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The 2011 HOA Volunteer Party: A Neighborhood Tribute



Our Volunteer Party on February 13th at Dry Docks Brewing Co. was a success. The HOA provided free pizza and pop. Many families (some who deliver the newsletter) from our neighborhood came out and enjoyed the evening. We thank Dry Docks Brewing Co. for



accommodating us. Most importantly we want to thank you for making Mission Viejo one of the best places to live in the Denver area!

The Mission Viejo Trash Program Does More Than Provide Service, It Supports The HOA and Our Community!

The Mission Viejo HOA would like you to ask your neighbor if they have not already joined, to please have them sign up and join the Mission Viejo Trash Program. The Mission Viejo HOA contractually offers this service through Pro-Disposal Inc. Pro-Disposal is a local trash and recycling company that takes pride in their customer service. Their low rate of \$67.84 for our 4 month billing or \$186.56 for yearly billing (this equates to one free month of service a year) is hard to beat. A very small portion (\$2 a month) of your trash fee helps support the Mission Viejo HOA as Pro-Disposal gives back to our community!

Each week you are entitled to put out eight (8) cans or bags of household garbage and six (6) bags or tied bundles of branches of yard waste each week. Single stream recycling allows all recyclables to be placed in one container (of your choice) with recycling occurring every other week. Recyclable items must be separated from your regular household trash on the other side of your driveway. This program offers state-of-the-art trash service for its participants that includes "single stream recycling". This provides you, the homeowner, with the opportunity to put all your recyclables together into the same-labeled container of your choice. Recyclable items still must be separated from your regular household trash, but you do not have to separate paper, bottles, cans, and other items. Recycling will be picked up every other week (check our website for a recycling calendar) along with your regular trash pick up. Your participation is considered as full membership in the Homeowners' association. Others may beat or match the price but only one company Pro-Disposal gives back to our community! Together with this program we can help the environment and our community!

Residents are solely responsible for canceling any of their own previous trash service agreements and making payment for any outstanding services. Any questions please call **Pro Disposal Inc. at 303-791-3827.**



Bricks For Our Walls To Be Purchased

At the last Mission Viejo Board meeting in February, the Executive Board approved an agreement with Seville Townhome Assoc. to store southwestern bricks that compose our walls most especially along Hampden and Chambers. The Mission Viejo HOA has agreed to purchase seven palettes for replacement purposes for the whole neighborhood. These "slump-block" bricks are not available anywhere in Colorado. These bricks are manufactured by Angelus Block Company and will be shipped from Indio California. One large HOA in Mission Viejo California uses this manufacturer's blocks for their walls which are exactly the same as our neighborhood. These bricks match the color of our existing walls too. Once the purchase has been finalized, residents will have an opportunity to make an appointment with the HOA to purchase the bricks at cost for replacement and repair purposes. We hope to provide details next month.

We Still Need Newsletter Delivery Volunteers!

Do you like to walk in the neighborhood? Enjoy the fresh air and have a desire to volunteer for the community? We desperately need volunteers to deliver our newsletter on the porch of each resident. It's the best way to let residents know about events and activities from the HOA. Most routes take an average of 1 hour or less. Please contact us via e-mail at webmaster@missionviejohoa.org or call us at **303-817-6932** if you can volunteer.

Next HOA Meeting
Third Tuesday
March 15th, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
Holy Love Lutheran Church
Everyone is Welcome!

Home Maintenance Tips: Fences in Mission Viejo

The HOA receives a fair number of inquiries regarding fences within our community. Our policy has always been in accordance with our covenants that no fence or wall erected by the Mission Viejo Company shall be removed, painted, increased or decreased in height or altered in any way. Our covenants state that for any alteration, the resident must consult the Architectural Committee. While there is no formal Architectural Committee anymore, the HOA would still recommend that everyone continue to observe this restriction. The Mission Viejo Company established this covenant to help conserve the design of our neighborhood. Even the split-rail fences were meant as a design element that tied Mission Viejo's original California development to the ranching lifestyle here in Colorado. Likewise, those who live in the center of the neighborhood (Willowood) may notice the fences with the gray wood trim along Alicia and Mission Parkways. The HOA encourages homeowners to retain and repair this element if possible. Dismantling these design components negatively affects the integrity of the neighborhood and if too much of our neighborhood's plan is lost, it will negatively affect property values.

