



# MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

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## **Mission Viejo HOA Community Events for 2013**

At our February meeting, the Board approved the following community event dates for 2013:

**Volunteer Party Social – March 3rd**

**Spring Clean-Up – April 20th**

**Sponsor Mission Viejo 5K**

**Family Fun Walk – May 4th**

**Neighborhood Garage Sale – June 7, 8**

**Independence Day Celebration – July 4th**

**Music in the Park – August 24th**

**Fall Clean-Up – September 7th**

**Holiday Hay Ride – December 14th**

## **Join the Mission Viejo HOA Through Our Trash Program!**

**Support the HOA, the only organization  
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Enroll in the Mission Viejo trash program today! The program now comes with two great discounts at the Thrive Recreation Center and Jumper! The only trash service that gives back to our neighborhood is Pro-Disposal. Paying for your trash through our program signifies that you are a member of the Mission Viejo HOA. Having one service in the neighborhood saves wear and tear on our streets and improves traffic noise and safety. Pricing for this agreement is only \$76.20 for our 4 months billing or \$209.55 for yearly billing (this equates to one free month of service a year). Pro-Disposal is a local Colorado Company! There are no hidden fuel charges and they offer great customer service. Don't be fooled by low cost imitators that may end up costing you more in the long run as they may get absorbed by larger customer-unfriendly competitors! Sign up to our trash program today, via the web at [www.missionviejohoa.org/Trash\\_Program.html](http://www.missionviejohoa.org/Trash_Program.html) or fill out the newsletter sign-up coupon and mail it today! So, come on, help your association protect and promote your most precious assets – YOUR home and YOUR community.



## **President's Corner: New HOA President**

At our February 19, 2013 meeting, I was elected to serve as President of the HOA for 2013. I am honored to serve the community, in this role, as the HOA continues to break from the bonds of its past and provide our neighborhood with a sense of community and pride.

During the past twelve years Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association has undergone drastic changes in operations and in its focus. Many of these changes were a direct result of suggestions made by homeowners. Gone are the days of a management company driving the streets of Mission Viejo to find Covenant Violations and managing all aspects of the Association's daily operations. However, our covenants are still legal and enforceable. This change alone saved more than \$60,000 in operating costs, annually. Board Members have taken responsibility for the daily operation of the organization and its finances.

The Homeowner's Association Board has been forward thinking in finding new ways to make our community a better place to live. Residents who participate in the Pro Disposal Trash Program are considered active members of the association, with voting rights at annual meetings. Through the program, Pro Disposal donates money back to the HOA. As a result, the HOA was able to bring back the July 4th Celebration in the park, and start other community building events like "Music in the Park" and the "Holiday Hayride." The program has slowly been growing each year and we currently have more than 50 percent of the community participating in the Trash Program. Over the coming months we will provide a cost benefit analysis in the newsletter to demonstrate the value the program provides.

The board, in February 2013, created a Business Liaison Committee. Their function will be to seek out discounts for active members and donations / sponsorship for HOA community events. The HOA will be mailing out 2013 Membership Cards to active members that will be able to be used as verification with local businesses offering discounts. Please look for your 2013 Membership Card in the mail.

If you currently do not use Pro Disposal as your trash provider, I ask you to consider doing so. Not only will you reduce commercial truck traffic to the neighborhood, but you will provide revenue to support your Homeowner's Association.

The coming year will have its challenges, however, the Board of Directors and I are committed to providing residents of Mission Viejo with value within the community and a voice within city government.

— Alan Engels, President

## **Spring Easter Egg Hunt**

Don't forget the 2013 Spring Egg Hunt at Mission Viejo Park on March 30th, 10:30 a.m. Presented by Trinity Baptist Church 303-699-9761. Ages: Infant – 5th Grade

**Next HOA Meeting**  
**March 19th, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Holy Love Lutheran Church**

## Mission Viejo Library Happenings

Mission Viejo Library, 15324 E. Hampden Cir, Aurora 303-326-8600 or auroralibrary.org.

