



Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

*The Mission of the District is to Provide Responsive
Service to our Growing Community
that Exceeds Expectations at a Fair Value*

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MASTER RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

Recently we have received complaints regarding the raising and breeding of chickens and rabbits. Per the Master Restriction this is prohibited.

E. Animals. The keeping, raising, or breeding of animals, including reptiles or birds of any kind, on any Lot is prohibited except as specifically allowed by this Subsection. Not more than four (4) animals of any kind (other than fish or marine life) and not more than two (2) dogs and two (2) cats may be kept on any Lot. Fish and other marine life may be kept if confined in an aquarium or pond. Birds that are domestic or household pets, such as parrots and parakeets, may be kept, provided they are kept inside the Unit. The keeping of animals for commercial purposes is prohibited. Any dogs trained to attack persons or other animals are prohibited. No unleashed dogs are permitted off the Owner's Lot. Occupants must prevent dogs and other pets from continuously barking, or making other loud noises, or defecating on other Lots. Animals which: (i) are kept in violation of this Subsection; (ii) violate this Subsection; or (iii) found to be vicious by nature or by temperament, shall be removed by their owner from the Community and if not removed by the owner, may be removed and delivered to an animal shelter, pound, or animal control officer, without liability to the MHCS D or to the directors, officers, and agents of the MHCS D.

FALL WEATHER

In anticipation of a rainy fall/winter season, MHCS D encourages all homeowners and residents to maintain their yards. This should include the proper disposal of yard waste. Please use the brown tote for all yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, branches, etc.) Keep the curbs and gutter clean of debris in front of your home to prevent flooding and to protect the environment from pollution, as our Storm Drains flow directly into the creek and out to the Delta waterways. As a friendly reminder, weeds, rubbish, debris, manure, composting or decaying vegetation material should be removed and not allowed to accumulate on lots. Any yard waste material that doesn't fit in your brown waste cart should be stored out of sight until the next scheduled collection (see the link below for more details).

<http://www.westvalleydisposal.com/leaf-pickup.shtml>

WATER USAGE & MANDATED REDUCTIONS

The First Day of Autumn (Autumnal Equinox) is upon us. This means every day after September 22nd, daylight will become shorter and nighttime will become longer. In regards to irrigation, the longer nights and the fluctuating weather will directly affect the amount of water turf and shrubs require on a daily basis. Unfortunately, the possibility of overwatering is greater than under watering. This is due to the shorter days and cooler nights. Even during a hot spell, a one hundred degree day in the autumn doesn't hold the same weight as a 100 degree day in July. This is due to the (4 fewer daylight) hours the landscape receives this time of year.

On June 8th the MHCS D Board of Directors approved adding an additional day to mandatory residential irrigation guidelines. Staff estimated the additional day of watering would cause a 5% - 7% drop in conservation. We were pleased to experience no impact in July; however, the impact wasn't noticed until August. Residential reductions from May through July held steady at about 25%, however, in August the reductions fell to only 7.5%. Trends were similar in other categories as well. How do we get back on track? Fortunately irrigation is the one area we can adjust. There are a couple of options, turn clocks back to two days per week, or reduce station runtimes by one third. Due to the cooler weather, this will have little effect on landscape and you will experience an immediate 7% water savings. This is due in part by the amount of water an average household uses to water landscaping. During the summer it is not uncommon for households to use up to half of total consumption for watering landscape. So, if a family of four is consuming 30 units or 22,440 gallons of water in one month, half of that is going towards landscaping. That means a 7% usage reduction will deliver a net savings of 1,570 gallons in on month! In addition, each watering day uses approximately 900 gallons of water, so if it looks like rain or the weather turns very cold, turn the controller off for additional savings.

The Community of Mountain House is under a State Mandate to reduce water consumption by 25% over 2013 usage. Based on performance this percentage may adjust up or down. CSD Staff has also applied to the State Water Recourses Control Board to become self-certified. If approved, this will relax conservation standards even further. The current 25.6% reduction is acceptable; however, a little padding wouldn't hurt and let's all hope for a wet winter this season!

SCHEDULE OF MHCS D EVENTS

Board meetings and committee meetings are held in the Michael Forbes McGrew Board Room at the CSD office. For class and event locations please see below. If you would like additional information on the classes or events please contact Angel Lamb at alamb@sjgov.org. Please subscribe to the Google Calendar.

POLITICAL SIGNAGE

Elections are soon. We would like to remind everyone that per the resolution approving our Master Restrictions (page 8) with regards to political signs:

"Temporary posting of political signs not exceeding three (3) square feet may be located in the front yard of any improved lot or in the window of any project unit. Such signs may be erected thirty (30) days prior to any appropriate political election and must be removed twenty-four (24) hours after the political election."

http://www.mountainhousecsd.org/master_restrictions/Resolution.pdf

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

If your group has an activity open to the community in Mountain House please send that information to Angel Lamb no later than the 10th of the month to be included in the newsletter.

Mountain House Rotary

Date: 2nd and 4th Friday's

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Location: Firehouse

For more information please contact Christina Oh at ohchristinaoh@gmail.com

Family Fit MH Club

Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's

Time: 6:00am and 9:00am

Saturday's

Time: 8:00am

Location: Wicklund Park

For more information please contact Jaime Montenegro at sscjaime@yahoo.com

Mountain's Hope Community Day

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2016

Time: 10:00a – 3:00p

Location: Central Park

For more information please contact Carolyn Ross at 510.821.3084

MHHS VAPA Boosters Family Fun Bingo Night

Date: Friday, October 7, 2016

Time: 5:30p

Location: MHHS Multipurpose Room

MHHS VAPA Boosters Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Time: 7:00p

Location: MHHS Room A152

Mountain House Invitational

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Time: To be announced

Location: MHHS Stadium

Community Health Fair and Medicare Beneficiaries

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2016

Time: 1:00p – 6:00p

Location: 950 East Street Tracy

Blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, bone density testing, flu shots and much more. Medicare Part D prescription plan reviews and medication safety reviews.

For more information and an appointment, please call (209) 831-4230

MH Flag Football Halloween Parade

Date: Sunday, October 30, 2016

Time: 1:00p – 1:30p

Location: Bethany Park

Weight Watchers Community Series

Date: Tuesday's in October

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Firehouse

Music Together Class

Date: Tuesday's in October

Time: 9:30a-10:15a and 10:30a-11:15a

Location: Firehouse

Suzuki Early Childhood Class

Date: Saturday's in October

Time: 9:00a-10:00a

Location: Firehouse

Basic Art Concepts

Date: Thursday's in October

Time: 4:00p-5:00p

Location: Firehouse

Trendy Tuesday

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Firehouse

Youth Action Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm

For more information please contact

Director Tingle at btingle@sjgov.org

Restaurant Night

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Central Park

Assemblyperson Susan Eggman

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30am

MHCS Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Time: 7:00pm

Open Craft Day

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2016

Time: 7:00 am – 9:00 pm

Location: Firehouse

Trendy Tuesday

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Firehouse

MH Fire Pancake Breakfast

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Time: 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Firehouse

Restaurant Night

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2016

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Central Park

Pumpkin Festival

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Central Park

