



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*

December
2016

STORMWATER CHANNEL SAFETY

In support of public safety the MHCS D will like to raise awareness and educate the public on creek and channel safety. We must take this opportunity to speak to our children and friends about the dangers of fast moving water and the almost certain fate that awaits anyone who goes into our rain swollen flood control conveyance channel that is located within Mountain House Creek.

Our flood control conveyance channel is a major part of our community's infrastructure and, like freeways or railroad tracks, should never be used for recreation. The flood control channel is designed to drain stormwater from our community and take it swiftly "out to sea", to prevent flooding in our community.

Rainy days impact the level of flow within the creek. During these events, flow increases causing a large volume of water to travel towards the delta all the while gathering debris, speed, volume and power. Agriculture west of Mountain House also uses the creek channel to discharge large volumes water which can happen at any given time. At key points along the way, large structures have been built into the system to slow down the water and control the power. These so called structures appear as the natural part of the creek; however they allow the water to flow back into wide earthen channels without destroying their natural habitat or causing erosion. A series of four roadway bridges engineered for large flows also exist. These bridges located in the creek are not intended for public access. During periods of high flow, these structures become deadly. For example, on April 2010 a family lost a husband and son in the rain swollen Walnut Creek channel and, two young men drowned in the same channel in February 2011. These structures are an efficient tool in managing floodwaters, but can be deadly for humans.

As inviting as it may appear, any area beyond the Creek Park trails and walkways are off limits to the public, especially around the flood control conveyance channel, storm water ponds, the sensitive riparian areas and the main creek channel. Any person, who enters onto District property beyond the public use area without written permission from the Mountain House Community Services District, may be charged with a misdemeanor and fined \$75 under California Penal Code Section 602.8 for the first offense and up to \$250 for repeated offenses. We must become aware of the dangers within our storm water conveyance system and take the necessary steps to educate ourselves and our children. Please talk to your children and friends about our flood control conveyance system and understand the important role it plays in our community.

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.

Weight Watchers Community Series

Date: Tuesday's in December

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Firehouse

Music Together Class

Date: Tuesday's in December

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

Location: Firehouse

Ugly Sweater Ride and Toys for Tots Collection

Date: Sunday, December 4, 2016

Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: Central Park

Youth Action Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm

For more information please contact

Director Tingle at btingle@sjgov.org

MHCS D Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Time: 7:00pm

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the Mountain House Community Services Offices will be closed the following dates:

- Friday, December 23, 2016
- Monday, December 26, 2016
- Friday, December 30, 2016
- Monday, January 2, 2017
- Monday, January 16, 2017
- Monday, February 20, 2017

MASTER RESTRICTIONS REMINDER

The Holidays are here. Please follow the Master Restrictions concerning Holiday Lighting. Article 4, Section 4.05, Paragraph I: The installation of any exterior lighting whose source is visible from neighboring lots is prohibited, except for ordinary non-directional bulbs that: (i) do not exceed a total of 150 watts for the bulbs in a single fixture; and (ii) are white or yellow in color. **This provision does not prohibit holiday lighting decorations temporarily installed for a holiday season which are promptly removed following the holidays. No holiday lighting may be left installed for periods exceeding forty-five (45) days.** Nothing in this Subsection prohibits street lighting in interior streets, driveways and parking areas, provided they comply with the Design Guidelines.

The 45-day time frame will begin after the new year on January 3, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact the MHCS D at 209-831-2300 and ask to speak to Cedric Hathorn.

RECYCLE GREASE

Do you have left-over grease from your Holiday Turkey? Recycle it! Why recycle fryer and cooking oil? When you pour oil or grease down the drain, it can clog the pipes, cause damage to your home and cause problems at the sewage treatment plant. Instead of paying a plumber to fix your drains, recycle it. Did you know that used cooking oil may be refined to make lubricants, new products and bio-diesel fuel? Bio-diesel is used to power some vehicles that produce fewer harmful emissions than vehicles that run on regular gasoline. Plus, when you follow a car that uses bio-diesel, it may smell like French Fries.

If you are interested in recycling your grease, these local facilities will be happy to take it off your hands: San Joaquin Household Hazardous Waste Facility, Lovelace Transfer Station or North County Recycling Center. There is no cost for San Joaquin County residents to recycle cooking oil at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. For more information on the facility locations please go to <http://www.sjgov.org/solidwaste>

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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

Santa and Mrs. Claus Arrival

Date: Friday, December 2, 2016

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Wicklund Park Gazebo

MHHS VAPA Boosters Family Fun Bingo Night

Date: Friday, December 2, 2016

Time: 5:30p

Location: MHHS Multipurpose Room

Jingle All the Way 5K

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2016

Time: 8:00am

Location: Central Creek Park

MHHS VAPA Boosters Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Time: 7:00p

Location: MHHS Room A152



The MHCS D will be collecting toys during regular office hours beginning November 7th through December 9th. Please bring an unwrapped, new unopened toy to the MHCS D office.