- DIY Zone - Wednesday, March 6, 4 p.m. Make a duct tape wallet. Registration required. DIY Zone, Grades 6-12.
- Top Shelf Book Club: Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder -Wednesday, March. 13, 11 a.m. The protagonists are Sophie Amundsen, a 14-year-old girl, and Alberto Knox, her philosophy teacher. The novel chronicles their metaphysical relationship as they study Western philosophy from its beginnings to the present. Registration required. Registration required.
- TechZone - Wednesday, March 13, 4 p.m. Learn computer programming. Registration required. Grades 6-12.
- GameZone - Wednesday, March 20, 4 p.m. Join us for Wii gaming, computer gaming, board games, card games and more. Registration required. Grades 6-12.
- Martial Arts Demonstration - Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m. Children ages 6-14 and their instructors will demonstrate self-defense techniques and karate moves. Sponsored by Z Ultimate Defense Studios.
- SnackZone - Wed., Mar. 27, 4 p.m. This is a teen program for grades 6-12 only. Make green dip and green punch. Registration required.
- Family Movie Matinee: In Search of Dr. Seuss – Saturday, March. 30, 2 p.m. The story of Seuss's life is animatedly told via celebrity skits, music and animated clips from many of Seuss's best-loved stories. Cast includes Robin Williams, Billy Crystal, Christopher Lloyd, Patrick Stewart, Kathy Najimy, David Paymer and more. No registration required. All ages.
- Children's Storytime - Stories, songs and fingerplays Every Thursday at 10 a.m. No registration required. Care givers and children ages 2-6.

## Covenants and City Code Corner

### Loud Parties?

If you are experiencing a neighbor that is hosting a very loud party please remember this is not an HOA matter but one that is covered by City ordinance. The HOA would encourage everyone to try to contact your neighbor first however if that is not possible you can call Access Aurora during regular business hours at 303-739-7000 or on weekends or at nights call the Aurora Police at 303-627-3100.

## Need Bricks?

### Discount for Mission Viejo Members!

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## Mission Viejo HOA Board of Directors



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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.

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### News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email news articles to **Editor at reporter@missionviejohoa.org**. All letters or articles need to include your name and daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.

### Advertising

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Mission Viejo HOA Members (dues paying, recognized volunteer or paid participant in our membership/trash program) receive \$1 off the weekday (Monday - Thursday) and \$2 off the weekend (Friday - Sunday and Holidays) standard admission price!! Members can just show off their HOA membership cards. For more information call 720-974-0977. You can visit their website for more general information at [www.jumpolineparkco.com](http://www.jumpolineparkco.com).

### SouthEast Fitness New Management Report

We hope 2013 is so far bringing you and yours happiness and health. The mission of SouthEast Fitness & Recreation Center is: Bringing the community together through health and fitness by providing a safe, fun, informative and friendly environment for all to enjoy. We believe in our mission, and are taking steps to fulfill it as well as our commitment to growing and improving the center. Despite the fact that the center under its new ownership inherited literally only \$3 in the cash register we are moving forward in a very positive way. We now offer at least five classes per day which include kids' dancercise fit, toddler and kids yoga, restorative yoga for adults and a complete mixed martial arts program. We have replaced our treadmills, and are developing a plan to replace all our aging equipment. We drained the indoor pool in order to perform minor maintenance and we know that more improvements are necessary. The pool will require major renovation but with our members help we can save our community indoor pool and make our center one of the best places for fun and fitness in the area. Please consider joining our effort. Very importantly, we now offer for your convenience the SilverSneakers and the Prime programs at the center. We will begin these special classes within the next few weeks! We also continue to work closely with the Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association and hope to soon secure a discount agreement for all HOA members in the neighborhood. Stay tuned for further updates.

— Yours in health,  
Dalene Settle, Melissa Collins

### Am I a Member of the Homeowners' Association?

All homes in the 14 filings of Mission Viejo with covenants and the single-family homes within the Quincy Creek areas are represented by the Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association to the City. Residents (owners and renters) who participate in Pro Disposal Trash Program, volunteer their time to community events, or make a donation of at least \$30.00, annually, are considered an active member of the Association. An active member will receive a membership card and are entitled to vote at the Association's annual meeting.

If you are not currently an active member, please consider becoming one this year.

### Did you know?

- Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association is the Largest Voluntary Association of its kind in Colorado.
- Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association is the only Homeowners' Association in Colorado that broadcasts its monthly and annual meetings.
- Many Homeowners' Associations have restricted access to their webpage and financial information. Prospective residents have to pay the management company to gain temporary access to their site. Mission Viejo HOA's is open and transparent. Residents and prospective residents are welcome to visit our webpage.

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### Cherry Creek Schools News – March 2013

#### CCSD GRADUATION RATES CONTINUE TO SURPASS STATE AND NATIONAL AVERAGES

More than 87% of Cherry Creek seniors graduated high school in 2012 in four years, up from 84% in 2011. Statewide, the overall, on-time graduation rate for 2012 is 75% and at nearly 72% nationwide. While all ethnic groups showed gains from the previous year, the on-time graduation rate for Hispanic students rose more than 5% to 79%. African American students gained one point to reach 84%. Statewide, the graduation rate is 66% percent for black students and 62.5% for Hispanic students. White students also saw gains of nearly 3% to reach more than 89%. The rate for Asian students rose slightly to 90%.

