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Mission Viejo – A True Home

In 1998, my family and I came to Colorado on a military assignment. I was nearing retirement, and we had decided to look for a place to call home. We spoke with neighbors and visited areas at different times of the day and night to find the right fit. After an extensive search to find a home in a good neighborhood with good schools and real value, we decided that

Mission Viejo was THE place to call home. Neighbors quickly became friends, many of whom still live here, and we kept an eye out for each other, our families, and the neighborhood.

Back then, the HOA was managed by a management company, involved in a lawsuit, and many residents (myself included) did not like the direction the Association was heading. Most of the dues collected went toward paying the management company, and many residents complained that covenant violations were not being given to all residents who were in violation. The annual budget for the HOA was in excess of \$100,000.

I decided that the only way to change things was to become actively involved with the HOA and have since served on the Board of Directors for nearly eight years. During that time the board has made many

changes. First, by reducing the role of the management company to save funds and then by moving to eliminate their services all together. The lawsuit came to a



**Happy
Thanksgiving**

close, and the organization was ordered to return to a voluntary dues organization. New board members brought novel ideas and thinking to further reduce costs, while providing better communications with

residents in Mission Viejo.

The task continues today, as the board uses the newsletter, our website, and email services to connect with as many residents as we can. Volunteers and special events are critical to keeping our HOA strong. The numbers are increasing, but funding is required to ensure that people and property are protected.

The board works with the city to communicate the best interests of the 1,973 homes that make up Mission Viejo. The organization supports all the homes within Mission Viejo regardless of whether a home has contributed to the organization. All residents are represented, but only those who contribute time and/or money are eligible to vote at annual meetings.

As the board looked for ways to increase its cash flow and reduce com-

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We Still Need Your Dues

Please send us your voluntary HOA 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 and considered for membership!!



Calling for Nominations to the Executive Board

Do you have an idea to help the community? Are you committed to helping the Mission Viejo neighborhood with our trash program? Would you like to help us in our goal of improving and protecting our most valuable assets, our home values and our community? Then perhaps you would like to join the Executive Board of the Mission Viejo HOA! We will need to fill some Board positions this January. If you have an interest in serving on the Board, please send an email to webmaster@mission-viejohoa.org and include your name, address, telephone number, a small resume and reasons why you would like to join the HOA. Voting will take place at the annual meeting in January.

*"The best way to
have a good idea is to
have lots of ideas."*

—Linus Pauling



Let's Talk Trash

A recent comparison of the annual fees charged by trash service providers in the neighborhood shows that the Mission Viejo HOA Trash Program is without doubt the least expensive and gives the most back to your community.

The HOA-sponsored trash program is an excellent value at only \$16 a month. For \$192 a year, this includes your trash pick-up, recycling every other week and no hidden fuel surcharges or additional fees. Did you know that Waste Advantage can take

care of large item pick-ups, such as a couch or bed springs, etc.? Just call them at least 24 hours in advance, and they will give a quote on their charges based on the size of the item. Did you also know that Waste Advantage will take shredded paper in your recycling bin as long as it is not separately bagged?

The Homeowners' Association provides valuable services to the Mission Viejo community that benefits each and

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Next HOA Meeting
Third Tuesday
November 18th • 6:30 p.m.
Mission Viejo Library
Everyone is Welcome!

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mercial traffic on our residential streets, we developed our current relationship with Waste Advantage. Residents participating in the program are considered to be contributing to the HOA and are eligible to vote at the January 2009 annual meeting. We are nearing our goal of 500 residents participating in the program but would like everyone to consider joining us in making Mission Viejo a safer and better community.

We realize that times are tough for all of our residents, as it is for the organization. I personally don't like to make decisions for our neighborhood without knowing your thoughts and ideas. I would like to invite you to communicate your vision for the future of Mission Viejo. Lend us your support, so that we can continue to evolve into an organization that supports the needs of its residents. Please contact us via email, by mail, or visiting with us at one of our monthly board meetings.

The future of Mission Viejo is bright, but we can only be a success with your support, both with time and money. My family didn't purchase a house in Mission Viejo, we purchased a home. We are grateful and proud of the neighborhood we live in and the friends who live around us. Mission Viejo for us has become a destination. We are here to stay and willing to lend a hand; in every way we can to make it even better than when we arrived.

— Alan Engels, Mission Viejo HOA
Vice President and Treasurer

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for the Mission Viejo Trash Program!**
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Service Information

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Last Name: _____

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City, Zip Code: _____

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Phone #: _____

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Mail this form to: Waste Advantage Inc.
1970 S. Valentia St. Unit E, Denver, CO 80231

Fax it to: Waste Advantage at 303-695-6742

Drop it off: In an envelope (postage-free) at the
Mission Viejo HOA mailbox (#110) in the
UPS Store located at 4255 S. Buckley Road,
Aurora, CO 80013-2951 in the Quincy Place
Shopping Center (just north of King Soopers).

