

Mission Plaza Newsletter

August 2005

Important Contact Info

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Summit Security

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Onsite schedule is as follows:

Mon-Thu 8pm-4am

Fri-Sun 6pm-6am

Police

(619) 531-2000

Fire

(619) 533-4300

Requests and Complaints...

Please send all requests and complaints to Howerton Management Services in written form. This ensures that both parties have documentation to show at a later date in case more problems arise.



Board Meeting Information

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Club House. All homeowners are encouraged and welcome to attend! At 6:30, coffee and cookies will be provided, paid for by the board.

Annual Board Meeting and Elections

The annual association meeting and elections to the board will be held on October 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Club House. There will be three openings on the board and the term is 2 years. At the August meeting, a nominating committee will be formed per the Mission Plaza Bylaws. This committee will include one board member and two homeowners. Anyone interested in volunteering should please attend the August meeting. Those persons interested in running for a position on the board will then make arrangements with the nominating committee to have their names included on the ballots that will be mailed to all owners of record.



Garbage Disposals

The following pesky items have been known to cause major problems to our homes. Often times these items are placed into the sinks and garbage disposals and thought of as "problem solved". Unfortunately Mission Plaza has seen these following items come back to haunt many homeowners after many years as major clogs in pipes after years of buildup. Please do not allow the following items to enter your garbage disposal...

- Potato Peels
- Shells from shellfish
- Any bones
- Celery
- Asparagus
- Artichokes
- Fruit Pits
- Corn silk or husks
- Grease of any kind
- Caustic drain cleaners

Parking Lot Sweeping

The sweepers are here the 3rd Monday of every month. Remember to move your car or roll up the windows this month on August the 15th to allow for a good cleaning.

Insurance

A representative of Farmers Insurance Group will be present at this month's meeting to make a presentation and answer questions about their insurance policies. The Farmers presentation will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by homeowner open time if time permits. Please come and learn what Farmers has to offer our community and bring your questions for the representative.

Towing

Western Towing Company is our current towing company and can be reached at (619) 297-8697 or (858) 273-8542. Please review our extensive and detailed policy in the rules and regulations and also follow city laws regarding traffic and parking.

Smoking

The halls and common areas are NO SMOKING zones. This includes but is not limited to elevators, hallways, restrooms, laundry rooms, and the club house. Mission Plaza is not an ashtray and any persons who like to sit and puff on the stairs or walkways should carry their own ashtrays and use them properly. Please... NEVER use the floors or walls to extinguish cigarettes or cigars. Offenders of these rules will be subject to fines.

Please remember that smoking and second hand smoke cause cancer.

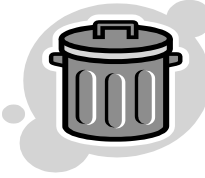


Energy and Money Savings

Did you know that by installing fluorescent light bulbs instead of the normal incandescent bulbs in your house you could reduce your lighting costs by up to 75%. Fluorescent bulbs also last up to eight times longer. The average home's energy costs are about 12% of the total annual energy costs. This could mean big bucks. What could be better than that? How about getting the fluorescent light bulbs replaced for free! That's right, SDG&E runs a Lighting Turn-in Event where all you have to do is show up with five incandescent bulbs that you have from home and they will replace them with fluorescent bulbs for free. One more time, FREE! In August the events fall on the 12th, 18th, and the 26th. For more information log on to www.sdge.com or call 1-800-411-7343.

Pool Season

There is no life guard on duty so anyone without swimming skills must be accompanied by a person with swimming skills, regardless of age, when using the pool and Jacuzzi areas. Unattended persons without swimming skills will be asked to leave the pool areas. The pools are equipped with life saving equipment. Please do not play with the life rings or other equipment or permit others to do so. If this equipment is lost or misplaced at a time when it is needed, we could lose a life. For safety reasons it is not permitted for any person to dive or jump into the pools. Residents are also reminded to keep pool gates locked at all times and to not bring any glass products into the pool or Jacuzzi area.



Litter

Please help keep our home clean by throwing all trash into the appropriate receptacles. Also please pick up any trash you may see that was left by someone else or that has been blown into our complex. We appreciate your efforts and recognize that there are people already doing this. Some people even use it as an exercise method by picking up trash on their daily walk around our beautiful complex!

Reverse Osmosis

During the past few years we have experienced several problems with reverse osmosis water purification systems. On several occasions, the water lines on the systems have burst (often when the owner is away) causing severe damage resulting in expensive repairs to the owner's unit and connecting units. We strongly urge you to have your purification system removed professionally.



Plumbing

In March of 2000, Mission Plaza Condominiums put out a policy change due to the increase in plumbing problems. Please review this policy that was given to every homeowner and to every new buyer coming into the complex. It provides detailed information on solving plumbing issues and may save you money. If you have a plumbing emergency, always call Howerton Management first. We are currently also going to try providing a safe alternative to Drano-like products to any homeowner who is having problems with clogged lines. Please contact the Howerton Management company with any questions about the policy or to schedule a time to pick up the declogging product at the Clubhouse office.

Clubhouse Lockers

The lockers in the men's and ladies' changing rooms are for short term use by residents and their guests while they are using the pool, jacuzzi, sauna, gym or tennis courts. There are not enough lockers for everyone to leave their clothes overnight or longer. If you have belongings stored in one of those lockers, please empty it and remove your padlock by 9:00 p.m., August the 30th. Any padlocks remaining will be tagged for removal and the lockers will be emptied by the management on August the 31st.



Late Fees

You can avoid being charged a "late fee" for your monthly dues by making sure your payment arrives at Associated Professional Services ON or BEFORE the 15th of the month. If you use the mail slot in the Clubhouse building, please drop your payment off by the 12th. The Board member who volunteers to deliver those payments to APS can only be responsible for getting them delivered by the 13th. You can drop off your payment to APS on or before the 15th (all day), at 7007 Mission Gorge Rd., Suite 201. Please remember to include the pink coupon that represents the month you're paying. For directions or questions call Renee, at 619-299-6899, option 3, ext. 106.