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Mission - Happenings

Welcome to our new, improved printed neighborhood newsletter! The Mission Viejo HOA hopes to deliver neighborhood news to your door each month. We are currently doing a three-month trial of this service with a company called Colorado Lasertype that specializes in HOA newsletters. They currently print over 20 newsletters and have over 20 years of experience. Please let us know how you like this service and if you would like to see it continued.

There is a lot of news to bring to you! First of all, we are proud to announce that we have secured a very favorable contract to begin a single-hauler trash program. The company we have chosen to contract with, Waste Advantage, has an excellent reputation, and they handle a number of HOAs in the Denver/Parker area, including the Pinery HOA in Parker. This new 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. Recycling will be picked up every other week along with your regular trash pick-up. Why not join your neighbors in the Mission Viejo Trash Program? A small portion (\$2 a month) of your trash fee will help support the Mission Viejo HOA. Once the program is underway, your participation will be considered as full membership in the association. However, in order for this program to become a reality we need to sign up a mini-

mum of 400 residents by August 1st. That minimum number needs to be concentrated in filings 1, 2, 12, 15 and 16. However, we are encouraging everyone to sign up, even if you are not a resident in these filings or if you are tied up with a trash contract that will not expire by August. You can find out what filing you are in and sign up for the program on our website. Just follow the links from our main page or go to:

<http://www.missionviejohoa.org/trash.htm>

Secondly, the Mission Interdependence Day (July 4th) event committee is currently planning our annual neighborhood event. The committee is currently soliciting spon-

sorship and booth vendor ideas. Please see our website under the "News" section. To find out more contact **Lori Underwood** at loribellej@gmail.com or call (303) 617-0276 for questions or ideas.

Lastly, we are sad to announce that the Heartwood Athletic Club has been closed due to foreclosure. Heartwood has operated as our neighborhood recreation center, serving all the residential homes and townhome associations in the neighborhood, as well as all of south Aurora. The club was originally built by the Mission Viejo Company to serve as our community's recreation center at a cost \$750,000 when it officially opened on July 29, 1973. When it initially opened, the center was one of the largest recreation/ community venues built by the Mission Viejo Company and was unique in the Denver metro area. We have been told that the Starfish Swim School will continue to operate their swim program at the center at least temporarily. The absence of this center being operational is another challenge our neighborhood faces. The good news is that there may be opportunities for those in the greater community to come forward and acquire the building and its business. Also, perhaps with the assistance of

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New Mission Viejo Trash Program

Sign-up today!! The purpose of this program is two fold:

1) This new program will reduce truck traffic on our streets on a daily basis. It will also minimize all of us having to look at garbage every day of the week, minimize trash blowing around our neighborhood and give us an excellent trash service and recycling program and

2) We are trying to form a partnership with this new trash service provider that allows us to put some of the revenues that come from the pickup charges back into our

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**SIGN-UP
FORM ON
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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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Next HOA Meeting

**Third Tuesday
May 20th • 6:30 p.m.
Mission Viejo Library**

Everyone is Welcome!

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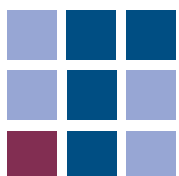
the other neighborhood HOAs (Seville, Cherry Glen, French Creek and Southlight), we could look at the possibility of forming a Metropolitan District or at least coordinating a solicitation campaign to an organization capable of serving our community's recreation needs.

If you would like to help us out on any of these initiatives please email us at webmaster@missionviejohoa.org.

—The Mission Viejo Executive Board

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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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Helping Lost Pets

The next time you find a friendly but lost cat or dog, take the animal to the nearest vet's office, animal control facility, or pet shelter. Most of these places can scan the animal to see if it has an internal microchip ID. If so, that can provide the name or at least the phone number of the owner. If that doesn't work and you worry about leaving the animal at the pound, post numerous flyers with a photo of the found pet at local stores and vet's offices within a few mile radius of where you found the animal and leave them up for at least two weeks.



Trash Program, *continued from front page*

community for improvements, which supports your property values. Simply put, there are many positives to this program and literally no down side. Due to garbage truck pick-up route schedules and the price of fuel, we need to have a minimum of 400 residents to sign-up for the program in filings 1, 2, 12, 15 and 16 by August 1, 2008. The targeted start date for the trash service to begin is August 1, 2008. Once that number has been reached other areas can also begin service. Waste Advantage will notify you regarding your designated pick up day. Residents are solely responsible for canceling any of their own previous trash service agreements. Each week you are entitled to put out six cans or bags of household garbage and six bags or tied bundles of branches of yard waste each week. That's a lot of service for the money! You can find more details on the Mission Viejo HOA website. If the HOA fails to obtain 400 residents in these areas then the trash service will not happen for any filing. We will notify you of our progress. Please Sign-up today!! (Residential homeowners within the Mission Viejo HOA (for all filings) interested in the program should sign-up now!) If you are currently signed up with another trash service please tell us what date after August 1, 2008 we can begin this program for you.

Mission Interdependence Celebration

Please join us – Make it a success!

July 4th 2008 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Mission Viejo Park



The Community of Mission Viejo is hosting the fifth annual July 4th party and parade in our neighborhood park. With over 2000 homes in Mission Viejo, it will be a great opportunity to support the neighborhood and showcase your business!

Gold Sponsorship: Your cash contribution of \$100.00 or more or contribution of equal value service or product will give you top advertising as a prominent **gold** sponsor on the day of the event and on any pre-event promotional flyers.