Barcelona Wall Volunteers

Interested in helping to clean and paint the Barcelona walls and do some trimming of some of the bushes and trees that are overgrown in our neighborhood? We are looking for volunteers; contact us at webmaster@missionviejohoa.org if interested.

Sign up Today for the Mission Viejo Membership/Trash Program!

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The Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc. is a state non-profit organization. The purpose of the Mission Viejo HOA is to unite the unit owners of the Mission Viejo subdivisions in Aurora, Colorado; to encourage civic improvements within said area, to encourage community activities including, but not by way of limitation, the beautification, maintenance, and general appearance of vacant and improved lots, streets, parkways, entrances, open and recreational areas situated within the area and used in common by its residents; enhance the safety of Mission Viejo; facilitate enforcement of any and all building restrictions, protective covenants, and to otherwise act in the interests of the members of the Association.

The deadline for articles and advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue except the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits. To submit an article, e-mail an attachment to Todd McMahon at president@missionviejohoa.org. All letters or articles need to include your name and daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the Board for publication, or as space permits.

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Donations to the HOA Are Always Appreciated!

For those not in the HOA Membership/Trash Program, remember Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc. dues are only \$30/year (they are \$24/year if you are with our Trash Program, \$22 if you sign up for Pro-Disposal's yearly rate). That is why we encourage membership through our Trash Program. Taking care of your home's trash and recycling needs you are also helping us out. Still we want to be as accommodating as possible, so consider sending a donation or dues payment if for some reason you cannot be in our Trash Program. You may also want to support us in two ways, the Trash Program and a donation. Please help sustain your voluntary HOA organization dedicated to improving and retaining high property values. Mail your check today along with our membership information form (found on our website, www.missionviejohoa.org) to: Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc. 4255 S. Buckley Road, #110 Aurora, CO 80013-2951 or try our online dues payment on our website. We truly appreciate your financial assistance!

**Melonlight Dance Meets
Mission Viejo Elementary**

Dance, family, community and education come together when local, very local, dance studio Melonlight Dance, a home based business located right here in Mission Viejo, comes together to provide art and movement education for the youth of Mission Viejo Elementary. The studio owners were grateful when the principal and community liaison of the school welcomed them in offering two after school Michael Jackson workshops for several enthusiastic kids. Asking for a \$5 donation per child, Melonlight Dance and MV Elementary were able to raise several hundred dollars for the Character Building program, a program that is often first to go as budget cuts are so frequently made in the educational system. Kids laughed and smiled learning Michael Jackson's iconic moon walk and the zombified steps of "Thriller!"

The two entities also hosted a Father Daughter Dance this Valentine's Day, another fundraiser to support a very important and much needed school program. Approximately 120 fathers and daughters joined in learning the classic foxtrot and the Latin merengue. Keep your eyes open for more exciting community events as Melonlight Dance brings dancing directly into the neighborhood!

**9Health Fair: Aurora District Site Schedule
April 9-17, 2011**

Please plan on attending the 9Health Fair at one of the following local locations. Check the 9Health Fair website at www.9HealthFair.org under Community Fairs for up-to-date screenings available at these sites or call 303-698-4455.



DATE AND LOCATION

Saturday, April 9:

- Green Valley Ranch, 4809 Argonne St – Denver
- Aurora Central High School, 11700 E. 11th Ave – Aurora
- Grandview High School, 20500 E. Arapahoe Rd – Aurora

Sunday, April 10:

- Community College of Aurora,
16000 E. CentreTech Pkwy – Aurora

Monday, April 11:

- Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church

Tuesday, April 12:

- 3231 E. Mississippi Ave – Aurora

Wednesday, April 13:

- Harvard Square Retirement Community,
10200 E. Harvard Ave – Denver

Thursday, April 14:

- Smoky Hill United Methodist Church
19491 E. Smoky Hill Rd – Centennial

Friday, April 15:

- Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 S. Chambers Rd – Aurora

Saturday, April 16:

- Medical Center of Aurora, 1444 S. Potomac St – Aurora
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Sunday, April 17:

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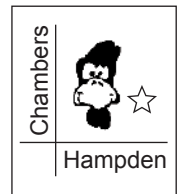
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This program is brought to you by the Aurora Center for Active Adults through the Healthy Aging Initiative. For additional information, call **Eileen Prosser** HAI Coordinator at **303-739-7944**.

