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# Rain Drops

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## Co-Presidents' Message

Summer is in full swing with family visits, family camps, swimming, hiking, and enjoying this beautiful place we call home. We have to put up with a bit more noise and cars, but just think about how wonderful it is for kids and families to have Mount Hermon experiences. We will keep this newsletter short, but have a few updates and reminders for you.

### Woodwardia Bridge

The County modified the conditional use permit for the Woodwardia Bridge (with a "revised Notice and Order of 3-20-09"). In addition to the load and speed limits, an inspection program for the bridge by the Association has been defined and is being implemented. This new Notice and Order eliminates the requirement for a barrier gate at the bridge. The con-

ditional use permit expires January 1, 2014 at which time a new or repaired bridge must be in place. On July 2, 2009 MHA applied for a new encroachment permit which would allow MHA to expand the Mount Hermon Road/Lilac Lane connector to become the permanent all traffic access point to this part of Mount Hermon. MHA has requested that when this enlarged connector is complete, MHA would have the option to close Woodwardia Bridge to auto/truck traffic. It is expected that the County will act on this request before the end of the year.

### Homeowners Assessment Fee

Mount Hermon homeowners pay an annual assessment fee for the maintenance of roads and trails and adjacent tree trimming. According to MHA

this maintenance cost has long been underfunded by the homeowners and has been subsidized by MHA. Last year's repair and continuing inspection cost for Woodwardia Bridge has further exacerbated the funding problem. For these reasons, the \$200 annual assessment fee has doubled to \$400 this year. The Association has indicated that they welcome input concerning the specific needs of the roads, trails or bridges. **Contact: Mail@mounthermoncommunity.com**

### Speed Limit and Parking in Mount Hermon

Many are very concerned about the upsurge in speeders this summer as newcomers are on our narrow and curving single-lane roads. We can all help in reminding them (and ourselves) that the speed limit is 15 mph on all our roads.

Those summer visitors also bring more parked cars. We need an access width of 15 feet across all roads – the width needed for a fire truck. Let's keep everyone safe by staying within our speed limit and maintaining emergency access to our roads. Thank you!

### Drought Conditions

Rainfall in Mount Hermon this last winter was below normal continuing the drought of the last several years. Water conservation should be the order of the day for us all. The Association wells are performing well and our water source seems stable at this point. MHA has indicated that the added assessment that went into effect three years ago has now funded the Well #3 which was drilled 3 years ago. The Association will continue to add this assessment to the water bills in order to accumulate funds for the two large water tanks that are in need of replacement. These tanks will be replaced as soon as the funds (approximately \$400,000) are available.

### House Tours Postponed

Last year's Community House Tours fund raising event was a big success and we plan to repeat the effort with different homes for our next event. Because of the unavailability of key Mount Hermon homes this year, the next House Tours fundraising event will take place in 2010. We hope many of you will want to volunteer your home for touring next summer/fall. The exact date will be announced later. Our intent is for net proceeds (after Community expenses) to go to the Mount Hermon Association Campership fund. This fund supports families who otherwise would not be able to afford to participate in the Mount Hermon camping experience.

For a better community,  
Armand and Jim

## **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT**

I have a friend that I have known, and loved, for over a quarter of a century. Over the course of time, this friend has been a faithful companion in times of celebration, refreshment and even grief. My love for this friend has deepened and grown with the passage of time and we have become closer as our lives intertwine. Like any true friend, we may not always agree on specifics but our foundation is unshakable. But, recently, there have been concerns raised about my friend and I have found myself having to defend him. My friend is the Mount Hermon Association.

One of the major goals of the Mount Hermon Community is to have a friendly, peaceful neighborhood where we can enjoy our homes and the beauty of this creation. One of the voiced concerns is over the Mount Hermon Rules and Regulations that are attached to each and every property deed. It seems that the regulations should be rules of conduct yet have become a dusty document few remember and fewer heed.

A complete copy of the Rules and Regulations can be found at: <http://mounthermoncommunity.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/09/rules-and-regulations-1974.pdf>

In coming Newsletters, I'll be highlighting certain issues and asking for input. Thanks for listening.

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