

Holiday Hotline

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Sign Up For Paperless Delivery



In 2009 the Davis-Stirling Act was amended to allow email delivery of certain documents to homeowners which associations previously had to mail to all homeowners.

The Board would like to encourage all homeowners to sign up for this new service. All a homeowner needs to do is send an email to Tim Dillon at the following address:

access@associationservices.com

Make sure that in the subject area of your email you type: "HEMA – request paperless delivery" and in the body of your email include the following:

Property owner's name

Property owner address

and type the following: All documents available by email delivery.

All future documents, which can be emailed, will be delivered to your inbox in PDF format approximately 2 months after the date of your request. ❖

Your Dues at Work

Roads & Ditches

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HEMA Roads & Ditches

During the rainy season the Roads and Ditches Committee members are hard at work trying to keep the roads and ditches clean. They frequently monitor the ditches to determine if additional maintenance is required and either personally clear the blockage or dispatch workers to perform the work. In 2009 HEMA spent \$12,086 for routine maintenance of the ditches during the year.

However, the committee's vigilance and tenacity is sometimes not enough during periods of heavy rain. After an inspection, a ditch may become blocked within a few minutes. The committee needs your help monitoring the ditches and culverts. Every resident should frequently check the drainage ditches and culverts that are near their property and remove any leaves and debris promptly. The effort that residents make directly reduces costs and keeps dues down. Please do your part to keep the water flowing. If you become aware of a problem area please report it immediately to Tim Dillon at Access. ❖

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Vandalism & Burglaries in HLE

Vandalism and burglaries continue to be a problem within HLE and Jackson Oaks. Please report any suspicious activity to the Morgan Hill Police at 408-779- 7271.

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program please contact Julie A. Allen at: jangreen55@yahoo.com. ❖

Volunteerism in HLE

What have you done to be involved in the HLE community?

Thanks again to the Holiday Arch and Tree committee and Ladies of the Lake Bunco Group for their dedication, time and energy.

The Board would like to form a committee to explore creating a landscape feature to replace the decaying wishing well located near the entrance to HLE. This feature would ideally reflect the current neighborhood community in which we are living.

Volunteers are needed. If you have ideas or have landscaping planning, engineering or construction experience and would like to volunteer your time, you may contact Julie A. Allen at : jangreen55@yahoo.com . ❖

Speeding and Parking



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Reminder

Street side parking is always prohibited within HLE because our roads are narrower than most city streets. Vehicles in violation will be tagged and towed with little or no notice.

Please do your part to make our roads safe for drivers, pedestrians and children, by parking your vehicles in your driveway or garage and by obeying the 25 miles per hour speed limit.

For more information on towed vehicles call Day and Night Towing Service at (408) 686-1869. ❖

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Free Chipping Service

The 2010 annual weed and brush cleanup will take place May 3rd through May 7th. The Association has coordinated with the SCC Firesafe Council to provide free chipping service to HLE residents. This is your opportunity to dispose of any tree/shrub branches or any plant material that can be chipped. Please stack all piles neatly with the cut ends facing the street. Branch size should not be larger than 3 inches in diameter. Again this year there is no limit on the amount you may set out for collection. However, keep in mind that the piles need to be placed off the road and each pile should be no larger than 6 feet wide, long and high. Stacks should be placed within 5 feet of chipper access and on the upside of the road. For Seniors & those with special needs who have financial limitations, there may be help available to clear your property and prepare for chipping. Just call (408) 975-9591 for more information.

The city of Morgan Hill has passed a resolution to the Municipal Code which declares weeds on a homeowners property a public nuisance and requires homeowners to remove them without delay. The full text of this resolution is provided on page 3 of this newsletter. Page 4 contains a letter to property owners in the County of Santa Clara from the County of Santa Clara Department of Agriculture and Environmental Management Weed Abatement Division concerning the Weed Abatement Program.



2010 Wood Chipping Schedule

Monday, May 3rd :

Holiday Dr to intersection of Copperhill Pl (17295 Holiday Dr), Shady Lane Dr, Trail Ridge Dr, Oak Lane, Copperhill Dr, Quail Lane, Quail Ct.

Tuesday, May 4th :

Holiday Dr from intersection of Copperhill Pl to Manzanita Dr, Manzanita Dr, Butterfly Lane, Hoot Owl Way, Blue Jay Dr, Blue Jay Ct.

Wednesday, May 5th :

Remainder of Holiday Dr, Holiday Ct, Raccoon Ct.

Thursday, May 6th :

Whipcorwill Dr, Lakeview Dr, Lakeview Ct, Lava Rock Ct, Blue Grass Ct, Lori Lane, Parkview Lane, Fairway Ct.

Friday, May 7nd : If the crew is running behind, Friday will be catch up day! ❖

Notice to Destroy Weeds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 2, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.20.030 of the Morgan Hill Municipal Code, the City Council of said City passed a resolution declaring that all weeds growing upon any private property or in any public street or alley, as defined in Section 8.20.010, constitute a public nuisance, which nuisance must be abated by the destruction or removal thereof.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that property owners shall without delay, remove all such weeds from their property, and the abutting half of the street in front and alleys, if any, behind such property, and between the lot lines thereof as extended, or such weeds will be destroyed or removed and such nuisance abated by the City authorities, in which case the cost of such destruction or removal will be assessed upon the lots and lands from which, or from the front or rear of which, such weeds shall have been destroyed or removed; and such cost will constitute a lien upon such lots or lands until paid, and will be collected upon the next tax roll upon which general municipal taxes are collected. All property owners having any objections to the proposed destruction or removal of such weeds are hereby notified to attend a meeting of said City to be held in the Council Chambers of the City of Morgan Hill located at 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, California, on **Wednesday, January 27th, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, when their objections will be heard and given due consideration.