Library Issue

At the end of January, the Mission Viejo HOA met with the City of Aurora Officials regarding the Library Breach of Contract issue and came to terms in a tentative agreement. Once City Council approves the agreement, we will provide details to you. Please keep watching our website for further details.

Sign Up for Crime Reports

A message from the Mission Viejo Neighborhood Watch:

Crime Reports is a great website that connects individuals, law enforcement agencies and community groups at the local level. Stay in touch with your neighbors and take an active role in making your community safer. Learn more and sign up for free. To join, go to the following website: www.crimereports.com/?invitation=a318087c0548ad014e696940ca8afa28

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 10-11

Spring Break, Mar 28-Apr 1, 2011

The district's 10-11 and 11-12 four-track, transitional and traditional calendars are available on the district's website at www.CherryCreekSchools.org.

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS GETS HIGHEST MARK FOR EFFECTIVE SPENDING

An independent study has ranked the Cherry Creek School District among the highest in Colorado for effective use of funds for academic achievement.

The Center for American Progress compared spending by school districts nationwide to state math and reading test results for the 2007-2008 school year. The study included school districts with 250 students or more.

The Cherry Creek School District received a "Green" rating indicating the highest return on investment (ROI) of use of funding for student success. The return on investment measure rates the academic achievement of school districts for each dollar spent compared to other districts in the state.

Adjustments in the study were made for special education students, students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches and English-language learners because of the additional costs associated with educating those students. Overall, the study found that school districts that target more dollars to the classroom and less on administration fared much better. Cherry Creek Schools spends more than 80% of its General Fund budget on direct and indirect instruction and less than 5% on central administration costs.

"Despite having to reduce spending by more than \$40 million during the last three years, the Cherry Creek School District has been able to protect the classroom and maintain our focus on student success," said Superintendent Mary Chesley. "The classroom lies at the heart of our mission 'to inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care.'"

Read more on the effective spending rating at www.ccsd.k12.co.us/News/EffectiveSpending/.

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS HONORED FOR EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

The Cherry Creek School District is the recipient of two 2011 Commissioner's Choice Awards honoring effectiveness in education. The Cherry Creek STAR Mentor Program, a partnership between the Cherry Creek Education Association and the Cherry Creek School District is the recipient of the Excellence in Induction Award. S.T.A.R. Mentors are master teachers with a wealth of experience to help those new to the profession.

"The S.T.A.R. Mentor Program is a premium example of what excellence can occur for students when administration and

