

Planning on Making Modifications to Your Home ?

Do you plan to make any modifications to the outside of your home, or major modifications to your landscape ? Please remember that you must submit an Architectural Control Application and you may find that online at MWHOA.org. Although you will submit the application through the management company, all decisions regarding changes are made by volunteers.

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Say 'Thanks' to Dee Burlile

Muir Woods resident Dee Burlile has resigned from her position as Muir Woods Events Chair after serving for three years. Muir Woods is known for having great neighborhood events and Dee has carried forward and added to the long time tradition. Some of the Events that Dee has put together are the Easter Egg Hunt, the 4th of July Celebration, the Garage Sales, Holiday Decorating Contest, and others.

Dee has worked very hard to improve upon past successes and to consider what could be added or changed that would best serve our Muir Woods families.

Dee, you are appreciated and will be missed.

...And now we need a new Events Chair

If you have enjoyed the events that Dee and others have put together for Muir Woods over the last several years, please consider volunteering to help.

What does it take?

- Concern for your community
- Enjoyment of others
- Some organizational skills
- Some time

Previous Events Chairs would be happy to give you hints and records about what has been done in the past. Volunteer through Rob at **323-1080** or **Rob@advantage-idaho.com**.

SEASONAL REMINDERS

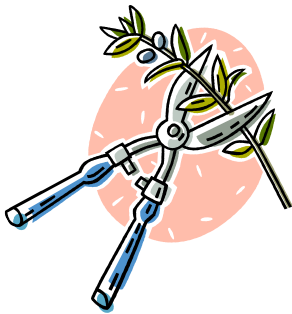
The irrigation is off at Muir Woods now but you may still want to take a few steps to prepare for the winter season. Fall is a great time to **fertilize trees**. The root system is very active from leaf drop to dormancy, setting the stage for new spring growth. You should **water your high-value trees deeply** before frost; this should see them through the dry, frozen winter months. A tree that goes into winter well watered experiences less die-back and has a much better chance of surviving the dry winter months. It is also time to prune since it is cooler and there is less chance of damage in the fresh cut areas. A **fall aeration** will benefit your spring lawn.

It is also time to **winterize your irrigation**

system and home. You may want to consider protecting your expensive backflow preventer. Water trapped in small chambers makes backflow valves vulnerable. They often experience damage during the winter season, and it does not take much of a cold night to freeze and crack them. It is safest to simply remove your valve with a pipe wrench and bring it in the garage for the winter. For less than a dollar, you can buy two 1 1/4 inch pipe caps and blank off the outside pipe ends after removal.

Consider closing your **foundation vents** soon to save winter heating bills. Typically, you should only leave them open if you suspect you have a lot of moisture under your crawl space to dry out.

CLEAR THE SIDEWALKS OF TREE BRANCHES & BUSHES



Please check out the sidewalk in front of your home. Is it free of any bushes or trees that block walkers or children on riding toys?

Often the bushes and trees in the mow strip between the sidewalk and street have become overgrown this time of year. If that is the case in your area, you are responsible for trimming them before winter weather sets in.

Also please be certain that rocks, gravel, etc. used for landscaping is pushed back into place.

ATTRACTED TO NATIVE LANDSCAPING ?

University of Idaho researchers have begun a process of domesticating and evaluating native plants for use in Idaho landscapes. Although this research is in its infancy, it has resulted in considerable new information about native plants with horticultural value that are adapted to the dry conditions and high pH soils of southern Idaho. Dr. Stephen Love, leader of the native plant domestication project, has created a document that contains a list of native plants suitable for landscape use. The document also lists nurseries that supply these plants in quantities sufficient for a home landscape project. Consider reading his document: —

Dr. Love's Favorite Native Plants
& Where to Buy Them

A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER OF TUESDAY ACTIVITY NIGHT !

Thanks to Morris Bastian and all the parents who helped him with Tuesday Activity Night during the summer. This is such a unique benefit of the Muir Woods neighborhood and one that children and parents alike look forward to.



Just Around the Corner Holiday Decorating

We hope that many of you are planning to participate in the holiday decorating contest in December. Judging will be mid-December but more about the exact date later. There will be recognition again, but most importantly, it is a great pleasure for the residents of Muir Woods and those that look forward to driving through to view the lights.



About those RV's, Boats, Etc.

Did you ever receive a letter from the management company about parking of campers, RV's, etc.? And did you get one when it was only at your home for a few hours?

The management company and Board of Directors are aware that you may occasionally receive a letter for a vehicle that was only parked for a few hours, and that is irritating, so let us explain the process and how you can ameliorate the situation.

The Muir Woods governing documents state that campers, boats, garden equipment, etc., "when not in actual use, shall be kept at all times in an enclosed structure or screened from public view and at no time shall any said vehicles or equipment be parked or stored on a public or private right-of-way within Muir Woods..."

The manager for Muir Woods is contracted to drive the subdivision about every 2 weeks. They typically do not drive on Mondays and Fridays because that is when most campers will have their equipment out if they are preparing it or unloading it for a weekend trip. During the drive through the manager will observe what is non-compliant in that short time frame. We cannot guess whether the vehicle was on site for 4 hours or 4 days, but we will tell you the specific date that the non-compliance was observed.

If you are someone who over the years at Muir Woods has only gotten a few notices on such matters, we thank you for being compliant most of the time. Please don't be angry that we did not know your intent on moving the vehicle. We will observe on the next drive-through that you are again compliant...no worry. If it concerns you to get a reminder letter, you may tell us if your vehicle will be parked for a day or two so that we do not send a letter.

Question on What Qualifies as a Recreational Vehicle

Please remember that you must be in compliance with the governing documents regarding all recreational vehicles. The Board has directed the management company to treat any vehicle or equipment as falling under this covenant if it is required to obtain an Idaho tag.