



## Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

February  
2010

### Coffee and Tea Socials

At the January 13, 2010 MHCS D Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to have the MHCS D host Coffee and Tea Socials once per month on the third Wednesday, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The purpose of this monthly event is to provide an environment at which neighbors can meet each other or find Board of Directors and other community leaders available for a brief conversation regarding local current events.

Trimark Communities, LLC, has offered to allow the Coffee and Tea Socials to be held in the Information Center, located next to the Library in Wicklund Village. The residents are invited to attend and take the opportunity to enjoy a nice cup of coffee or tea while getting to know your fellow community members and civic leaders. We would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions to these socials: Valley Crest Landscaping, SouthWest Water Company, West Valley Disposal Service, and Lammersville School District.

The first Coffee and Tea Social is scheduled for February 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

### Holiday Lighting

The holiday season in Mountain House was celebrated in many neighborhoods, evidenced by the great holiday light displays and festive decorations. It is hard to believe that the season has come and gone so quickly and the time has come to take the decorations down and pack them away for another year.

In order to enhance and maintain the character, value, desirability, and attractiveness of the established neighborhoods, the MHCS D would like to remind

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### Community-Based Organizations

Grab your jersey, shorts and shoes!

Mountain House Basketball (a division of Mountain House Flag Football) is organizing Friday night (7-9 pm) pick-up games at the Wicklund School Gym. February dates include **2/5, 2/12, 2/19** and **2/26**.

Mountain House Basketball is also starting an adult indoor basketball league in March of 2010. Registration deadline is **February 15!** Please go to [www.mhbball.com](http://www.mhbball.com) for more information on these events.

To list your community-based organization's events, please contact our office. The definition of a community-based organization is a community-based organization that is organized primarily for civic betterment and/or charitable purposes for Mountain House residents and provide a community service to Mountain House.

### Schedule of Events

#### **Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Fire Station Community Room

#### **MHCS D Board of Directors Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

#### **MHCS D Coffee and Tea Social**

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Information Center next to Library

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residents to adhere to the Master Restrictions that requires residents to remove the holiday lighting promptly. No holiday lighting may be left installed for periods exceeding forty-five (45) days.

We all know that taking down and putting away holiday lighting is a weekend chore that requires temperate weather and that there has been rain lately. However, beginning February 15, while MHCS D staff is out in the neighborhoods performing other work, they will also begin to make note of where holiday lighting is still installed and will issue violation notices. So don't make the MHCS D the Grinch who steals the holiday spirit and come home to find a violation notice on your door. Please make an effort to use one of the weekend days between now and February 14 to pack away your holiday lights.

### **Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water**

Last month's newsletter included ways that each resident can help protect our waterways and ultimately the water we drink. The tips below are a continuation of the efforts the MHCS D has put forth to educate residents on how they can do their part. Future Newsletters will contain more ways to protect our water.

### **Lawn and Garden**

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought- and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water runoff into the storm drain.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

### **Parks and Recreation** **Job Opportunity**

Specifications are being developed to hire a person to work on an irregular schedule throughout the year to perform events/recreation coordination. If any residents are interested in this type of job, please send your statement of qualifications to the attention of Morgan Groover, Development Manager. All statements of qualifications will be screened and a short-list will be developed for a formal Request for Proposals process. There will be more extensive advertising prior to the formal proposals date, but we wanted to reach out to residents first to allow you more time to think about it. We do not have a complete description for the job at this point, so please do not inquire at this time. If you submit an interest letter with qualifications, we will contact you later with the actual scope of work. The intent is to enter into a contract by early spring.

### **MHCS D Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors held their regular meeting on January 13, 2010. Some of the actions include:

- Accepted the Public Communication Committee Recommendations to improve the MHCS D website
- Amended the Parks and Leisure Plan to allow the inclusion of a Dog Park
- Set a Goals and Objectives Workshop date of January 25, 2010 at 6:00 pm

Residents can watch the Board meetings from the comfort of home by going to the MHCS D website and clicking on the MHCS D Board Meetings tab. Or, Come on down!!

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