



Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

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MOUNTAIN HOUSE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Mountain House Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supplementing public funding to enhance the services and programs of the Mountain House Library. We welcome your support in any one of the following ways:

1. Join the Friends of the Library: Annual Memberships (Individual \$15, Family \$25, Corporate \$35) and Lifetime Membership (\$200) available.
2. Attend the Book Sale December 4, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mountain House Library.
3. Provide items to be used as raffle prizes.
4. Donate your "gently used" books to the library. "Best Sellers" are especially appreciated.
5. Attend the next Friends of the Library Meeting on December 3, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

For more information visit the library or send an E-mail to MHLibraryFriends@yahoo.com

The MH Branch Library will be closed on November 11, 12, and 22-28, due to holidays and furlough days.

DID YOU KNOW?:

That one of the most common Master Restriction violation relates to garbage cans? There is an easy way to help keep Mountain House neat and clean, and avoid a violation notice in the process.

Simply remember to put out your refuse cans no sooner than 24 hours prior to pick-up, and put them back behind your fence (or out of public view) within 24 hours after pick-up.

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OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Did you know that you can watch the monthly MHCS D Board meetings from the comfort of your home? Simply go to our website and click on the Board meeting tab. There you can access the live stream or past videos. The following are samples of the Board's actions at the October 13 Board meeting:

- Accepted the Ten Year Budget Forecast prepared by the MHCS D staff
- Authorized Request for Proposals for the Utility contract
- Amended the Park Reservation Rules
- Provided feedback on the newly reinstated Community Meetings
- Approved changes to the FY 2010-11 Community Events calendar

The Board meetings are open to the public (unless designated as a Closed Session) and you are welcomed to call the MHCS D offices if you have questions regarding agenda items. The agendas are available 72 hours prior to the Board meetings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Please plan on attending our next Community Meeting on December 16 at 6:30 pm. Our last meeting on September 16 was a well-attended, informative, and overall successful event. Detailed information, including a list of topics of discussion, will be available on our website as the date approaches.

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The MHCS D receives a high number of calls pertaining to what are most commonly called "Park Strips". These are the landscaped areas directly in front of homes, between the sidewalk and the street. It is the owner's responsibility to maintain these areas. We have included below the specific sections of the Master Restrictions that deal with these two areas of concern.

Master Restrictions Section: Article 4. Section 4.04 paragraph H – Nature of Violation: Refuse (Trash can) No refuse or refuse container shall be placed in streets or public view more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled collection time for such refuse and all refuse containers shall be removed within the twenty-four (24) hour period following the collection of the refuse.

Master Restrictions Section: Article 4 Section 4.2 Paragraph B – Nature of Violation: Landscaping

Each Owner shall maintain the landscaping and Improvements on such Owner's Lot in a neat and attractive manner, including any landscaped strip of land located between the sidewalk and the street located adjacent to such Lot ("**Park Strip**"), except for any portion of the landscaping maintained by the MHCS D or other governmental entity. All grass, mass plantings, and other plantings shall be mowed, pruned, trimmed, fertilized, and cut as necessary at reasonable regular intervals, all trees shall be properly maintained and irrigation systems shall be maintained in good operating order and properly used to irrigate the landscaping.

If each resident, owner, and tenant does their part in adhering to the Master Restrictions, together we can ensure the beauty of our community!

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP

As we reported in the October newsletter, we continue to face the threat of copper wire theft in Mountain House, as in many communities. Please report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff at (209) 468-4400 or 911.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Youth Action Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

MHCS D Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

**MHCS D Board of Directors Special Meeting
Evaluation of the General Manager
(Closed Session)**

Date: Monday, November 15, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

MHCS D Coffee and Tea Social

Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

**MHCS D Board of Directors Special Meeting
Mission Statement Workshop**

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

Please note that the MHCS D offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and on November 25 and 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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