

MOUNTAIN SHADOWS HOA ANNUAL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021



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In Memoriam:

Walter Nicholas

Jayne Dahl

Joe Fuchs

President's Letter:

We just completed our 2021 Annual Homeowners Meeting via Zoom. Thank you to all that attended and for those that participated in the election of three new officers; Lori Eaton, Melissa Volchok and Kinga Marcinkowski for three year terms. Hopefully Covid19 will be under control next year so we can once again meet in person.

We have been busy this year in the community. The first phase of the street paving has happened with the completion of Montecito Dr. Many thanks go out to Bob Stolhand for his years of maintaining our streets and his leadership in getting this first phase completed. The board will be taking a look at our reserves and discussing the timing of the next area to repave.

We have also been working with the new landscape company, O'Connell, to restore our Bermuda grass, get rid of the Nut Sedge, and update our irrigation. They have completed the first phase of the irrigation updates and are working on the next phase. We are having to fine tune some of the sprinklers and this will be an ongoing process. We are looking to have some volunteers to restart a landscape committee that can assist the Board with planning landscape improvements in our community. If interested, please send an email to the HOA office.

As many of you know, the City has been approached regarding sale of the Golf Course. I thank Sheila Vella and Angus Galbraith for their work to get MS Homeowners involved in letting the City know what we think of this. Also, it was great to have Ernest Cecena from Save PS Golf speak at our homeowner's meeting to update us on the fight. We will all need to keep informed and involved in this issue.

We are a working board here in Mountain Shadows. In order to continue to be a self managed board, we need to have community involvement. Currently we have one board position to fill at the December board meeting. If you are interested in being considered to fill this position, please submit your name to the HOA office. In addition, we would like to form a Landscape Committee and an Architecture Committee. Please drop a note to the HOA office if you are interested in joining in to help us keep this a self managed board.

Randy Sawyer, HOA President

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Montecito Drive Re-pavement Project
October 2021

Landscape Report by Rafael Cardona:

All trees were trimmed per ISA standards with 25% crown reduction.

They were pruned by removing all lower branches and cutting last year's growth in between. If there are any complaints or concerns regarding the trimming of the trees, management at O'Connell will gladly address them directly with the Board..

Here are the latest landscape updates from O'Connell. We have contracted the company to update the grounds in two phases.

Phase 1 is comprised of 26 areas and all the work was completed. Here are some details: At 1900 Montecito Dr., irrigation heads were changed on units 1, 5 and 6. At 6000 Montecito Dr., new irrigation heads were added by unit 7 - by the course side. Note the current plans did not include sprinklers in that area. At 6032 Montecito Dr., new irrigation was added by the shrubs and trees to unit 6; between the front door and the golf course. .At 6087 Montecito Dr., irrigation was added to plants by units 1 and 8.

Phase 2 is comprised of 11 areas and as of October 26, two of the 11 have been completed. The expected date for all 11 areas to be finished is around November 21. Here are the details: Valves that cover specific areas were changed. 45 spray heads were changed from old to new, and 100 additional sprinklers were added to the plants.



Lost & Found: Located in the HOA office are numerous items that have been left behind. Please stop by and claim your mis-placed items. Lots of clothing, hats, watches, towels, keys, speakers, etc.

Short Term Rentals: If anyone sees or hears problems with short term renters, please call the Palm Springs City Vacation Rental Hotline at (760) 833-7988. Also if you are an owner who rents, please post the Rules and Regulations in your home and be sure to register with the City of you rent under 29 days.

Insurance Report: We continue to be insured for all MSHOA needs with Farmers. In May you received a summary sheet of our general policy. As an owner it is important to remember that the HOA policy carries a \$10,000 deductible. Also, the new matrix attached to the CC&Rs changes some of the owners' responsibilities. You will want to consider these things when you purchase your homeowner policy for your unit.

Library: Inside there are books, puzzles, magazines, games, pool toys and children's furniture. You can also access our Wi-Fi here. Log in and password for this are posted inside the front door above the table.

Treasurer's Report: Fiscal Year 2021 ending in June gave us a \$3,300.00 income over expense. Our water expense rose to \$28,000.00 over budget., while electricity and gas were under budget by \$11,300.00. Our reserve allocation for the year was \$127,500.00. Dues went up by \$5.00/month July 1st so money could be added to the reserve account for future projects.

Swimming Pools: The pools continue to sparkle at Mountain Shadows .To keep them in top condition we are kindly asking Owners , Guests and Renters, please be considerate. We greatly appreciate if you clean up after yourself, your guests and children.

Pool 1 (main pool) is heated year round, as is the spa. Pools 2—6 are heated as needed. Pools 2, 3 & 4 are heated at this time. Please continue using towels on top of the loungers and chairs to keep them clean. Gates should always be locked for safety.

Security: We currently have 2 roving patrols per evening at various times. If you are witness to any security issues, please call Maxwell Security at (760) 770-8249. And remember to always lock your vehicles!

Architecture Requests: The architectural request form and guidelines for front patios have been updated. If the owner is requesting plants and trees be added in the patio application, a landscaping request form with approved plants and trees is required to be completed as well for approval. Any volunteers to help on this committee would be helpful and appreciated. Please contact the HOA office.

Welcome Back to everyone who has been gone for a year and a half due to Covid!