



Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

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WATER QUALITY IN MOUNTAIN HOUSE

In late June or early July, residents received a mailer from the MHCS D, entitled Consumer Confidence Report (CCR or Water Quality Report). It indicated that the water in Mountain House is meeting, or exceeding, all California Department of Health Services standards. The only exception to that being the total trihalomethanes (TTHMs). Although the test results for all samples during the current year were below the allowable limit of 80 parts per billion (PPB), the running annual average was above 80, and therefore it was marked as above the limit.

You may have received flyers from companies that provide in-home filtration devices stating that the water quality in Mountain House is poor or it is not drinkable. Beware of this false and misleading advertising. The quality of water in Mountain House is better than most surrounding agencies because of the state-of-the-art treatment facilities, and our water comes from one source: the Delta. Although the turbidity of the raw water at times is high, we are able to treat the water to meet all California Department of Public Health (CDPH) standards. The water in Mountain House is neither soft nor hard.

The MHCS D works hard to keep the required chlorine residual in the water distribution system as low as possible without violating CDPH standards. At times you may smell chlorine in the water coming out of the faucets, but that is not excessive and is below the allowable limits.

The water is sampled and tested for various chemicals and contaminants on a daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly basis, as required by CDPH.

Once again, be assured that the water in Mountain House is drinkable and has no problems meeting the state standards for safety and health. If you have any questions regarding the quality of the water, please contact Mike Buckley at (209)832-5061 or Nader Shareghi, at (209) 831-2300.

CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS

Did you know that Carbon Monoxide detectors are required by California state law to be installed in most single family homes? This law was effective on July 1, 2011. The South County Fire Authority/Tracy Fire has teamed up with Sow a Seed Foundation to conduct a Carbon Monoxide awareness campaign in the Tracy/Mountain House response area. Carbon Monoxide Awareness week is scheduled for the week of November 6 through November 12. For More Information Contact South County Fire at 209-831-6700

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, November 7, 2011
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: MHCS D Board Room
For more information, please contact Director Farron at cfarron@sigov.org or Director Lamb at jlamb@sigov.org

Youth Action Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2011
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: MHCS D Board Room
For more information please contact Director Tingle at btingle@sigov.org or Director Farron at cfarron@sigov.org.

MHCS D Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: MHCS D Board Room

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2011
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: MHCS D Board Room

SPORTS IN MOUNTAIN HOUSE

MH Flag Football has formed a new division called MH Fitness Club. Membership in the Club gets you discounts at Total Performance Fitness Training Center and Classic Gymnastics in Tracy. For more information, please go to www.mhflagfootball.com

MH Tennis Club is looking for instructors to run our adult and youth tennis programs. If interested, please contact Andy Su at andy@mhflagfootball.com

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Here are some safety tips you can take to help keep your family and your neighborhood safe (from the National Crime Prevention Council).

- **Know where your children are.** Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house, and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.
- **Help children learn important phone numbers.** Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.
- **Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood.** Do you want them crossing the street? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want your children to go to?
- **Get to know your children's friends.** Meet their parents before letting your children to go to their home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.
- **Choose a safe house in your neighborhood.** Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Point out other places they can go for help, like the library and fire stations.
- **Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists.** Role-play, talking out problems, walking away from fist fights, and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.
- **Work together with your neighbors.** Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

OFFICE CLOSURES

The Mountain House Community Services District office will be closed on Friday, November 11, in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 14.

We will also be closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 28.

SCHOOLS

Let's get ready to ZUMBA!!!!
Zumba is back, and it is bigger and better than ever.
Tuesdays—Questa School
Thursdays—Wicklund School

7-8 PM!

\$3/class or savings punch card 8 classes for \$20 redeemable at either location. All money earned supports Wicklund, Bethany, and Questa Schools.

OUR COMMUNITY

Everyone enjoys having a beautiful and well-kept community. Although the weather is getting a little chilly, the parks in Mountain House are inviting and an afternoon outdoors is always fun. The MHCS D strives to ensure that grounds and facilities are maintained to the highest standards so that all residents can enjoy them at any time of the year.

Maintenance staff has noticed some "wear and tear" that can be avoided. For example, the hard foam surfaces in the children play areas have been damaged and the bark from some of the majestic Palm trees has been deliberately pulled off. Graffiti, even the slightest markings, detract from the beauty of Mountain House. Unfortunately, the cost of replacing or repairing improvements prematurely is borne by the MHCS D, and ultimately the taxpayers in Mountain House. We ask that residents help us keep our community in tip-top shape and if you see any defacement of public property, please report it to the MHCS D. In addition, make it a learning opportunity for your children. While taking a stroll through Creek Park or other parks, point out all the wonders of nature and the ways we can protect our surroundings.