

# 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*  November

2016

## STORMWATER DRAINAGE

When it rains, water washes over roofs, streets, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and land surfaces. Along the way, it can pick up a variety of pollutants, such as oil, pesticides, metals, chemicals, and soil. This polluted stormwater drains into the storm system that eventually discharges into our creek and rivers. The pollutants can endanger the water quality of our waterways, making them unhealthy for people, fish, and wildlife. No matter where you live, there's a drainage system in place to help rainwater find its way to the river.

Given the MHCSD's limited budget and staff, MHCSD relies heavily on citizen involvement to help keep streets safe and storm drains clean and to notify MHCSD if a higher level of maintenance is needed at a particular location.

#### How you can help keep storm drains clean

To lessen street flooding, the MHCSD asks residents and property managers to help clean the inlets and storm drains in front of your properties. Use a rake or pitch fork to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain. Do not put your feet and hands into the storm drain because all kinds of debris collect there that could be dangerous. Do not try to remove the grate, only the debris on top of the grate.

The best time to inspect the storm drains in front of your house or business is prior to a rain event and right after a rain. If you cannot clear a clogged storm drain yourself, notify the MHCSD that help is needed. Call **209-831-2300** and report the particular location.

Please do not rake or blow the leaves from your yard into the street. Bag them at the curb in the parking strip and prepare them for curbside pickup by your garbage hauler.

For leaves that have fallen into the street, please keep them out of the channel right along the curb, where they will block the path of rainwater. Rake them at least one foot from the curb.

### How to prevent neighborhood drainage problems

Water is the most common cause of unstable slopes and erosion. Check your home's drainage system. Maintaining the drainage system on private property is the owner's responsibility. Make sure your drainage system directs water away from your foundation and not on to your neighbor's property.

Clean your gutters and downspouts. Check your gutters once a week during fall and winter. Just one wind or rainstorm can clog a well-flowing drainage system.

Never block any part of the MHCSD's drainage system. Do not put leaves, dirt, grass clippings, or any materials in ditches, culverts, or drains. Doing so can cause flooding.

It is against the law to dump any material into the drainage system. To report illegal dumping, call 209-831-2300.

#### SCHEDULE OF MHCSD 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 November Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm Location: Firehouse

#### **Music Together Class**

Date: Tuesday's in November Time: 9:30a-10:15a and 10:30a-11:15a Location: Firehouse

#### Suzuki Early Childhood Class

Date: Saturday's in November Time: 9:00a-10:00a Location: Firehouse

## **Trendy Tuesday**

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2016 Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Location: Firehouse

Youth Action Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Time: 7:00 pm For more information please contact Director Tingle at btingle@sjgov.org

Assemblyperson Susan Eggman Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 Time: 10:00 am – 11:30am

MHCSD Board of Directors Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 Time: 7:00pm

**Open Craft Day** Date: Saturday, November 19, 2016 Time: 7:00 am – 9:00 pm Location: Firehouse

**Trendy Tuesday** Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Location: Firehouse

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE LIENIf the utility bill on your property is delinquent, a lien may be placed on your property. Protect yourself against this by making sure that your address on file with Mountain House Community Services District is current. If you rent your property, you may wish to contact the District to see if the utility bill is current or require that your tenant send you a copy of their final payment of the utility bill to you prior to releasing their deposit.OFFICE CLOSUREPlease note the Mountain House Community Services Offices will be closed the following dates:• Friday, November 11, 2016 • Thursday, November 24, 2016 • Friday, November 25, 2016 • Monday, December 26, 2016 • Monday, January 2, 2017	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. Mountain House Rotary Date: 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 Wodnesday's and Eriday's
	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 MHHS VAPA Boosters Family Fun Bingo Night
TOYS FOR TOTS	Date: Friday, November 4, 2016 Time: 5:30p Location: MHHS Multipurpose Room
The MHCSD will be collecting toys during regular office hours beginning November 7 <sup>th</sup> through December 9 <sup>th</sup> . Please bring an unwrapped, new unopened toy to the MHCSD office.	MHFCR Silent Auction Date: Sunday, November 6, 2016 Time: 12:00p – 5:00p Location: Mountain House Bar
Mine SD once. Mountain House Community Services District 230 S. Sterling Drive, Suite 100 Mountain House, CA 95391 209-831-2300 mountainhousecsd.org	MHHS VAPA Boosters Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 Time: 7:00p Location: MHHS Room A152