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Mission Viejo Trash Program
Waste Advantage, 303-695-5436

Website

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webmaster@missionviejohoa.org

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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Let's Talk Trash, *continued from front page*

every homeowner. Now is a great time to join. Our campaign motto is – One Mission, One Truck, One Day! We are still short on participants from being a self sustaining organization with this program. That's why it's critical for you to join today. Just fill out the form that is located in this newsletter and send it in or sign up on the HOA website, www.missionviejohoa.org. It's easy to do, and you will be helping your community. So, come on, save some money, help your community and join YOUR Homeowners' Association.

Symphony Ticket Winners



At our Music in the Park event held last August, it was announced that a random drawing would be held at the end of September to pick one household who signed up for the trash program to receive two 2008 season tickets to the Aurora Symphony Orchestra. We are happy to announce that the Holsteen household was the winner of the tickets and Ms. Mary LoVerde, who contributed to the Mary Ann Lewis park bench, was the recipient of the other set of Aurora Symphony Tickets. Congratulations!

Cherry Creek School News

www.CherryCreekSchools.org

For questions or concerns about Cherry Creek Schools, contact **Tustin Amole** at 720-554-4475.

YOU'RE INVITED! High school performances and events at Smoky Hill High School:

Nov. 8	9 a.m. Smoky Hill Craft Fair
Nov. 11	7:15 p.m. Band Concert
Nov. 14	7:15 p.m. Improv Show
Nov. 21-22	7:15 p.m. Fall Play
Dec. 4	7:15 p.m. Cabaret Concert
Dec. 9	7:15 p.m. Orchestra Concert
Dec. 13	7:15 p.m. Madrigal Feast
Dec. 16	7:15 p.m. Band Concert
Dec. 17-18	7:15 p.m. Choir Concert
Dec. 19	7:15 p.m. Improv Show

STORM SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Now that fall is here, winter weather can't be far behind! For the latest information about snow closures, delayed starts, and early or late dismissals, just check the district's website, www.cherrycreekschools.org, local media or call your Area Hotline:

- North Area Hotline 720-554-4701
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- **Elementary School and Preschool (AM only)** bus pickup and school start times are delayed 1 hour.
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- **Challenge School** start time is delayed 1 hour.
- **I-Team program** start times are delayed 30 minutes.
- **Mid-day Kindergarten** buses will pick up at their regular times.
- **Before and after school daycare programs** operate on a normal schedule.

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For more information, visit our website:
ColoradoLasertype.com

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Mission Viejo HOA Financial Report

Alan Engels – Mission Viejo HOA Treasurer and Vice President

Beginning Balance			\$ 3,929.08
	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income	\$8,079.00	\$5,965.91	(\$2,113.09)
YTD Budget Expenses	\$6,887.14	\$5,458.35	(\$1,428.79)
YTD Unfunded Expenses	\$0.00	\$2,425.92	\$2,425.92
Current Balance 10/16/08		\$2,010.72	(\$3,392.91)
Expenses Over Budget			\$997.13

Around Aurora**Holidays at the Homestead**

The annual sale is in an 1870 historic house. It features hand-made crafts, gifts, antiques and primitives, including clothes, specialty food items, ornaments and more. Sip cider and munch on a cookie while browsing the wares in this old-time setting.

Nov. 1 to Dec. 7, Thursday – Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gully Homestead, 200 S. Chambers Road, Aurora
303-326-8630

Pottery & Quilt Sale

Discover unique gifts for family and friends during the holidays at this sale featuring pottery created by numerous local potters within the Aurora Potters' Guild, including vases, bowls, chalices, platters and more. In addition, a number of quilts designed by the Aurora Center for Active Adults Quilters Bee will be available for purchase.

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www.missionviejohoa.org

**Mission Viejo's New Welcoming Committee**

The purpose of the Mission Viejo HOA Welcome Committee is to make new residents feel welcome to Mission Viejo and provide information about the HOA, the local community and the city of Aurora. If you notice new residents in your neighborhood, please let the Welcome Committee know by sending an email. Also, if you are willing to make goodies (like cookies, brownies, muffins or cupcakes), if you own a business and would like to provide information for our welcome packet to give to new residents, or if you are willing to meet new residents, please contact **Tricia Roush** at welcome@missionviejohoa.org.

Mission Viejo History

On Oct. 20, 1973, Mission Viejo hosted a Denver Broncos football clinic. The event drew over 400 kids from Mission Viejo and the Aurora area. Broncos stars like defensive end Lyle Alzado and KOA radio announcer Bob Martin helped to create a festive and memorable event. After two hours of drills, the kids were treated to watching NFL films in the recreation center along with refreshments. You can see photos of the event and learn more about Mission Viejo's history by visiting the HOA website and specifically the history section at: <http://www.missionviejohoa.org/history.htm>.

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