



Mission Plaza Newsletter

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Summit Security

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Onsite schedule is as follows:

Mon-Thu 8pm-4am

Fri-Sun 6pm-6am

Police

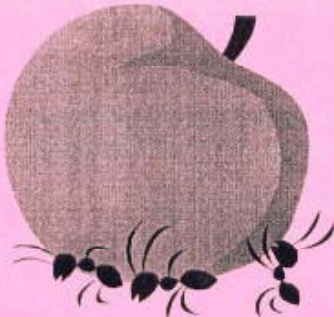
(619) 531-2000

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 July 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Club House. All Mission Plaza residents are encouraged and welcome to attend! At 6:30, coffee and cookies will be provided, courtesy of the board.

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 July 17th to allow for a good cleaning.

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.

Tree/Landscape Committee

We are currently looking for new members for the Tree/Landscape Committee. The next meeting will be on July 15 at 10 am in the clubhouse. Come join us for some good ol' gardening fun. Goals that have been set for the committee are:

1. Generate a 10 year program proposal that gives Mission Plaza a set schedule and locations for planting new younger trees and shrubs throughout the grounds.
2. Form a list of areas on the grounds that are lacking in visual appeal and need some extra love and care.
3. Design a visual aid of the grounds that will show residents where our current trees are and where the proposed trees will be going.
4. Research alternative ways of funding these projects and generate an annual estimate of cost for the new trees.
5. Present the Committee's findings to the Board of Directors and to the homeowners at a monthly HOA meeting.

The committee completed one of its goals by walking about with Mission Plaza's arborist to plan where new trees could be planted. The committee was amazed to learn that we need to plant about 100 trees in the next 5-10 years to maintain the beauty of Mission Plaza. This will also help to cool the buildings in the summer. The committee's next step is to render an application to the Cool Communities Tree Program which is sponsored by the government that will provide Mission Plaza with free trees if approved.

Large Trash Objects

Please remember that all large trash objects must be hauled off site and not thrown in the Mission Plaza dumpsters or left in dumpster areas. This causes large expenses that come out of everyone's HOA dues. If you find someone leaving large items in the dumpster areas, please immediately notify Howerton Management. Items that must never be placed in the dumpsters or dumpster areas are: toilets, sinks, large pieces of wood, couches, mattresses, chairs, desks, exercise equipment, tables and electronics.

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CC&Rs and Bylaws Committee Update

The CC&R committee continues to meet to finish the revisions of the CC&Rs.

Smoking

The halls and common areas are **NO SMOKING**. This includes but is not limited to elevators, lobbies, 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, and **NEVER** use the floors or walls to extinguish cigarette butts. Offenders of these policies will be subject to fines.

Please remember that smoking and second hand smoke cause cancer.



Water

All water that you swim in, shower in, drink and water your plants with is an expense that the Association pays for. We even pay to have it run into the sewers and drains! There is **NO** free water at Mission Plaza, so please continue your conservation and ask your family and visitors to be mindful of this precious and expensive necessity.

E-waste Disposal

It is illegal to send household electronic waste (e-waste) to California landfills. Mission Plaza is taking actions to follow these regulations by providing a common drop off point on-site. All e-waste can now be dropped off in a bin on the west side of the clubhouse under the big window of the office in a nook. For more information on the new laws or for recycling drop off locations please contact: www.earth911.org, www.rbc.org, www.call2recycle.org, 1-877-273-2925 or 1-800-253-2687. The following list of items falls under the scope of these new laws and in no way is this a complete list of all e-waste items.

- All batteries including AA, AAA, C, D and 9 volt
- Cell phones, telephones, radios and microwaves
- Greeting cards that play music
- Sneakers with flashing lights in the soles
- Fluorescent light tubes and bulbs
- Electrical switches, relays, clothes irons, silent light switches
- Mercury thermometers
- TVs, computer monitors, computers, printers, VCRs
- Mercury gauges, which are often found in barometers, manometers and blood-pressure monitors

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. 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. For health reasons, anyone who does not have control of their bodily functions is not permitted in the pool or Jacuzzis unless they are wearing waterproof pants. Anyone who ignores this will be asked to leave the pool area. Those who don't have control of their bodily functions have caused almost all of the life threatening outbreaks of the E. coli bacteria. It takes only a minuscule amount of these microbes to infect a pool and make people very ill. Just one person can easily contaminate thousands of gallons of water.



Gym Etiquette

Now that the gym is finished and looks great we need everyone to help make it last for many years to come. Please carefully use all of the equipment with respect to others who use the facilities after you by following these rules:

1. Consult a doctor before starting a workout program.
2. Beverages must be in a tight sealed container only.
3. Clothing must be worn in the facilities at all times. This includes a shirt and shoes.
4. Anyone using the gym equipment must have a hand towel to wipe down the equipment after having used it.
5. Limit your use of the equipment to 30 minutes when others are waiting.
6. Use headphones when desiring to listen to music in the gym.
7. All children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

