



Homeowners' Association Newsletter

August 2010

► *Letter from the President*

We're going paper-less! So this will be our **LAST printed newsletter**. From now on, newsletters will be sent out via email and published on our website. Please send your email address to news@millcreekhighlands.org so you can stay informed of what's going on in the HOA. If you received our "Vandalism" notice in June, the HOA has your email address.

Since the last newsletter in April we've made some big accomplishments. The trail repairs were completed in June. Hopefully you've had a chance to walk or ride around our wonderful trail system that now has a few less bumps to navigate. Also, we've put more information on our HOA website including a FAQ section for the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) and a copy of our Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs). We hope that this will be a useful resource to all homeowners in the Mill Creek Highlands.

What's next for the HOA? Come by our next monthly HOA meeting and see what's going on. We need volunteer homeowners for everything from serving on the ACC to creating the newsletter and even just participating in decision making. If you have free time and would like to help, please contact me.

Enjoy the rest of summer and hope to see you at the Back-to-School Ice Cream Social on September 10th!

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August Meeting Change

The August HOA meeting has been rescheduled from August 9th to **August 16th**.

See
www.millcreekhighlands.org
for a complete list of meetings.

► *Inspection Notification*

Since the last proactive neighborhood review was conducted in March, we have been pleased to note significant improvements in the overall appearance of Highlands property—a benefit to all homeowners! A reminder that if you notice a home which is chronically in noncompliance and you would like to notify the HOA, please use the Enforcement Request Form which is available on the website.

► *Common Non-Compliance Issues*

Part of what the HOA strives to achieve is an awareness of policies so homeowners aren't caught off guard. Please take time to review Rules and Regulations on our website: www.millcreekhighlands.org.

These are the most common noncompliance violations:

- Vegetation is growing in the cracks and seams of pavement—sidewalks, curbs, driveways.
- Weeds & grass have invaded planting beds.
- The edge of lawns is not trimmed along pavement and planting beds.
- Trash bin are stored in view of the street.

► *Ice Cream in the Park*

Come out for some ice cream at **Highlands Park on Sept. 10th at 7pm** and reconnect with Highlands neighbors and meet some new ones. This event will be held rain or shine. An email reminder will be sent prior to the event.

► *The Highlands are Beautiful, but UGH!* *By Neal Shulman*

That trash and litter that too often tends to adorn our streets and sidewalks, particularly along the Boulevard and Park, leaves much to be desired. It detracts, to say the least, from the blooming trees, the well manicured lawns, and the beauty that is ours in the Highlands. Discarded water and beverage bottles, carelessly thrown paper, and other litter is a distraction that we can, and should, do without.

PLEASE do your part by picking up and disposing of litter as you come upon it. Counsel your kids on the importance of maintaining a litter free neighborhood. Keeping the Highlands beautiful is the job of each of us living here. Let's all do our part. After all, this is our home!

► *Neighborhood Safety*

During the summer, an increase in acts of vandalism, theft, and other annoyances occur, particularly at night. According to Nathan Lerma, Police Support Officer for Mill Creek, there has been a noticeable increase in 'car prowls' in the area – so please remember: lock your car, keep valuables out of view including a GPS mount, and report suspicious activity to 911.

► *Screening*

As our neighborhood ages, many wall hedges and mass plantings have grown well over the 3 foot limit stipulated in our CC&Rs (Article VI, Section 12). Tall hedges can become a safety issue when visibility is obstructed for cars and pedestrians, especially children. Please see the "News" tab of the website if you think your bushes are not in compliance.

