



# MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

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## Building Community!

Building community! That's the action-phrase the Mission Viejo HOA has been achieving. It means educating everyone that it is a shared responsibility to uphold the rules and values in our neighborhood. It also means that the Board considers its service as being a facilitator to the community's interests. We have also helped to create community spirit by sponsoring events such as Mission Interdependence Day (July 4th), our community garage sale and our first music in the park program. Past national research studies on homeowner associations have shown that residents desire communities that foster an enlightened community building mindset. It is precisely this sense of community that all homeowners are seeking. Developers of new subdivisions are constantly selling their homes with this sense of community – its lifestyle and "hometown" feeling.

Mission Viejo wasn't any different. As a matter of fact, Mission Viejo was the trend-setter. The Mission Viejo Company wrote the book on how to successfully market and build a community. You can clearly see this message in some of the advertisements that were used to promote Mission Viejo such as Where "Home" is a Hometown Again. As the Mission Viejo Company went on to other projects, such as Highlands Ranch, Mission Viejo Colorado gradually lost some of the drive to instill this sense of community. This phenomenon is hardly unique to developments that are as old as ours. But it

was precisely the fear that our neighborhood might lose this sense of community that guided the decision to establish our homeowners association.



Like other HOAs in communities built in the early 1970s, the Pinery HOA in Parker and Columbine Knolls South II in Jefferson County have turned their efforts to developing their own trash and recycling program to maintain HOA membership and maintain their sense of community. Mission Viejo HOA was impressed with the Pinery HOA model. Although the demographics are different, the Pinery HOA community in Parker did something amazing by creating a trash and recycling program for 1,200 residents that brought a renewed sense of community involvement for a voluntary HOA.

Like Mission Viejo, the Pinery HOA uses Waste Advantage Inc. as their trash hauler in their community. I recently asked the President of the Pinery HOA to provide for us their community's experience using Waste Advantage. Below is the response I received:

*The Pinery Homeowners' Association, Inc. has had a community trash collection program since 1996. The PHA has contracted with Waste Advantage for trash and recycling service since 2006. Waste Advantage is our third provider. The level of service from Waste Advantage has been much more satisfactory than that of our previous providers. All workers in the neighborhood have been polite and eager to serve. The*

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## We Still Need Your Dues

Although we hate to bother you with our pleadings but the HOA has truly put itself out on a limb by investing in our trash and recycling program. A major cost of implementing this program has been the distribution of this newsletter. Until we see over 600 participants in the trash program, we really need your help to cover our future costs. Please send us your annual dues of \$50 to the Mission Viejo HOA at Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc., 4255 S. Buckley Road, #110 Aurora, CO 80013-2951 or use our online payment system. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated!!

## Shop and Help Mission Viejo Elementary

Help our community school by participating in the Earning 4 Learning program. Mission Viejo Elementary earns five points per dollar spent on all purchases made at Southlands stores, eateries, services and theaters. Receipts dated August 15, 2008 through April 30, 2009 can be logged for points. Every school in the program is guaranteed a Southlands gift card prize valued from \$250 to \$2500. To credit your community school, simply drop off your original receipts dated from August 15 – April 30, noting to credit Mission Viejo Elementary in the Earning 4 Learning receipt collection box, located in the lobby of the Southlands Management Office which is located on Main Street above Pac Sun on S. Main St. and E. Commons Way. You may also hand in your receipts during normal businesses hours at the Southlands Management Office. Thank you.

## Mission Viejo PTSCO November Election Bake Sale



Attention Voters! Help Mission Viejo Elementary School earn needed funds! The Mission Viejo PTSCO (Parent Teacher Student Community Organization) will be holding a bake sale for all residents, especially those voting in the precinct at Mission Viejo Elementary school on November 4th. We are also asking the voters to bring in Box Tops to help the school get needed funds. All the money made from the box tops

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**Next HOA Meeting**  
**Third Tuesday**  
**October 21st • 6:30 p.m.**  
**Mission Viejo Library**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

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management of the company has been very responsive to our requirements. All in all, the PHA is very happy with our decision to do business with Waste Advantage.

—Joe Narracci, President

**The Pinery Homeowners' Association, Inc.**

The Pinery HOA is a great example to follow and if you had any doubts on the effectiveness of an HOA trash and recycling program, take a ride down to the Pinery community in Parker and see the results and talk to the customers of Waste Advantage. We feel confident that you will agree with us - a trash and recycling program for our HOA will work and be a success. We now have close to 400 subscribers to our program and we are not far from reaching our goal of 500 to help reimburse the HOA's investment in this program and our goal of building community. If all those currently in the trash program could just get one other neighbor to join who are not in the program now, we would reach our goals in no time. If we don't reach our goals, we will need to cut items, such as this newsletter or sponsorship of events, etc.; items we feel are so important to building spirit. Again I urge you to join this successful community program - the Mission Viejo Trash/Recycling program. We are also already receiving questions from neighboring HOAs, such as Woodgate and Meadowood, as they are looking to us to find out how we are accomplishing the implementation of our trash program. It seems the tradition of Mission Viejo being a trendsetter is continuing as we endeavor to build a greater community today

—Todd McMahon – Mission Viejo HOA President

## Sign up Today for the Mission Viejo Trash Program!

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Mission Viejo HOA mailbox (#110) in the  
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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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and bake sell will go towards the purchase of smart boards for every classroom. The SMART Board, from SMART Technologies, is an interactive whiteboard that when hooked up to a computer is a wonderful teaching tool for teachers to use in the classroom. It engages students in hands-on, interactive instruction that makes learning fun. You can find box tops on various products you shop for e.g., Ziploc bags, general mills cereals, hefty products and many many more... visit [www.box-tops4education.com](http://www.box-tops4education.com) for a complete listing of products. So, come and support you local school, enjoy some baked goods and vote all in the same place. Thank you for your support!!!

