



# Mission Plaza Newsletter

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## Important Contact Info

### **Howerton Management Services**

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### **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 August 21, 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.

## **Management On Site**

Howerton Management is now on site every Tuesday from 4 to 6 pm at the front of the clubhouse. Come meet a member of the Howerton Management team and discuss your concerns, complaints and frustrations. They are here to help with anything and everything.

### **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 August 15th to allow for a good cleaning.

## **Community Meeting with Attorney**

The CC&R committee has passed out 25 copies of the preliminary new CC&Rs for review by homeowners. Those with a copy of the new CC&Rs will have priority to ask questions during the meeting; however, anyone who wants to discuss the new CC&Rs with Mission Plaza's attorney can attend a community meeting on August 1st at 5 pm in the clubhouse. The attorney will be there to answer questions and provide guidance to homeowners on the new CC&Rs.



### **Pets**

The Board voted to accept rules and regulations to allow one pet, weighting 40 pounds or less, per household. Those residents who wish to have a pet are required to register their animal in accordance with the rules and regulations at Howerton Management. Items you will need to register your pet will be a photo of your pet, proof of license and registration of the animal, and proof of inoculations. These rules and regulations go into effect immediately and no animals are grandfathered.



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# Save Energy, Turn a Light Switch Off!

## Recycling

There is a group of Mission Plaza residents trying to get a recycling program together. Anyone willing to help get this noble cause going, please contact the Mission Plaza President by email through the Mission Plaza website. Have an idea of something we can recycle? Cans, paper, ink cartridges, compostables, coffee cups? Join the team and help get it off the ground.



## Water Conservation

Help save water and money by doing these easy to remember tasks:



- Don't let the water run while shaving, washing your face or brushing your teeth. It can save up to 4 gallons a minute.
- Replace your shower head with a water-efficient, ultra-low flow version. It can save up to 500 gallons of water a week.
- Keep your shower time to under five minutes, you will save 1,000 gallons a month.
- To check for toilet leaks, put food coloring in the tank. Color will appear in the bowl in 30 seconds if there is a leak. Check for worn out, corroded, or bent parts and replace. Save up to 600 gallons per month.
- Soak dirty pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.

## Professional Advice

The following are some tips provided by Best Washer Repair regarding washer and dryer operation at Mission Plaza:

1. Maytag Frontload washing machines are equipped with a sensor that prevents the drum from spinning to remove water even after water has been pumped out, but suds remain, due to over-soaping. A lot of residents complain that the machine stops in the middle of the cycle, and the machine seems to be broken.
2. Only use ¼ cup of detergent per front loader wash. That sounds skimpy, but it's correct for the amount of water that goes into the machine. If bubbles cause a "vapor lock" on the sensor, the machine is stopped.
3. Clothes that have been spun but seem very wet may have been washed in the Perm Press, Woolens, or Delicate cycle, which have a slower spin action.
4. Clothes that don't get dry probably require more time. The lint filters also have to be emptied prior to starting the machine. That's very important.
5. The trouble-shooting guide is posted in every laundry room. Best Washer read and approved it.



## B-B-Qs

The common area BBQs have been approved for replacement and the work has begun. Take good care of the new BBQs, the equipment will need to last for many years to come.



## 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.

## 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.