



Mission Plaza Newsletter

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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.



Annual Board Meeting Information

The Annual Board Meeting is scheduled for October 18, 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! Come see the final votes tallied and see who makes the Board of Directors. The deadline to have all proxies turned in is noon on Oct 18th or at the annual meeting.

Tasty Delights?

Do you have a favorite dish that makes everyone say "hmmmmmm"? Why not share with other homeowners here at Mission Plaza? This year at the Annual Board Meeting we are welcoming homeowners to bring some appetizer like foods or desserts to share with others. The sharing and tasting will begin at 6:30. We hope to see you there with bright smiles and excellent dishes.

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 October the 17th to allow for a good cleaning.

Treat Pools & Hot Tubs As Your Own

Do not bring glass containers into the pool or hot tub areas. Never add soaps, bubble bath solution or any other such product into these areas. And NEVER discharge body secretions into the pool or hot tub. Such actions cause these areas to be shut down for extended periods of time and at great cost. Anyone guilty of such action will be fined and banned from further use of these Mission Plaza facilities. Proper attire required.

Website

Mission Plaza rocketed into the 21st century thanks to Kevin Murphy, a resident and friend to all of us. He has volunteered his time and computer skills over the last couple of months and now has a website up and running for Mission Plaza. The website is still under construction and will be continuously updated but currently it has a nice description of our home, some great links to important contacts, the most recent newsletter and the most recent minutes. Check it out and let us know what you think. If you have any ideas for improvement there is a link to email us your ideas. Enjoy the site and give Kevin a big pat on the back the next time you see him.

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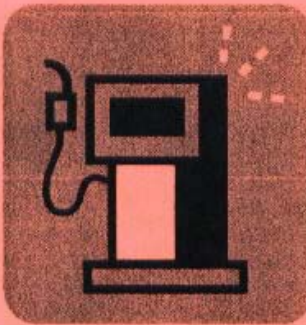
Thanks!

A big thanks goes out to everyone who is helping clean up our home here at Mission Plaza. There are a lot of people who are cleaning up their patios and keeping them in the spirit of the season. It really looks great. Also a big thanks to the people who are following the parking policies during the Charger's games. It is helping and hopefully it will even get better. A big thanks to the Nominating Committee and to Howerton Management for the beautiful ballots this year. Good job everyone!

CC&Rs and Bylaws Committees

The Board of Directors has started a committee to update the long overdue governing bodies of our Association. We polled homeowners from the last monthly meeting and found that Thursdays at 6 pm is the consensus of the people. Therefore the first informal meeting will be Thursday, October 13 at 6 pm in the Clubhouse. This meeting will be shorter than the majority of the meetings, just to kick things off and not scare anyone off. All homeowners are welcome to attend and we look forward to any help that can be given because there sure is a lot that needs to be done. There will be a lot of legal jargon, reading, homework and Mission Plaza's heart and soul put into this project. It will be a long and tedious project that we have to push through to get Mission Plaza up to date with all of the city, county and even federal laws. Thank you ahead of time to anyone who has a couple of hours here and there to volunteer their time to revising our CC&Rs and Bylaws.

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 have that air conditioner/heater maintenance performed 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. Only park 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 logged by Howerton Management or security ,