



Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

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Safety Tips

Police Protection services in Mountain House are provided by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department. The diligence and dedication of the officers assigned to our community result in safer neighborhoods and parks for residents to enjoy. A recent arrest in a mail theft case in progress prompted the Sheriff's office to offer the following tips for preventing identity theft:

- Promptly remove delivered mail from your mailbox
- Deposit outgoing mail in official mailbox or at local post office.
- If you don't receive your mail for more than a couple of days, check with the post office to see if a change of address has been filed.
- Never give personal information over the telephone unless you initiated the phone call.
- Memorize your social security number, all of your passwords and PIN numbers.
- Shred unwanted pre-approval credit applications, credit card receipts, and bills.
- Shred anything with your name, address, and date of birth.
- Pick up new checks from the bank. Do not have your driver's license number or social security number printed on your checks.
- Carefully review all statements, including bank, telephone, cable and cellular phone bills.
- Report all of your lost or stolen credit cards immediately.
- Get a copy of your credit report at least once a year.

For more tips on crime prevention, please go to <http://www.sjgov.org/sheriff/> and click on the "Crime Prevention" tab.

Municipal Utility Account Refunds Update

On May 3, 2010, the Board of Directors during a closed session, voted to waive the statute of limitations regarding claims for delinquent municipal utility account refunds and termination charges. This means that customers eligible for refunds will be able to have their account reviewed from the date it was established. The deadline for submitting a claim remains **March 10, 2011**. The revised claim forms are posted on the website, along with detailed information explaining eligibility requirements.

Customers that had submitted a claim prior to the Board's ruling will be reimbursed according to the new criteria. If you need any assistance, or would like to know if you are eligible for a refund, please feel free to contact us at 209-831-2300.

Sports in Mountain House

Mountain House Flag Football Youth League

Ages 5-14

Season starts July 31

To register now, please go to www.mhflagfootball.com

MH Soccer Club & American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)

Boys & Girls ages 4 -19

Season starts August 1st

For more information, please go to www.mhsoccerclub.com

Mountain House Basketball 2010

Fall Season registration deadline is July 19

For more information, please go to www.mhbball.com

Municipal Utility Payment Option

Never a late payment again!!!

ACH is a term we all have heard but probably don't know much about. The ACH stands for automated clearing house, and it is used to make automatic payments taken directly from your checking or savings account. It is used for recurring payments for which the participant does not wish to write a check or make a transfer on a monthly basis. The originating organization runs a tape that is sent to the clearing house and the clearing house takes the exact amount indicated from your account and makes the payment to the originating organization. Your payment is never late, it is always for the exact amount of the invoice and you just have to ensure that you have the appropriate funds in your account at the time of payment. You too, can enjoy the peace of mind of never being late with your utility billing again by signing up for ACH at the MHCSO office. Call 209-831-5611 for further information.

S.T.A.R.S in Mountain House

The Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (S.T.A.R.S.) is inviting Mountain House residents to learn more about this program.

The S.T.A.R.S. program is operated through the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department. The S.T.A.R.S. program provides a variety of police services to the community through volunteers age 50 and older. These well trained seniors provide "eyes and ears" to the Patrol Division and call for deputies to respond to any observed criminal activity. S.T.A.R.S. personnel conduct vacation checks, transport evidence, conduct school checks, assist deputies with traffic control, and many other services.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this organization, you can do so by contacting Mary Ann Dahl at mdahl@sjgov.org or at (209) 468-4469. Volunteers must be age 50 or older, pass a background check, attend a 40-hour academy, and purchase a uniform (nominal cost.)

Neighborhood Watch

Having a sense of community can be accomplished in many ways. However, the people that make up a community must find common ways to unite and move towards a stated goal. Neighborhood Watch is an integral part of any community and can be very effective in deterring crime.

To find out more about the Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood, please contact Director Matthew Balzarini at mbalzarini@sjgov.org, or Bill Hughes of the Sheriff's Department at 209-468-4796.

Schedule of Events

MHCSO Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: MHCSO Board Room

4th Annual Mountain House Kite Festival

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010
Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Location: Central Community Park

MHCSO Coffee and Tea Social

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: Trimark Information Center

5th Annual MH Independence Day Parade

Date: Saturday, July 3, 2010
Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Central Community Park
To participate in the parade, please register now at www.mhflagfootball.com

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