The language and format for this notice is required by California Health and Safety Code Sections 14891 Et. Seq.

County of Santa Clara

Department of Agriculture and Environmental Management
Weed Abatement Division



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December 7, 2009

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ABATE WEEDS

Dear Property Owner:

To protect your property and the area surrounding it from possible fire, your jurisdiction, contracts with the County of Santa Clara to operate a Weed Abatement Program. The County is providing this notice and information packet to you as part of the Program. We encourage you to read the information carefully, and do not hesitate to call us for clarification or other information.

Your jurisdiction has or will adopt a resolution declaring your property as one that may contain potential fire hazards from weeds or other debris. In addition, your jurisdiction will be conducting a public hearing to consider an abatement order to require you to remove any hazardous vegetation or combustible debris. The public hearing will be held on the date and at the place stated in the attached notice to destroy weeds. The public hearing provides an opportunity for you to raise any objections and/or concerns to the requirement that you remove fire-hazardous vegetation and/or debris from your property prior to the deadline provided in the attached abatement schedule.

The Weed Abatement Program works in coordination with parcel owners if their property is habitat to protected species of plants and/or animals. If you believe your parcel includes an environmentally sensitive habitat, please check the box and explain this on the reply form to assist us in determining the best approach to weed abatement at your property.

If after the public hearing the Weed Abatement Program is approved for your property the County is authorized by its contract with the cities, and by state law, to perform an inspection of your property to determine whether the property has been cleared of hazards according to Minimum Fire Safety Standards (see enclosed brochure). Inspections will begin after the abatement deadline for your jurisdiction. This notice does not relieve you of your responsibility to complete the necessary work prior to the deadline for your jurisdiction.

If you fail to complete the abatement work prior to the County inspection of your property, you will be responsible for the cost of the inspection and your property will be scheduled for abatement by the County contractor. If you complete the abatement work before the County contractor, you will not be charged by the County. Should the abatement work be completed by a County contractor, you will be assessed the contractor's charges plus a County administrative fee. The County will use the least costly method of abatement considering the physical characteristics of your property and environmental concerns. Fees are detailed in the attached price list. The total amount will be included as a special assessment on your property tax bill following confirmation of the charges by your jurisdiction. Notice of the date of that meeting will be posted at a location prescribed by your jurisdiction (typically at the Civic Center) at least three days prior to the meeting.

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Dogs in HLE



Each year it is brought to the attention of the Board that a homeowner is forced to listen to a barking dog for hours each day while their neighbor is gone from their home. Anyone who has had this experience can attest to the feelings this evokes from both the dog's owner and the neighbors who listen to the dog.

If you are having a problem with a barking dog a good first step in resolving this problem would be to ask your neighbor, in a non-confrontational manner, if they are aware that their dog continually barks. It is possible they are not aware of the problem. If you have any helpful suggestions this would be the time to offer them to the dog's owner.

However, if this approach does not work you can report the barking to the Morgan Hill police, if you live in the city, or the Sheriffs department if you are in the county.

If you are an owner of a barking dog there are many options available to you to help you train your dog not to bark. The first step in training your dog not to bark is to determine the reason or reasons that your dog barks. After you determined the cause or if the cause is not clear you can contact a professional trainer for help and/or ideas or contact your vet for advice and/or medication. Your vet or trainer can determine which strategy and/or tool is the best method to help you quiet your dog.

Remember, this situation is stressful for everyone involved and this includes the dog. It is not healthy for a dog to bark continually. The owner of the barking dog needs to be a good neighbor and a responsible dog owner and as such pursue all options to find a workable and satisfactory solution to the problem. ❖

THE GREEN SOLUTION



Our very ecological fire prevention program will once again return to clear the upper meadow of the spring grass. The goats will be returning the first week in April. If you live in the surrounding area, please try to keep your pets contained while the goats are visiting us.

During their visit a temporary solar powered electric fence will contain the goats, thus allowing them to concentrate on a target area to remove the weeds and brush. The goats are always fun to watch so bring the kids. *However, please do not approach the goats through the fence or try to feed the goats.*

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Albin as well as Sassan and Joan Raissi, a temporary water tank will be set up on the south end of the upper meadow to water the goats. ❖

UPCOMING EVENTS

4th of July 2010



----- Fire Works in the Meadow-----

Fireworks & Movie on the Big Screen!
Will Start at Dark

July 31, 2010

----- 4th Annual Picnic and Movie-----



4:00 pm in Lower Meadow ❖

2010 PICNIC AND MOVIE IN THE MEADOW

Early Alert "The Picnic and Movie in the Meadow is COMING" 4th Annual Picnic is scheduled for July 31, 2010 at 4 pm. It is not too early to mark your calendar. We plan to have a BBQ, Games & Prizes & YES the Movie on our new giant size screen.

The picnic is organized with community donations and volunteers. This will be the 4th picnic event in over 25 years; you can help make this a continued event. We have several new families in Holiday Lake Estates since our last picnic that we would like to meet and show our strong sense of community. We hope our new neighbors, as well as those from past years and those that have not experienced the reward of volunteering, will join us for a fun day in the meadow.

The commitment during the picnic can be as little as 1 hour so everyone has time to be with family and friends. We have had volunteers that have contributed much more and we want to express our appreciation. The May Newsletter will have details for volunteering.

Send your ideas to Lynn [Beachwmn@hotmail.com] 219-4066 or Janice [HeyLittleAnt@pacbell.net] 779-0611. ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HEMA Board Meeting

PLACE: RAMADA INN, CONDIT RD. MORGAN HILL
DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

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