



# Mission Plaza Newsletter

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## Important Contact Info

### **Howerton Management Services**

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[howertonmgt.com](http://howertonmgt.com)

### **Secure Protective Services**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Phone service (618)886-7564

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 April 17, 2007 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.

### **howertonmgt.com**

Howerton Management has a new website at [howertonmgt.com](http://howertonmgt.com). All residents can submit maintenance requests, fill out a satisfaction survey and even be linked to Mission Plaza's website. Check it out and let Howerton Management know what you think.

### **Mosquitoes**

We have started to see mosquitoes early this season so please help reduce these pesky creatures by minimizing the amount of stagnant water at Mission Plaza. Mosquitoes can carry horrible diseases like the West Nile virus and thrive by the San Diego River. Every little bit that we do helps in the long run.



### **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 Wednesday of every month. Remember to move your car or roll up the car windows this month on April 18th to allow for a good cleaning.

### **Annual Maintenance**

Another beautiful San Diego Spring is now here, so remember to perform all of those annual chores that need to be done around the house. Make sure to change the battery in fire and smoke alarms, change the filters in the A/C units and have your repair person perform an annual inspection of the rest of the system, change out those incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents to save energy and clean behind those stoves and refrigerators to minimize ants.

### **Laundry**

Please help reduce noise at Mission Plaza by being conscientious of your actions in the laundry areas. Residents' walls are directly on the other side of the laundry areas and they can hear everything that is going on in the laundry areas. Remember that all laundry areas are not allowed to be used after 10 pm but reopen each day at 7 am.

### **Save \$\$\$**

Please remember to cover the spa when done using the amenities. This simple act provides Mission Plaza with savings that can help fund other projects.

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### **Trash**

Please do not leave trash in hallways. Trash left in hallways causes foul odors and is unsightly to neighbors. Also, 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. "Extra Item" charges will drive up 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, refrigerators, exercise equipment, tables and electronics.

### **Pools**

The clubhouse pool will be reopened on May 1st so please remember that there is never a 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.

### **B-B-Qs**

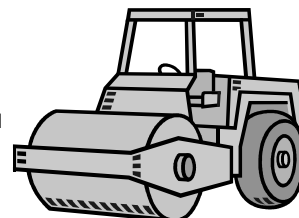
Residents who use the common area barbecues are asked to please make sure that the barbecues are left clean for the next person. Residents are not permitted to use charcoal or lighter fluid at any time on their patios or balconies. Charcoal grills cause smoke damage to the buildings and lighter fluid creates odors that are very offensive to other residents. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Self-Gardening**

All residents please refrain from the practice of self-gardening. For gardening or landscaping needs, please contact Howerton Management to submit a request to the Board of Directors. Residents that perform their own gardening are costing the association money because the landscaping company either charges us additional fees to work on the area or charge us additional fees to return the area to its original state. Those residents that are planting annuals will leave a void in the landscaping from the plants dying if they choose to move in the future. If the association incurs costs due to a homeowner self-gardening the Board of Directors will begin forwarding the cost of returning the area to its original state onto the violator.

### **Asphalt Repairs**

The asphalt repairs have been completed and the Board of Directors would like to thank every resident for their cooperation and understanding. The hard work and patience paid off and the asphalt and striping now looks great.



### **ONE DOLLAR A WEEK MOVIE CLUB**

The Association board is considering the formation of a Movie Club that would rent the Clubhouse each Friday and show recently released DVD films on a 65" or 70" screen. The financial plan – not yet approved - for the cost of equipment would come from club memberships matched by seed money from the association. We would like to hold membership cost at \$50 per year, per person, hence the name "One Dollar a Week Movie Club".

Before making a formal proposal to the Association Board of Directors we need to determine the level of interest among the residents. If you think you might be interested in being part of this club, please contact Jim Forde, at 619-282-4292, or email at [jafor123@aol.com](mailto:jafor123@aol.com).

### **Mission Plaza President**

If you would like to contact the Mission Plaza President or have a suggestion for the newsletter, please send emails to the President from the [missionplaza.org](http://missionplaza.org) website or directly to [huls81102@msn.com](mailto:huls81102@msn.com). Please submit in word, pdf format or directly through email. If you have a major concern or a repeat complaint that is being made to the property management company, please copy the email to this same email address.