



Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

October
2014

"To Provide Quality Services to the Community"

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

September 3, 2014

Dear Residents:

I want to offer my sincere appreciation to those of you that have contacted me with suggestions about how to improve our customer service and other issues. The one I would like to mention in today's letter is the customer who suggested that our "Delinquency Notices" are not customer friendly. I reviewed the notices and I agree. This is to thank the customer who made this suggestion and to let you know that we have revised the notices. The revised notices will go out this month, if we have to send any.

During the August 27th Board meeting, Ms. Mary Ann Dahl from the Sheriff's Office presented the S.T.A.R.S. program. This is a volunteer program for residents age 50 or over to assist the Sheriff's Department with patrol duties. If you are interested in volunteering and joining this program, please contact Ms. Dahl at 209-482-3303 or by email at mdahl@sjgov.org. This is a great program that will enhance security in Mountain House.

If you recall, the community reduced water usage in July 2014 verses July 2013 by 21%. I want to personally thank all Mountain House residents for the remarkable success you had in August. The August figures were an amazing reduction in water usage of 27%. Please continue to follow the water conservation recommendations that were sent to you. It is important to follow the watering schedule of the lawn and shrubs as outlined on the flyer you received in July. (No more than 3 days per week between 9:00pm and 6:00am). If you need any assistance in resetting your timers, please let us know.

I have an open door policy. Please feel free to call me or come see me regarding any questions you may have. You can call me at (209)831-5656 or email me at gkaram@sjgov.org.

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AB1881

California's mandated Model Water Efficient Landscape

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.

MHCS D Girls Fall Softball

Date: Tuesdays and Saturdays in October
Time: Tuesday Games 5:00 pm; Saturday 9:30am
Location: Central Park Baseball Diamond

MH Feral Cats Silent Auction

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014
Time: 6:00 pm – 10:00pm
Location: Mountain House Bar

MHHS Homecoming Parade

Date: Friday, October 3, 2014
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00pm
Location: Central Parkway

Youth Action Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm
For more information please contact
Director Tingle at btingle@sjgov.org

Assemblyperson Susan Eggman Office Hours

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Time: 10:00 am – 11:30am
Location: MHCS D Boardroom

MHCS D Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm

MH Restaurant Night

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2014
Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00pm
Location: Central Park

Wicklund's Annual Fall Carnival

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2014
Time: 11:00 am – 4:00pm
Location: Wicklund Elementary School

SCHEDULE OF MHCS D EVENTS CONTINUED

Ordinance AB1881 was approved by the Office of Administrative Law on September 10, 2009. This Bill directed the Department of Water resources to implement the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo). This new ordinance gives a choice to Municipalities and Districts to follow the State MWELo, or adopt a dedicated ordinance with at least the same requirements. The Mountain House CSD is currently in the process of adopting and implementing our own WELo requirement. Here are some highlights of the new requirements:

- AB 1881 is mostly aimed at new and rehabilitated landscapes for public agency projects, private development and “new” developer installed single family homes with a total landscape area greater than 2,500 s.f.
- AB 1881 applies to existing single family homes with a total landscape area greater than 5,000 s.f. of renovated landscape.
- AB 1881 came into effect in January 2010.
- AB 1881 will require new and renovated landscapes to use “appropriate technology,” often meaning drip irrigation.
- AB 1881 does not and may not prohibit use of certain plants, such as turf grass.
- AB 1881 does, however, require that a water budget calculation be implemented as to how much water may be applied to those plants. This shall not exceed a calculation of the Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA).
- Existing landscapes and irrigation systems will not be forced to retrofit under AB 1881 unless there is a renovation.
- Upon implementing the new MH WELo, a permit that includes work sheets within a Landscape Document Package (LDP) must be completed and submitted to the MHCSd. Upon completion of the project, the new landscape installation must pass an audit, at which point, a Certificate of Completion will be issued.

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm

For more information please contact
Director Gutierrez at sgutierrez@sjgov.org

MH Restaurant Night

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00pm

Location: Central Park

MHFF Halloween Parade

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00pm

Location: Central Park

MH Golf Club Tournament

Date: Sunday, October 26, 2014

Location: Stevinson Ranch

MHCSd Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm

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