

NEWSLETTER

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NEEDED - A COUPLE OF HELPFUL HOMEOWNERS ...

At our annual meeting a group of homeowners expressed an interest in forming a "Neighborhood Watch" program and we'd all certainly benefit from working with the Cathedral City Police Department in forming this valuable contribution to our community. Your board would love to hear from anyone interested in spearheading this effort. All it would take is for 2-3 people to volunteer to meet one or two times with the CCPD and learn how to get a "Neighborhood Watch" program up and running for Montage.

DOGS, DOGS, AND MORE DOGS ... AGAIN !!!!

We still have neighbors (and probably tenants) that insist on letting their dogs make a mess on neighbors yards, not to mention the common areas. Please make sure that you pick up after your dogs when walking them around our community and that they are ALWAYS on a leash, as the signs at the entrance gates now remind you. There have been some nasty accidents from dogs not on a leash. Please be courteous and do not allow your dog to ever walk on your neighbors property, much less allow them to "do what they do", many neighbors have had their lawns routinely graced with "halos" from adorable females who don't think twice about using people's lawns as a rest stop. And the males ... well what can we say. It's just not nice to treat your neighbor's property with such disrespect. Remember it is your responsibility to make sure your renters understand this as well. Fines as authorized by the CC&R's are the responsibility of the homeowner, regardless of who the tenants are.

ASSESSMENTS AND FINES ...

To date the board has levied the following assessments:

| Late Charges of \$10 each | 119 |
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| Lien Letter Charges of \$50 each | 8 |
| Collections Sent to Attorney Charges of \$100 |) 1 |
| Bank Charges (for returned checks) of \$25 | 1 |

Other penalty assessments:

| Parking Violation of \$100 | 1 |
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| Distrubing the Peace of \$100 | 1 |
| Architectural Violation of \$100 | 1 |

Please help your association by following the CC&R's and making sure your monthly fees are paid on time. Your kind and considerate cooperation will help us keep the Montage at Mission Hills Homeowners Association running smoothly.

CARS, CARS AND MORE CARS ...

As a friendly reminder, please park you cars in your garage or on your driveway. Our CC&R's (Section VIII, D) state: 1) Occupants' automobiles shall be parked in garages or driveways only. Garage doors may not be left open except as temporarily necessary or while used for entering or exiting. 2) On-street parking is limited to guest vehicles not to exceed 72 hours in one seven (7) day period. Vehicles of an employee or agent of an occupant are not considered guest vehicles and shall be parked in garages or driveways of the occupant only, except for temporary parking by house cleaners, gardeners, pool service, and other service persons serving the occupant lot.

COME AND JOIN, IT'S A GREAT CLUB ...

Many of you have yet to formally join Mission Hills Country Club. One of the many benefits of living in Montage is that you're entitled to a social membership in the club. All you have to do is contact Mission Hills Country Club and sign up. Your dues are already being paid by our homeowners association. There is a terrific gym, pool, dining room and bar that are yours to enjoy. *Give the club a call at 760-324-9400 and sign up today*.

ROSTER UPDATES ...

We will be publishing the next edition of our Neighborhood Directory in the fall and will mail it to you with the annual budget in November. If you are now not in the current roster and would like to be included in the next edition please give our manager, <u>Dayton Dickey</u>, a call at 760-325-9500 and ask that you be included.

BOARD MEETINGS ARE FUN ...

Now that we're enjoying regular monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, please consider attending. It's a great chance to for you to keep the Board informed of issues that affect your investment in Montage, as well as to meet your neighbors. Together we can make sure our community remains one of the best in the valley. The next meeting is on <u>Thursday July 14th at 4 PM in the Grill Room of the Mission Hills Country Club</u> ... see you there! (After the meeting we've been having a great time adjourning for refreshments and "happy hour" in our country club's lounge and getting to know each other better.)

KEEPING MONTAGE SECURE ...

As we work at recruiting volunteers to develop a "Neighborhood Watch" program in our community here are some tips for keeping your home safe and secure:

- 1. Use your alarm system even when out for short periods of time.
- 2. Always close your garage door when you're not present.
- 3. Always lock your vehicle and do not leave the garage door remote accessible.
- 4. Stop newspaper deliveries when away, or if for a short time, arrange for a neighbor to pick up your paper.
- 5. Disable your garage doors when away on trips by unplugging opener unit.
- 6. Interior Lights on timers create a "lived-in" look.
- 7. Keep landscaping tended while you're away and trash cans in their normal place.
- 8. Do not give out the gate code unless absolutely necessary and then give out only the code for contractors and service people.
- 9. Do not permit vehicles to "tailgate" you through our gates. Stop if you have to until gate closes so they can get their own access, if authorized.