



Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

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RESIDENTS, LEND US YOUR EARS

...and eyes. There remains the ongoing threat of copper wire theft in Mountain House, particularly along arterial streets. Since these areas are generally outside the visibility of Neighborhood Watch groups, the MHCS D and Sheriff request that if travelers notice suspicious activity along our perimeter streets, incidents should be reported as soon as practicable to the Sheriff at 209-468-4400 or 911. Such grass roots efforts will enhance our ability to catch copper wire thieves.

BOARD COMMITTEES

The MHCS D Board of Directors has established several advisory committees for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding areas of interest to the community. The committees include public safety, communications, parks and recreation, schools, and youth activities. Committee meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend the meetings, or contact the chairperson with feedback and ideas. Currently, the Parks and Recreation committee seeks applicants to fill three vacancies. President Andy Su serves as the chairperson for this committee and would like to fill the vacancies with residents interested in stimulating ideas for recreation activities for all age groups, and community events within Mountain House. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please go to our website, download the application, and submit it to the MHCS D office by **November 1, 2010**.

For more information regarding the various committees, please visit our website.

SEPTEMBER 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 September 8th Board meeting:

- Decision to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors at a special meeting set for September 16
- Discussion on ways to support Neighborhood Watch activities
- Approval of the state-approved Chloramines Implementation Plan
- Set **October 21 at 6pm** for an educational workshop regarding current purchasing and contracting procedures
- Set a uniform bail schedule for park violations
- Set **November 18 at 6pm** for a Mission Statement workshop

The Board also approved a plan to reschedule the monthly Coffee and Tea Socials in order to avoid conflicting with the quarterly Community Meetings. For a schedule of these events and other upcoming events, please go to the calendar on our website.

FALL IN MOUNTAIN HOUSE

As we approach the fall season here in Mountain House, here are a few actions residents can take for the benefit of all:

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COMMUNITY SAFETY CONCERNS:

Recently in Mountain House we had a residential structure fire and when the Fire Department arrived at the scene there were cars parked in front of the nearest fire hydrant hampering the ability of the fire fighters to extinguish the blaze. We should all recognize that parking and driving rules are implemented for a reason and are for all of our benefit. When one person violates the rules it may cause harm to another. For that reason the MHCS D staff is asking the Sheriff's Department to spend some extra time in the coming months targeting parking violations in Mountain House.

In addition to the standard traffic and parking codes that the Sheriff will police there are Master Restriction violations that MHCS D will be pursuing. Those violations may include: The indefinite parking of any vehicle, including trailers, in any street, on any driveway or on any other exterior parking area on a Lot is prohibited for any purpose. "Indefinite Parking" means the continuous parking of any vehicle for a period exceeding seven (7) days.

BASKETBALL FUN

Friday night pick-up basketball is still going strong! Lace up your basketball shoes and join in on the fun!

When: Fridays - October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Where: Wicklund Elementary School
Multi-Purpose Room

More information at www.mhflagfootball.com

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Fun Run

Date: Saturday, October 23, 2010

More information to follow on the website

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Water Conservation: With the warm summer weather ending, residents will revert to lower water allotments. Beginning in October and ending the following March, each residence can use up to 12 units of water a month (1 unit = 748 gallons). Higher water usage will result in residents being billed at a higher tier rate. Many varieties of lawn and landscaping become dormant during the fall and winter seasons. Residents are encouraged to adjust their watering frequencies and lengths to account for these seasonal changes.

Tree Maintenance: Per the Master Restrictions, Mountain House Residents are responsible for the care and upkeep of the trees planted in their yards and within the park strip frontage of their property on local streets. Most of the tree varieties found in Mountain House are deciduous. These trees become dormant in the fall and winter months. October and November provide prime opportunities for residents to prune and re-stake their trees. Pruning lower limbs during the winter will cause less stress to the tree and will encourage growth during the springtime. Trees that are leaning due to the strong spring and summer winds should be re-staked to encourage upright growth. If you are unsure on how to take these actions, consult with a professional landscaper to assist you.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Youth Action Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

MHCS D Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October 13, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

Haunted School Event

Date: Saturday, October 30, 2010

Time: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Central Park