## Residents are Urged to Vote

The Mission Viejo Elementary PTSCO is urging all residents to consider approval of issues 3A and 3B. Both of these bond initiatives will greatly improve Cherry Creek schools and help renovate our elementary school and upgrade and improve technology throughout the system. Mission Viejo Elementary has not had a major capital bond improvement since 1990 when the HVAC system was replaced. Under the bond issues' five year plan, Mission Viejo Elementary will see over two and half million dollars worth of improvements that include remodeling the classroom areas, corridors, kitchen, gym, cafeteria, library, computer lab, art room, student restrooms, and administrative offices; upgrade flooring; replace lighting; replace ceilings; repair asphalt playgrounds, rotomill and install new topping to existing asphalt drives and parking lots; landscape and irrigation work. Two-thirds of all Cherry Creek schools are rated excellent or high and no schools are rated low or unsatisfactory. Recent newspaper articles point to zip codes in Cherry Creek that showed the greatest appreciation in property values in the Denver area during the first quarter of the year. For more information on these issues please see [www.voteyes3a3b.com](http://www.voteyes3a3b.com) or contact **Margie Adams** Co-Chair for the Citizens for Cherry Creek Schools at [margie@voteyes3a3b.com](mailto:margie@voteyes3a3b.com)

## Cherry Creek School News

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** at 720-554-4475.

### Important Dates for 2008-2009

|              |                              |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Fall Break   | Oct. 27 - 31, 2008           |
| Winter Break | Dec. 22, 2008 - Jan. 2, 2009 |
| Spring Break | Mar. 30 - Apr. 3, 2009       |

## Mission Viejo Library News

Switch to DTV information programs slated this fall at Aurora libraries

The Aurora Public Library this fall is hosting free programs this fall to inform the community about the upcoming switch from analog to digital television.

A representative from the Federal Communications Commission will provide details information on how this change will affect television viewers and how to prepare.

The schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 12, 2 p.m., Hoffman Heights Library, 1298 Peoria St.
- Oct. 15, 2 p.m., Iliff Square Library, 2254 S. Peoria St.
- Oct. 21, 11 a.m., Tallyn's Reach Library, 23911 E. Arapahoe Road
- Nov. 17, 6 p.m., Mission Viejo Library, 15324 E. Hampden Circle

For more information, call 303-739-6600 or visit [www.aurora.library.org](http://www.aurora.library.org).

## Did you Know?

In 1974, Mission Viejo Elementary School was awarded a prestigious design award by the American Association of School Administrators and the American Institute of Architects.

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**Mission Viejo History**

In 1973, Mission Viejo residents were urged to vote for a three million dollar library and park improvement bond issue. This initiative was used to construct our library and allowed the city to plan and develop the parks in our neighborhood. You can read more about this initiative and more about all of our neighborhood's history by visiting the history section of our web site at: <http://www.missionviejohoa.org/history.htm>

*The deadline for advertising is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.*

For more information, visit our website: [ColoradoLasertype.com](http://ColoradoLasertype.com)

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Prices for LED bulbs are more expensive than your average light bulb, but factor in your cost savings over the lifetime of use and the reduction of your energy bill and you will see that these bulbs practically pay for themselves. To try an LED bulb, you can "Google" a number of sources but a couple of companies that you might look at are: C. Crane Company at <http://www.ccrane.com> or for very economical prices check out: Don's Green Store at <http://www.donsgreenstore.com>

## Recycling Calendar • Waste Advantage Inc. 303-695-5436 Recycling Calendar for 2008

The following are the weeks that residential recycling services will take place for your community, on the every other week schedule.

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| October 5 – 11   | November 30 – December 6 |
| October 19 – 25  | December 14 – 20         |
| November 2 – 8   | December 28 – 31         |
| November 16 – 22 |                          |

## Mission Viejo HOA Financial Report

Alan Engels – Mission Viejo HOA Treasurer and Vice President

|                        |                   |                   |                     |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance      |                   |                   | \$ 3,929.08         |
|                        | Budget            | Actual            | Difference          |
| YTD Income             | \$7,779.00        | \$5,472.08        | (\$2,306.09)        |
| YTD Budget Expenses    | \$6,241.50        | \$5,040.63        | (\$1,200.87)        |
| YTD Unfunded Expenses  | \$0.00            | \$2,287.69        | \$2,287.69          |
| <b>Current Balance</b> | <b>\$5,466.58</b> | <b>\$2,073.67</b> | <b>(\$3,392.91)</b> |

## Website

Visit the Mission Viejo HOA website today. Register your email address so you can be personally updated about information relevant to Mission Viejo via our emailing service, find covenants, membership forms, a map of Mission Viejo, Mission Viejo history and more. Visit us at:

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