

MOUNTAIN SHADOWS HOA NEWSLETTER MAY 30, 2015



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President's Message:

To All Mountain Shadows Homeowners:

It is a very busy time here in our Desert Paradise. So far the rains have come (but not enough) and for the fourth year in a row – high winds. If you have ever been in the desert with the winds relocating every grain of sand, then you know the feeling. Some of our trees are old and weak and yes, we are removing and replacing the broken, damaged trees. All in all, Mountain Shadows is trying to keep the green look, while following the Desert Water Agency's suggestions/directives on a watering schedule that will maintain the landscape, and support pool maintenance that will produce clean pools that will pass inspection. Our lawns are screaming for water while we are told "We must "Conserve Water". We have a great landscaping crew that is slowly changing our bi-annual flower-planting into drought resistant shrubbery and plants.

The buildings are being repaired and wood replaced for a much needed paint job. A professional paint contractor has been chosen. There is a work-plan and there is a schedule., beginning in September . We hope everyone will enjoy the newness and beautiful results of our year-long planning. During the time the paint contractors are on site and painting, we want to encourage every Homeowner "to go with the flow" that will allow these projects to proceed without interruption. Any Homeowner with special needs, suggestions or comments, is urged to contact the Office Manager, JoAnn at 760-328-1076.

Hoping to see you at Mountain Shadows soon....

Wanda Elmore, President 2014-15

Treasurer's Report:

In our last Board Meeting on April 17th, we worked on the budget for 2015-2016. The Board made several adjustments but the overall budget will stay the same. All Board members approved the new budget.

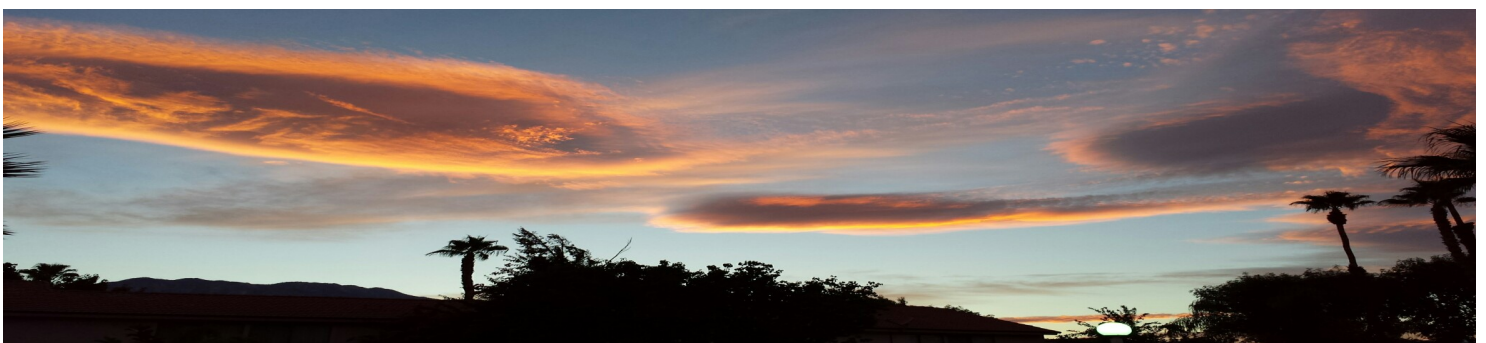
As I made mention to last year, most homeowners pay Association dues on time. Once again, I said 'most.'

A large project is coming up this year, which is the painting of the buildings. Due to our reserve account, this large project will be taken care of. And, no assessment needed.

Our monthly dues will stay the same for our budget year 2015-2016. So thank you for your promptness in paying your dues on time.

Stone Fetterly, Treasurer

P.S We all pay on time - keeps me happy.





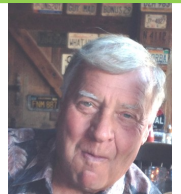
Landscaping Report:

My name is John Glatz and I am the board member who is responsible for the landscaping. There has been a drought in California as many of you know and the state of California has put in place a set of water restrictions which significantly reduce the amount of water that can be used by high volume usage applications such as golf courses, large condominium developments, new home builders, cities, on city streets, etc. The water district is also raising the cost of water and you will be seeing this change in your bills.

The cutback for Mountain Shadows is around 25%. We have cutback watering the grass to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The watering will be done only at night to minimize evaporation. As you know we started planning for this problem several years ago when we started transitioning to desertscape in the parking areas around Mountain Shadows. We are now beginning to transition the areas where flowers have been planted at other locations inside and outside of Mountain Shadows. We are also in the process of developing a new low water usage design for the entrance to Mountain Shadows which incorporates various low water plants including cactus, lantana, catmint and several others. Please contact the office immediately if you see any broken sprinklers.

The Mountain Shadows HOA website has been up and running for a year now. Many of you have registered and hopefully found the important information you needed. If you have not yet registered, please log in to the website at: <http://mountainshadowshoa.org>. There is a place on the first page for you to register. Once you have filled out and sent the form you will receive an e-mail when your registration is approved.

A big thank you to Bob {Smitty} Smith, for going over to the main pool every morning, straightening all the pool furniture, picking up after all those who don't and reporting broken furniture to William.
What an asset !



Pools:

Properly maintained pools can offer many hours of fun and games. They are intended for family and neighbors to meet and greet each other. It is a great way to socialize and spend casual time with your neighbors and friends. For those reasons special attention must be paid to ensure that the water and surroundings are properly maintained.

SHOWER BEFORE YOU ENTER THE POOL!...With the tough new statewide regulations restricting outdoor water usage we must put an extra effort into preserving the healthy state of our swimming pools' water. Showering before entering the pool helps maintain pool water safety and a healthy swimming environment for all. Sun tan lotions that come off in the pool water can eventually lead to a compromise in water safety. Also take children and yourself on frequent bathroom breaks. These two practices can make a huge impact on the healthy water of our pools.

Insurance Report:

Most people would agree that the less talk there is about insurance, the better the news. We have no news. We continue to have great coverage: we changed our deductible to \$10,000 and upgraded several coverages to better meet our needs. Our premiums continue to stay quite constant. And, we have no losses. Thanks to everyone for making Mountain Shadows a safe and insurance friendly place to be.

Celia Hart, Board Secretary

Security: It has been reported by neighboring communities that break-ins are happening now that most everyone has left for the summer. Please be aware of your surroundings when you are here and make your home look like it is being lived in. Also, bicycles have been stolen off back patios, so it might be a good idea to put them in the house when you are away.