



# Mission Plaza Newsletter

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## Important Contact Info

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### **Summit Security**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Phone service (619) 294-3200

Onsite schedule is as follows:

Mon-Thu 8pm-4am

Fri-Sun 6pm-6am

### **Police**

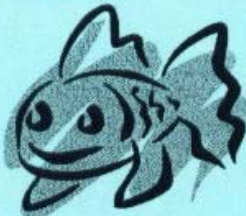
(619) 531-2000

### **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.



## Annual Board Meeting Information

The 2nd Annual Board Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Club House. All homeowners are encouraged and welcome to attend. This year looks to be an exciting election with some really passionate people running for the board. Come see the excitement again! Come see the final votes tallied and see who makes the Board of Directors. Due to the short deadline from not having enough proxies at the last meeting, we are recommending that you drop your proxies off at the clubhouse to ensure they arrive on time for the counting at the annual meeting. Proxies may also be brought to the annual meeting to be tallied. Those proxies that are mailed must be received by the closing of the business day on November 15 or will not be included in the tally. The annual meeting is for homeowners only. After the annual meeting is closed, all other residents will be allowed into the clubhouse. This ensures order for the meeting which will allow for accurate counting of the ballots.

## CC&Rs and Bylaws Committee

The Board of Directors has started a committee to update the long overdue governing bodies of our Association. The next meeting will be Thursday the 10th at 7 pm and then on Saturday the 19th at 10 am in the clubhouse. The committee will also be hosting open forums to get opinions from homeowners on hot topics and to educate the community on issues that may be sensitive or required by law.

## Mission Plaza Open Forum

The CC&Rs and Bylaws Committee will be hosting an open forum for all homeowners on Saturday, November 19th starting at 10 am and lasting no longer than 2 hours in the clubhouse. The topic for the open forum will be on "Pets". To begin, there will be a short presentation and a handout going over the new laws. The floor will then be opened for discussion. Participants wanting to attend are required to be homeowners.

## Vandalism at Mission Plaza

We have had a string of vandalism over the last couple of weeks and want to ask homeowners to keep alert for the property and report anything unusual. We believe the vandalism is internal from one of our own residents. Remember, vandalism is repaired with your association dues so please report it.

## 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.

## 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 November 21st to allow for a good cleaning.

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### **Teddy Bear Drive**

San Diego City Schools (SDCS) Police Services has been selected to host the 15th annual San Diego County Law Enforcement Teddy Bear Drive benefiting Children's Hospital and Health Center. While it's called the Teddy Bear drive, any type of new stuffed animal is accepted. The deadline to receive bears is December 16th. Last year, about 37,000 stuffed animals were donated countywide, with more than 2,000 coming from SDCS employees and school sites. This year, the goal is to collect 50,000 stuffed animals and monetary donations to purchase additional fuzzy friends year-round. The long-term goal is to collect enough stuffed animals to provide one for each of the approximately 300,000 children treated at Children's Hospital each year. If anybody wants to donate a teddy bear, please call Darlene Evanshen at 619-284-9585 (home #) or 619-733-0083 (cell #). You can also drop them off at her unit #2-102 or she will be happy to pick them up.

### **Care and Treatment of Garbage Disposals**

Thanksgiving's on the way, and we're cleaning up after Halloween, so everyone needs to know that ... (Turkey/Ham/Chicken/Steak/Lobster carcasses and bones and grease get bagged up and put into the dumpsters. Always! The disposals and the drain lines are not made to handle anything more than 1 cup of leafy green vegetable cuttings, or 1 cup of crumbs, and that's with the water and the disposal running for 2 minutes after you think everything's been ground up. (Sorry-we didn't design the things.) All fruit and vegetable peels, seeds, pits, meat bones, fat removed from meat before cooking, fat that you pour off after cooking, coffee grounds, egg shells, celery stalks, and leftover/stale tortillas are bagged for the dumpsters. This is advice from several plumbers in the area. If you have a cheesecake that didn't get consumed, please bag it for the dumpster. Pie crusts, also. The leftover filling can go into the garbage disposal, while cold water runs for 2 minutes AFTER everything is ground up, and the disposal's still running. Please remember, the drain lines are narrow, and we all need to be aware of this. The Homeowners' Association pays for monthly trash collection. If you have to call a plumber because the kitchen drain/garbage disposal backed up, you might have to pay the expense out of your own pocket. Please contact Howerton Management at 619-873-0222 if you have problems or questions.

### **Gas Prices Hurting?**

Gasoline prices at the pump are hurting everyone's wallets but natural gas is the type of gas that may be hurting your pocketbook the most. According to the Union Tribune in an October 5th article, residences may see a jump in utilities of 45-55% over last year's monthly San Diego Gas & Electric bills due to the twin hurricanes. How can we help? Luckily there are lots of ways to help keep the utility bills and HOA fees from being dramatically affected by these price spikes. The easiest and most effective way to help is serious conservation. This means taking shorter showers, using cold water to wash clothes and filling the sink up to wash dishes instead of running water continuously. Other ways to save is to fix that faucet that has been dripping for weeks now or serviced that air conditioner/heater that has been skipped 3 years in a row. These things seem small but add up immensely. Got a few extra bucks? How about replacing that 25 year old dishwasher that uses 50 gallons to wash one load, or how about that 30 year refrigerator that runs non-stop or that air conditioner/heater that is falling over and would bite you if you tried to do some maintenance on it. All of these easy and simple conservation steps will save you money and will save your neighbor money.

### **Parking Restrictions**

One of the hot topics of late, probably due to the Chargers games, is parking and towing. Starting November 1st, parking will be strictly enforced and vehicles towed according to the Mission Plaza Rules and Regulations during all times, every day of the week. Chargers games are being paid particular attention to immediately due to these days being the largest complaint generators. Please pay attention to your passes and make sure they are securely fastened to the rear view mirror with the yellow side facing the street through the front windshield. Security takes pictures of every vehicle before having it towed and if a parking pass has fallen out of sight the vehicle will be towed and the towing fee will NOT be reimbursed by the Homeowner's Association. Please do not let this happen to you. Park only in your assigned parking spot or make sure you have a pass and that it is displayed in the correct position before parking in a restricted parking spot. If you need a visitor's pass, please call security during their on-site hours or if it is outside of security's on site hours call Howerton Management in advance. For weekdays, please contact them at least the day prior to the event, or on weekends please contact them by the Friday prior to the event.

### **\*\*\*Notice\*\*\***

All previous passes, except for the yellow 2005 parking passes, are void and vehicles that are posted with one of these passes is subject to be towed November 1st. Examples of vehicles that will be towed due to void passes are as follows:

1. Previous years passes
2. "Permanent" or laminated temporary passes
3. Passes that are not issued by Howerton Management or security
4. Passes that do not have the date, building and unit number and are not logged by Howerton Management or security