“These numbers show us that we are moving in the right direction and serving the needs of all our students, regardless of race, poverty, language and mobility,” Cherry Creek School District Superintendent Mary Chesley said. “Still, we must use this momentum to continue our work until every student can receive a high school diploma that shows they are college and work ready.”

Cherry Creek School District Demographics:

- American Indian/Alaska Native: .5%
- Asian: 8%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: .3%
- African American: 12%
- Hispanic: 18%
- White: 56%
- Two or more races: 5%
- 27% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch

#### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT HARRY BULL NAMED NEXT SUPERINTENDENT

The Cherry Creek Board of Education formally approved the appointment of Dr. Harry Bull as the next superintendent effective July 1, 2013 after the retirement of Superintendent Mary Chesley at the end of the current school year.

“We have had the opportunity to see Dr. Bull at work in his various roles within the district over the years and have every confidence that he is the right choice to lead the Cherry Creek School District into the future and continue the district’s vision of excellence,” board President Jennifer Churchfield said.

The board named Bull the sole finalist for the position at their regular board meeting Jan. 14, 2012. State law required a 14-day waiting period before offering Bull the position. Prior to that the board reviewed letters of reference for Bull from a broad range of educational leaders as well as leaders from outside of the education system, interviewed him on his plan and philosophy for the future of the Cherry Creek School District, and evaluated his credentials. Bull, who was awarded a doctorate of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Northern Colorado, began his career as a social studies teacher at Aurora Central High School in 1980.

He came to the Cherry Creek School District in 1984 and taught at Overland High School. He also has held the positions of assistant principal at Smoky Hill High School, principal at Grandview High School and executive director of high schools, before assuming his current position in 2010.

Among the honors he has received are Administrator of the Year from the Colorado High School Press Association, Honor Administrator of the Year from the Colorado Music Educators’ Association, and School Library Journal Administrator of the Year.

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**Cherry Creek School News,** *continued from page 4*  
**BOND WORK HAS BEGUN**

The Cherry Creek School District has developed a detailed plan and timeline for \$125 million in bond funds approved by voters in November. Dr. Scott Siegfried, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Support Services, updated the Board of Education on January 14. He reported that work is already underway on projects that will not disrupt classes, while major construction and renovations will take place during the next three summers.

Approximately \$80 million dollars will be used to renovate and upgrade schools across the district. Thirteen million will be spent to handle growth, including the construction of new wings of classrooms at Cherokee Trail and Grandview high schools, which are currently over capacity and using mobile classrooms. Another \$13 million will be spent on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, or STEM, classrooms and technology at every school in the district. Fifteen million will be spent on major maintenance, some of which was deferred during the past four years because of drastic cuts in state funding. Finally, \$2.6 million will be spent to improve safety and security systems in our schools, to enhance the safety of our students, staff and school visitors.

Get specifics about the improvements coming to every school in the district at <http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Planning/LongRangePlanning/Pages/2012Recommendation.aspx>

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Day at the Capitol – Wednesday, March 13, 2012

The Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network invites parents and community members to spend a day at the State Capitol meeting with our state legislators and learning about legislative issues that may affect public education. For more information and to register, call 303-549-5627.

Cherry Creek Schools Foundation Annual Luncheon – Friday, March 15, 2013

Celebrate the excellence in our schools at the annual Cherry Creek Schools Foundation Luncheon at 11:30 am on Fri., Mar.15 at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center. This year's luncheon features Steve Spangler, "the science guy," an author, professional speaker, two-time Emmy Award winner, Time 100 nominee, science teacher, trained magician and former Cherry Creek Schools teacher. In addition, students will perform and the winners of the Champions of Education, Catherine Canny Educator Award and Monte Moses Scholarship will be announced. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 720-554-4429.

**Spring Break**


- April 1-5 – Traditional Calendar
- April 1-12 – Transitional Calendar

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Smoky Hill High School

- Mar 1, 7:15 pm, Spring Musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie"
- Mar 2, 2 pm, Spring Musical
- Mar 7, 7:15 pm, Orchestra Concert
- Mar 9, 9 am, PTCO Spring Craft Fair
- Mar 21, 7:15 pm, Band Concert
- Mar 28, 7:15 pm, Night of Stars
- Mar 28-29, World Awareness Days
- Mar 29, 7:15 pm, Improv

For information about Cherry Creek Schools, visit [www.CherryCreekSchools.org](http://www.CherryCreekSchools.org). For questions or concerns about Cherry Creek Schools, contact Tustin Amole, Director of Communications, at 720-554-4475.