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Ideally, we would like you to set-up a booth or fun activity for the members of our community. Some ideas include: balloon animals and art, face paints, ring toss, fishing pond, water balloon toss, putt putt golf, velcro wall, cake walk, etc. You should provide material and supervision for the booth, **and** you may hand out promotional materials for your company at your booth. Want to provide a clown, magician, or give a dance demonstration? Tell us your idea! If you can't join us, we do appreciate your financial support so that we may continue providing this event, which is planned and run by neighbors who volunteer their time and effort for the Mission Viejo community.

Please note: All booth ideas and activities are subject to approval by the Interdependence Day Committee. Please be aware, they are approved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Any giveaways you wish to distribute must also be approved by the committee before the day of the event. All cash contributions will be applied to the Interdependence Day general fund to provide entertainment and promotion for the event.

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We Need Your Continued Financial Support

Even though we plan to have the Mission Viejo Trash Program be the primary means of membership support for the HOA, we are currently caught in a transitional stage in which the HOA has stretched our budget in order to cover administrative costs, start our trash ambassador outreach program and find money to deliver this newsletter to each home in Mission Viejo every month. We are the only organization that is dedicated to protecting and promoting your most important assets, your home and your community. Therefore we urge you to please consider sending us your dues today. Membership for the year is only \$50. If financial strains have taken a hold of you this year, any dollar amount you can provide is greatly appreciated. Please tell us your name and street address and send your contribution to the Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc. 4255 S. Buckley Road, #110Aurora, CO 80013-2951 or try our online payment method.

Thank You.

Don't Fight Others' Battles

Dr. Karissa Thacker, a workplace psychologist, says it's not uncommon for feuding co-workers to try to pull others into their conflicts, but she warns that it's often a bad idea. "Avoid getting drawn into battles that are not yours to fight," she says. "Be emotionally mature and savvy enough to stay out of other people's fights, especially people above you in hierarchy. The biggest hook is thinking that you are going to help two people who don't like each other — you are not."

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We maintain a **free** Teen Services list for your neighborhood. If you have a teen who wants to be listed, give us a call with the following information (leave info on voice mail if necessary): **which neighborhood you live in**, teen's name, age, categories and phone number. The categories include (B) Babysitting; (*) Red Cross Certification for CPR; (P) Pet/Housesitting; (L) Lawn Care; and (S) Snow Removal.

In addition, residents may use up to three free lines of personal classified advertising a month. Personal classifieds are things like looking for a lost pet, selling something, looking for day care, etc. — anything that is not business related.

If you wish to place a display or classified ad, give us a call at **303-979-7499**. If you want to submit an article or "Letter to the Editor," please contact the editor, **Todd McMahon** at president@missionviejoHOA.org.

We look forward to working with the residents of Mission Viejo. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to give us a call at **303-979-7499**.

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This Month in History... May

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1993 (May 7): South Africa agrees to multi-racial elections.

1988 (May 16): Surgeon General C. Everett Koop states that the addictive properties of nicotine are similar to those of heroin and cocaine.

1983 (May 25): Return of the Jedi opens in the United States.

1978 (May 28): Al Unser wins his third Indianapolis 500.

1973 (May 5): Secretariat wins the Kentucky Derby; on May 19th, he wins the Preakness Stakes; on June 9th, he wins the Belmont Stakes, becoming the first Triple Crown winner since 1948.

1968 (May 22): The USS Scorpion, one of only two nuclear-powered submarines ever lost by the United States, sinks 400 miles southwest of the Azores, killing all 99 men aboard.

1963 (May 3): Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivers his "I have a dream" speech.

1958 (May 23): Mao Tse-Tung formally launches the "Great Leap Forward" movement, in which China tries to rapidly modernize its economy. The diversion of all resources toward achieving its impossibly ambitious goals leads to massive famine, killing as many as 30 million people.

1908 (May 10): The first official Mother's Day celebration takes place at Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, WV, and a church in Philadelphia, PA.

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Happenings at Mission Viejo Elementary

Dear Mission Viejo Community,

Last fall the district had placed Mission Viejo on "Calendar Watch." The "calendar watch" process is used when enrollment at a school causes that school to be considered for a move off of or on to a four-track calendar.

After reviewing Mission Viejo's enrollment data, the district administration has decided to move Mission Viejo to a traditional single-track calendar for the 2008-2009 school year. Mission Viejo's projected enrollment over the next five years, and likely beyond, will not reach sufficient numbers to effectively operate on a four-track, year-round calendar.

This means that all students will begin next school year in late August, and will no longer follow a track system. In order to ensure that everyone receives clear and accurate information about the calendar change, we will continue to provide you with updates and specifics about this change. The 2008-2009 student calendar will be available at end of the school year.

We are confident **Mr. Carney** and our staff will work with you to make this a smooth transition.

April 30th, our school principal, Mr. Carney will hold a State of the School Meeting at our PTSCO meeting. Please feel free to come!

Please note the following dates on your calendar, we would love to see more of our wonderful community involved with Mission Viejo Elementary!

- **Spring book fair:** April 28th - May 2nd
- **Board of Education Meeting:** May 12th - 7 - Held at Indian Ridge Elementary

- **Chick-fil-a Spirit Night:** May 14th - 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- **5th grade graduation**
 - A track: May 27th
 - B track: June 9th
 - C & D track: June 10th
- Please join in on our end of year **Community Picnic**, it will be held May 30th, 5 to 9 p.m.

If you are interested in attending and would like to order dinner, we would love it! Hot dogs and Chick-FIL-a sandwiches will be available, but they must be **pre-ordered**! Please call **Sandy Zimmerman** at 720-886-8038 if you would like to order or have any questions.

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