

# TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CAR SECURE

The following safety tips can make your car less appealing to thieves:

- Always lock up: It may seem silly to lock your car Alcatraz-style when you're just popping in to pick up a pizza. But taking 5 seconds to do it can save you from weeks of headaches and paperwork.
- Grab your keys: Leaving your keys in the ignition is like sticking a "Steal Me!" sign on your car. Same for leaving your car idling.
- Follow the light: Parking in well-lit areas is safer for you and your car. Since light makes it easier for car thieves to be spotted and identified, odds are they'll be less likely to mess with a car that's parked under bright lights.
- Shut your windows and sunroof: Leaving them open, even just a crack, encourages break-ins. If you're worried that your car will get too hot, invest in windshield sun shades.
- Avoid leaving valuables in your car: Shopping bags, suitcases, laptop accessories, GPS devices, and smartphones entice thieves. Keep all packages and other valuables in the trunk if you have to leave them in your car.
- Consider antitheft devices: Car alarms are just one way to deter theft. Steering wheel locks and protective steering columns, as well as cardisabling locks for the ignition, fuel, and other systems, also make theft more difficult. And if your car is stolen, installed tracking systems can help the police locate your car and improve the chances of recovery. (Having an antitheft device could also score you a nice car insurance discount, too.)
- Use a smart key: When car shopping, look for models with smart keys, which have unique computer chips that can't be duplicated or altered. A driver needs that key, and that key only, to start the ignition.

Mountain House Community Services District 230 S. Sterling Drive, Suite 100 Mountain House, CA 95391 209-831-2300 8am--5:00pm Closed at noon for Lunch www.mountainhousecsd.org

## SCHEDULE OF MHCSD EVENTS CONTUNIED

#### **Restaurant Night**

Date:Thursday, July 23, 2015Time:5:00 pm - 8:00 pmLocation:Central Park

### Music in the Park

Date:Saturday, July 25, 2015Time:5:00 pm - 8:00pmLocation:Central Park

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the newsletter.

#### MHGC Golf Tournament

Date: Sunday, July 26, 2015 Time: 8:30 am Location: Manteca

### TAKE CARE OF OUR STORMDRAINS

**Discharge of the following items into our storm drain system is strongly prohibited:** Our storm basins are connected to the Delta Waterways which are waters of the United States and therefore it is a violation to put illicit discharges into the catch basins.

Vehicle maintenance fluids; paints or stains; silt, sediment, concrete, cement or gravel, food wastes; Pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers; cleaning products; Trash or debris; Lawn clippings, leaves, or branches; Domestic animal wastes; Dyes; Soaps, detergents, or ammonia; Swimming pool or spa filter backwash; Acids, alkalis, or bases

Please report any incidents to 209-831-2300.

### MUNICIPAL UTILITY REMINDER

If you are an MHCSD utility customer, please remember to keep your contact information current. You may do so by calling the MHCSD at 855-327-0900. Municipal utility bills are due on the <u>18<sup>th</sup> of each month</u> and must be received by the due date to avoid late fees.

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR FROM US?

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