



Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

January
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TRAFFIC CIRCLES IN MOUNTAIN HOUSE

The “traffic circles” in the residential neighborhoods in Mountain House are a type of traffic calming device that are intended to be used in place of stop signs and traffic signals. These circular intersections are more commonly known as the “modern roundabout”. The roundabouts are designed to improve traffic flow and safety.

Rules in using the traffic roundabout:

- Slow down when approaching the intersection
- Roundabouts require entering drivers to yield to all traffic within the roundabout
- As any other intersection, all vehicles including those in the traffic circle must yield to pedestrians
- All vehicles circulate around the central island of a roundabout in the same direction: enter into circle to the right and proceed counter-clockwise until reaching the desired street branch to exit

In Mountain House, the outer ring of the center island has mountable paving stones, which are intended for larger vehicles such as fire trucks and large moving trucks that have too large of a turning radius to stay within the asphalt concrete pavement portion of the roundabout.

Advantages of traffic roundabouts:

- Better traffic flow in intersections with traffic circles compared to intersections with traffic signals or stop signs
- Roundabouts are safer than signal controlled intersections because accidents usually occur at a slower speed and at a slight angle instead of right-angle, head on, or rear end collisions at regular intersections

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DECEMBER 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 December 8th Board meeting:

- Installation of new Board members
- Election of the President and Vice President of the Board of Directors
- Appointment for Bond Counsel Selection Panel
- Approved a change order for two contracts
- Set February 23, 2011, for a Mission Statement Workshop

There was a moment of silence in memory of the MHCS D District Counsel, Michael F. McGrew, who passed away on November 30. Mr. McGrew served the District for many years and will be missed by many.

After the Board meeting, the MHCS D hosted a social gathering and the incoming and outgoing Board members were available to interact with staff and the public.

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

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- Roundabouts allow U-turns within the normal flow of traffic, which are often not possible at other forms of junction.



Traffic Sign when approaching a roundabout



Diagram depicting traffic circulation and options around roundabout

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SPORTS IN MOUNTAIN HOUSE

MH Tennis Club and MH Golf Club (divisions of MH Flag Football) are sponsoring group tennis and golf lessons for kids starting in January (and monthly after that). To register, or for more information, go to www.mhflagfootball.com

Mountain House Basketball League (a division of MH Flag Football) is starting its second season in January. To register, or for more information, go to www.mhflagfootball.com or www.mhbball.com

MH Tennis Club is hosting its 1st Tennis Tournament! April 2-3, 2010. To register, or for more information, go to www.mhflagfootball.com

MH Golf Club is hosting its March Golf Tournament (these will be monthly)! Sunday, March 27 at Roddy Ranch in Antioch. To register, or for more information, go to www.mhflagfootball.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Youth Action Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

MHCS D Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

MHCS D Coffee and Tea Social

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MHCS D Board Room

Please note that the MHCS D offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.