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- **Be honest.** Never try to cover up mistakes. The earlier you 'fess up, the faster you'll be able to correct the problem while maintaining your credibility.
- **Take responsibility.** Your bosses don't want to hear excuses, and because it's rare for managers to take that kind of responsibility, it's a powerful way to show a sense of accountability for your actions (and those of your team).
- **Follow up and follow through.** Sometimes simple mistakes point to more complex problems that need to be corrected. A thorough evaluation can reveal something about your habits or the work processes that need to improve. Hold a meeting to explore what went wrong and how to avert similar errors.
- **Use the opportunity to turn around a situation.** Mistakes often are prime times for people to turn bad situations into positive ones. Any customer service guru will tell you that a lost ticket can be the perfect time to provide the best customer service you have to offer.

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A successful career is built step by step. Whatever industry you work in, you'll win your manager's trust and rise to the top by following this basic job advice:

- **Dress appropriately.** When you applied for your current job, you dressed up a little. Continue that on the job. Make sure your clothes and hair are neat and clean. Even if your company has a casual dress code, don't be too casual. Conservative, business-like styles are best for men and women alike.
- **Watch the clock.** Always arrive on time. Don't waste away your day making small talk with other employees and don't make personal calls on company time. Complete the work you've been assigned as quickly as possible – and when you're done ask for more.
- **Respect the boundaries.** Don't use or take things that aren't yours. Don't make personal copies at work. Don't take company office supplies home for your personal use. Proper behavior shows that you're putting the organization's needs first.
- **Don't gossip.** You'll probably overhear conversations while you're sitting in your cube. Adopt a policy of not repeating what you hear, passing along rumors, or talking about co-workers behind their backs.
- **Practice the Golden Rule.** Treat others the way you want to be treated – or even better. You'll earn everyone's respect with courtesy and kindness.
- **Be cooperative and flexible.** You may not like a lot of the work that you are asked to do, but do it cheerfully anyway. Show that you're someone the company can depend on. Always do your best, and show your boss that you can be counted on.

**Music in Our Schools Month**

Music in our Schools Month is sponsored by the National Association of Music Education. This month raises awareness of the importance of music education for all children, and reminds citizens that all children should have access to music at school. The celebration grows each year, reaching more and more students, teachers, musicians, and music supporters.

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### The Co-Parenting Challenge: Put Your Kids First

- **Put your children first.** You and the other parent should agree to put your kids' needs ahead of any issues you may have with each other. Don't use a child as a pawn in your own relationship with an ex-spouse.
- **Plan together.** Try to avoid any unilateral decisions about your children. Sit down regularly to map out schedules and discuss upcoming issues. Negotiate in good faith who's responsible for what, shared rules, and boundaries.
- **Respect each other's rules.** You and your co-parent may have different ideas about behavior, schedules, expectations, etc. As long as your children are safe and given reasonable limits, don't rock the boat. Co-parenting relationships can be complicated for children, too, so avoid putting them in the middle of your disputes.
- **Maintain some distance.** Don't call your child repeatedly while he or she is at your co-parent's house. Resist the urge to pump children for information that's none of your business (an ex-spouse's new partner, for example), or comment negatively on the co-parent's personality.
- **Communicate directly.** Don't use your children as a conduit for messages to the other parent. If issues or questions come up, contact him or her directly. You'll suffer fewer misunderstandings, and you'll keep your children out of your personal issues.
- **Support your co-parent.** Let your children know that they're expected to follow the other parents' rules when they're with him or her. Speak respectfully about the co-parent, and insist that your children do the same.

### Let Reading Help Your Child Thrive

What's the single most important thing parents can do to help their children succeed in life? Encourage them to read. Reading is a skill essential in all areas of achievement. Here are a few tips from the U.S. Department of Education's website:

- **Read aloud to your children often.** Start reading to your children when they are babies. As they grow older, encourage them to ask questions and to talk about the story. Ask them to predict what will come next.
- **Encourage your children to read on their own.** Children who spend at least 30 minutes a day reading for fun develop the skills to be better readers and students.
- **Set aside quiet time for family reading.** Some families enjoy reading aloud to each other, with each family member choosing a book, story, poem, or article to read to the others.
- **Visit the library often.** Begin making weekly trips to the library when your child is very young. See that your child gets his own library card as soon as possible.
- **Get help for your children if they have a reading problem.** Ask teachers about special services, such as after-school or summer reading programs. Also ask teachers or your local librarian for names of community organizations and local literacy volunteer groups that offer tutoring services.



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