

Communications

GMCA addresses communications in our neighborhood in several ways.

The Annual Newsletter is published after the end of each year. The year is recapped and plans for the future are reviewed. This is a critical communication since it is this mailing that goes to all 1,100 homes in our area.

www.GreenMountainEstates.org is a critical communication tool for GMCA. Because of the economics of the internet, we can publish material on a wide range of subjects for "Neighborhood Awareness" to pictures of wonderful holiday light displays. This site contains the "New to the Neighborhood" section, a must read for everyone.

GMCA Bulletins are emailed as needed to provide alerts, warnings, and news of interest to the neighborhood. This is the principle method of communication during the year. You may subscribe to the bulletin through a form on the website, or by sending your request to LakewoodGMCA@gmail.com

Government Liaison

GMCA monitors local governmental bodies and lobbies for favorable actions such as park land development and protecting the residential nature of our neighborhood. (GMCA lawyers helped rewrite city ordinances to prevent boarding houses from using group home rules to circumvent regulations). We have an excellent relationship with the city council, the police and city departments.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN SIDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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People of Green Mountain Estates working together to build a better community

Green Mountainside is a wonderful neighborhood that has evolved over the years since the 1950's. The hill was built up in many sections with some publishing covenants of which none that have survived. So with no HOA, GMCA was formed in 1981 as an all-volunteer civic association "... to promote the common good and social welfare ..." of our neighborhood and the City of Lakewood.

GMCA community meetings are held at the Green Mountain United Methodist Church, 12755 W. Cedar Dr. at 7 PM most months. Check the web site for schedule.

GMCA Annual Event Calendar

April Easter Egg

Hunt: Spring is sprung on Green Mountain with the Easter Egg Hunt. Targeted at children up to the 5th grade, a fine time for decorated baskets and Easter bonnets.



Community Garage Sale in June: Spring cleaning starts with the garage sale promoted by GMCA with print advertising and signs all over the hill. Clean out the garage.

Spring Cleanup: The Saturday after the garage sale weekend, GMCA procures dumpsters for conclusion of spring cleaning. Dumpsters are located at the Green Mountain United Methodist Church at the crest of the hill on Cedar Drive.

Landscape Photo Show: From Mother's day through Labor Day, the GMCA website features the yards and gardens on our hill with photos of properties nominated by our members. The hill is spectacular in the summer.

Annual Picnic: The first week in September features the GMCA Annual Picnic at Foothills Park (behind Foothills Elementary). Music, food and games make this another great occasion for the neighborhood to get together.

Fall Cleanup: The second weekend in September features a repeat of the dumpster cleanup at the church. Clean up for the coming fall and winter.

Annual Meeting: The first Thursday of October we hold the Membership Annual Meeting. At this time we elect the Board of directors for the coming calendar year, and raise issues of interest to the membership. In elections years, we invite candidates to present to the membership.

Santa Visits Foothills: GMCA sponsors a visit by Santa Claus to Foothills Elementary School. We furnish the school pictures of all of the children from kindergarten through third grade as they each talk with Santa. Santa has treats for each child.

Holiday Lights: In a fashion similar to the summer Landscape Event, our website features pictures of the decorations for the season. We feature Pro, Open and Sustainability recognition of our home decorations.

GMCA's Activities

GMCA involves itself in several activities for our neighborhood which are not scheduled but go on throughout the year.

Neighborhood Watch: This is a cornerstone of our Neighborhood Awareness program described on our website. In direct cooperation with the Lakewood Police department GMCA provides help to neighbors who want to take the next step community security. This is very popular as one can see by the Neighborhood Watch signs found around the hill.

Block Parties: GMCA encourages block parties and contributes to them. This is a great way to generate neighborhood camaraderie and compliments the Watch.

Entrance Signs: GMCA invested significantly in the two Green Mountain Estate signs and garden located at the north and south end of Alkire Street. GMCA maintains these areas throughout the year with volunteers with a green thumb.

Adopt a Family: We are compelled to consider our neighbors in need. Typically near the holiday season, GMCA identifies families that have special needs including food, clothing and holiday gifts. Our neighborhood has proven to be very generous in contributing to this effort, and even directly adopting families.

Special GMCA Accomplishments

Since 1981 GMCA has made some very significant contributions to our neighborhood regarding zoning, code issues, neighborhood safety and the like. Recently, a couple of special accomplishments stand out.

Foothills Field of Dreams: GMCA and Green Mountainside neighbors contributed significant time and money to the successful acquisition of a \$130,000 grant for the improvement of playground property at Foothills Elementary School.

Whiz Kids: GMCA is a very strong supporter of the Whiz Kids program at Foothills Elementary and the resulting rise in student scores.

Mountainside Park: GMCA was instrumental in the path, trees, signs and cleanup of Mountainside Park.

Trash/Recycle Collection: Through a complete process, we secured favorable pricing and service from Republic Services for all of the hill.