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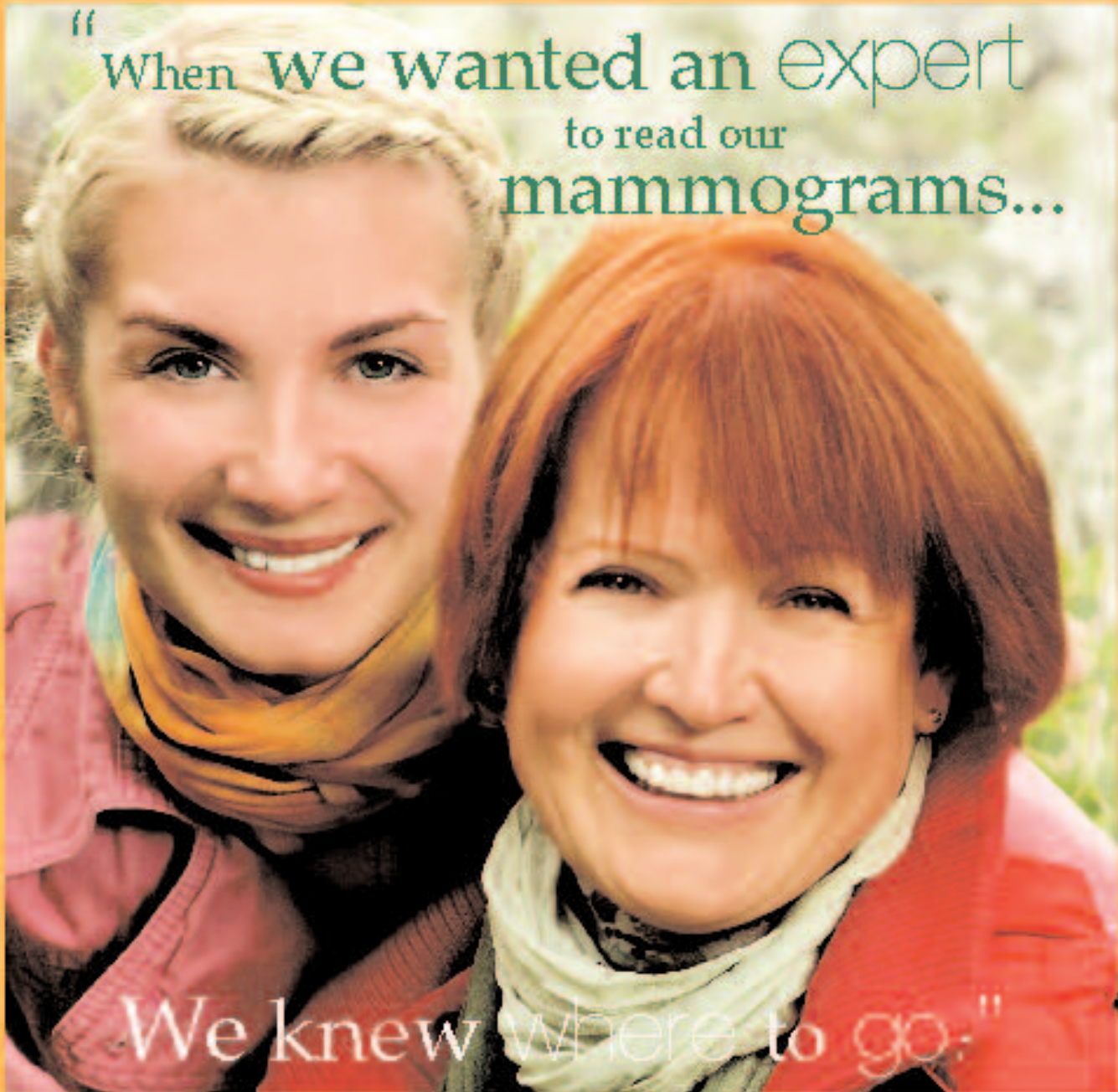
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associations work together to ensure that our students have the best professional teachers guiding their learning,” Cherry Creek Education Association President Jody Doshier said. “Teachers teaching teachers makes sound professional development and good business sense.”

Cherry Hills Village Elementary School received the Teacher Leadership Award, which recognizes innovative leadership models that empower teachers to achieve consistent, sustained student growth. “This is such an incredible honor because teacher leadership is something that is ingrained in the culture of our school,” Cherry Hills Village Elementary School Pam Livingston said.

Read more about these awards at <http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/News/CommissionersChoiceAwards/>.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

A healthy breakfast is the best way to kick-start your child’s school day. So, don’t let being crunched for time or out of milk keep your child from eating breakfast! With a healthy breakfast in their stomach, students are more attentive, more energized, and better able to concentrate in school.

Help us celebrate the most important meal of the day with National School Breakfast Week March 7-11, 2011. This year’s theme, “The School Breakfast Detectives Search for Super Energy”, encourages students to search for the energy they need in a healthy breakfast. They can ‘uncover’ the nutrients that breakfast can provide to them and ‘discover’ the energized feeling they have after eating a wholesome breakfast. This week is the perfect time to try out the school breakfast program! Check with your school kitchen for any other special events happening during National School Breakfast Week.

For students who qualify for the free and reduced price meal program, breakfast is available at no charge each day. All other elementary students can purchase breakfast for \$1.30 and secondary students can purchase breakfast for \$1.40. Students choose from a variety of entrée choices and each breakfast includes milk. Breakfast menu choices are shown at the bottom of each month’s school lunch menu.

Remember, breakfast is available every day – not just during National School Breakfast Week!


SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY WELLNESS SUMMIT

Mark your calendars now for the second annual Family Wellness Summit, a free family event coming up Saturday, April 9, at Grandview High School, 20500 E. Arapahoe Road, Aurora, CO 80016. You’ll be able to get free and low-cost health screenings at a 9Health Fair, enjoy fun, interactive events and activities that can help you and your family stay healthy and live well.

The summit is sponsored by the Cherry Creek School District, its Wellness Office and the Community Asset Project. It aligns with the district’s Comprehensive Wellness Strategy, focusing on the health and well-being of students, staff, families and community. For more information, visit www.assetsconnect.org.

