Office, located at 44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 350, Stockton, CA 95202. Please go to the Registrar of Voters website at www.sjcrov.org for more information.

If you are a registered voter and reside in Mountain House, this is your opportunity to pursue a position on the Board and be a part of the governing body that is responsible for setting policy and for fulfilling the vision of the Master Plan for Mountain House. There are many exciting aspects to serving on the Board, as well as many hours of service and dedication that come with this commitment. It is important to uphold the standards that have made Mountain House a wonderful place to live, and you can be a part of that effort!



TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

There are many seemingly small things that we can all do to maintain our community and to keep everything in working order. It truly does require everyone to take an interest and to develop a sense of pride and community in order for that to be reflected in our neighborhoods, schools, and parks.

Now that summer is in full swing here are some tips related to outdoor activities:

1. When enjoying the fountain in Central Community Park, parents please take care that children do not put sand in the fountain, as this can result in clogged lines and ultimately, temporary closure of the fountain due to untimely maintenance.
2. Please adhere to the age guidelines posted at each playground. The playground equipment is designed specifically for the different age groups to provide age-appropriate activities. However, improper use, such as older children or adults playing on equipment designed for much younger children, can result in increased maintenance.
3. If you wish to reserve a spot at one of the parks for a special occasion, please contact our office and we will be happy to provide the reservation form, or you can find the information on our website. Without a reservation, park usage is on a first-come-first-serve basis. With all this great weather, there is high level of activity at the parks and it is best to reserve your spot in advance!

WATER CONSERVATION

The Mountain House Community Services District has a water conservation ordinance that contains some restrictions that affect residents. The purpose of the ordinance is to conserve water in order to assure the intent of the Master Plan. The full text of the ordinance can be found on our website, under Services/Water. Per the ordinance, irrigation in non-public areas is prohibited between the hours of **11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** during the period between **May 1st and October 1st**

If you have any questions about water conservation, please feel free to contact our Development Manager at 209-831-2300.

ONLINE PAYMENT SECURITY

Many residents have received an Address Verification Service (AVS) error while attempting to submit a Municipal Utility payment through the Mountain House Community Services District website. For every credit card authorization, AVS compares the billing address and ZIP Code provided by the customer, to the address and ZIP Code on file at the card-issuing bank. If the address or ZIP Code does not match what is on file with the card-issuing bank, the transaction will be declined. To avoid receiving this error, please ensure that the credit card billing address, and not the service address, is entered under the billing information. This verification process is in place to provide an additional level of security against identity theft, and is used by most online payment systems.

Please take advantage of the convenience and security of using our online payment system, found on our website at www.ci.mountainhouse.ca.us. Click on the green tab entitled "Pay MHCS D Utility Bills" located on the right-hand side. If you have questions regarding online Municipal Utility payment transactions, please contact our Billing Coordinator at 209-831-5611.

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS ARE BACK!

We are please to announce that the Mountain House Community Services District will resume holding Community Meetings. Due to budget constraints in the last fiscal year, the meetings were temporarily discontinued. The Board of Directors felt that the meetings were valuable to the community and restored them in the 2010-11 budget passed in June.

Our next Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, **September 16, 2010**, at 7:00 pm. More information, including the location, will be announced in our next newsletter, and a postcard will be sent to each household in advance of the meeting. For those who have not attended any of the previous meetings, please mark your calendars and plan on meeting other residents and neighbors at this informative event. As in previous meetings, the agenda will include topics that are current and of interest to residents, and the Q&A portion of the meeting is your opportunity to ask questions that are important to you.

Schedule of Events

Youth Action Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: MHCS D Board Room

MHCS D Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: MHCS D Board Room

MHCS D Coffee and Tea Social

Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: MHCS D Board Room

Music in the Park – Central Community Park

Dates: August 7 and August 14
Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

El Paseo – Central Community Park

Date: August 21, 2010
Time: 5:00 – 8:00 pm