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Mission Viejo HOA Budget

Alan Engels – Mission Viejo HOA Treasurer and Vice President

Beginning Balance 1/1/11 \$ 8,212.10

	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income - Dues	\$ 400.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 235.00
YTD Income - Library Defense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 930.00
YTD Income - Trash Program	\$ 3,816.00	\$ 3,882.00	(\$ 66.00)
YTD Budget Expenses	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 858.81	\$ 251.19
YTD Library Defense Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 83.14	\$ 916.86
YTD Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Balance as of 02/15/2011		\$ 11,387.15	



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Highline Canal Cleanup

March 12, 8 a.m. to noon

The Great High Line Canal Cleanup is a volunteer event to clear trash from the 11-mile stretch of canal that runs through Aurora. The goal for the day is to reduce the amount of trash from the canal that enters Sand and Toll Gate creeks in Aurora. It is also an opportunity to learn about the problems with littering and

the importance of protecting and caring for our waterways by preventing pollution. Volunteers are needed for this one-day event. Volunteer check-in will take place at the Community College of Aurora's Student Center at 8 a.m. on event day. If you are affiliated with scouting, youth or church groups that are looking for ways to make a difference in their community this is a perfect opportunity.

Aurora is a Take Pride In America (TPIA) city. A national partnership established by the U.S. Department of the Interior that aims to engage, support and recognize volunteers, TPIA works to improve our public lands. For more information, please call Environmental Program Specialist **Mary Dawson** at 303-739-7372 or e-mail mdawson@auroragov.org. Once you register, Aurora Water will send you information about where to sign in and how the cleanup is organized. In case of rain or snow, the cleanup will be rescheduled for March 26. For cancellations due to weather, please call 303-739-7372 on event day.

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Families Help Guide Hospital Foundation

The Parker Hospital Foundation is launching a new program aimed at families who are trying to balance family time with community involvement. The foundation’s new Advisory Board will be made up of 100 local families who will help guide the foundation’s efforts to improve the health of the community.

“Nearly three-quarters of our community is working families,” says Lisa Sandoval, executive director of the foundation. “These families want to be involved, but they also want to spend time together. That opportunity just isn’t out there.”

The Advisory Board will launch in May. Each “position” will be held by two adult family members and will serve for five years. While the Advisory Board meets only once each year, foundation staff members are hoping the members will become involved in the organization’s events throughout the year. A small financial commitment is required.

“It’s really an opportunity for families to become engaged in health care,” Sandoval says.

The foundation raises funds to support Parker Adventist Hospital’s mission to take care of the ill and injured while also improving the health of the community. The foundation this year will fund a series of free health screenings, Sandoval says. The foundation also built the hospital’s healing garden and is now funding a \$100,000 safety program in the operating rooms.

If you and your family are interested in becoming more involved in the health of the community and would like more information about the Advisory Board, please call **Sandoval at 303-715-7614**. Applications are being accepted through April 29.

Build Your Professional Rep With Good Etiquette

Even the most freewheeling, no-holds-barred workplace has rules of conduct and behavior. They may be unwritten, but knowing and following them will establish you as someone who’s trustworthy and helpful. Here’s some basic workplace etiquette:

- **Don’t invade a co-worker’s cubicle.** Give your colleagues their personal space, even if that space is only nine feet square. Knock on the partition or gently announce your presence so you don’t startle anyone. Stay outside the cubicle unless you’re invited closer.
- **Keep your voice down.** Whether you’re negotiating with a customer or checking in with your spouse, your co-workers don’t want to be forced to listen to every syllable. Learn to keep your voice at a reasonable volume so you don’t disturb your neighbors.
- **Mind your own business.** Don’t jump into conversations you overhear, or force your assistance on a co-worker who hasn’t asked for it. If necessary, ask your co-worker if he or she would like your help. Otherwise, stick to your own job and let other people do theirs.
- **Don’t send middle-of-the-night messages.** Unless you’re in a dire crisis, there’s no need to call or send an e-mail to anyone after business hours. Make a note to yourself and get right on it the next day. Otherwise you’ll look like you can’t manage your time, or you’re desperate to impress people, neither of which will enhance your credibility.

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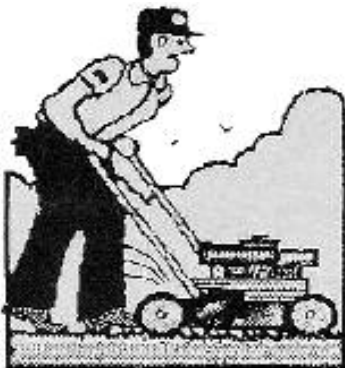
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