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Ensure a Great Mission Viejo Future – Let the City Know

What kind of neighborhood do we want, not just today but ten years from now? The founders of this community, the Mission Viejo Company, created this neighborhood because they dreamed large. Indeed from one of their initial advertisements for our community they stated:

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We will not get what we reach for or what our founders intended. So for today and the decades to come, what should we strive for?

For our neighborhood, what do we want to achieve in the next twenty years? I don't think the picture is hard to draw. It is a neighborhood that is a model for the word community. It is a neighborhood that educates its children with the highest quality of schools. It is a neighborhood that continues to have great civic attributes, greenbelts, parkways and a community library. It is a neighborhood with quality shopping all within walking minutes of our homes. It's a neighborhood that cares for its buildings and homes and those improvements that our founders envisioned; mission bell streetlights and semi-private walled neighborhoods will survive as physical reminders of the unique qualities of our community.

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New Look on Chambers Road

The second neighborhood cleanup on Chambers Road was held on October 17. Luckily, the weather was good, with no snow as there had been the previous weekend. The cleanup began at 8:00, when **Jerry and Lois Kiefer, Shelby Lay, Dave Lassen, Michael Poile, Don and Connie Bays, Todd McMahon and Rich and Barb Ferris** started to trim branches off the junipers so that the bobcats could pull them out more easily. Between 8 and 9 o'clock, **Dave Raemer** arrived with the first bobcat from the rental agency. **Tyler Appleton and Rich Ferris** began yanking out the junipers. About 45 minutes later, Dave arrived with the second bobcat and he and **Dan Miller** spent the rest of the day doing the same thing that Tyler and Rich were doing. After the junipers were pulled out, there was an incredible amount of trash and accumulation of dead pine needles and black landscaping fabric that had to be cleaned up. Just about the whole area was cleaned up by 3:00, thanks to these folks:

Sharon and Ashley Mooney, Scot, Marie, Thea and Wynlynn Bowers, Brenda Tompkins, Rich and Barb Ferris, Don and Connie Bays, Chris and Eric Hammeren, Marty and Dawn Magers, Vance Tucker, Emil Shuesinger, Sean

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Special Clean-Up: Thank You To Our Partners Pro-Disposal

Pro-Disposal gave us tremendous help in our clean-up effort this year. They provided all the roll-offs and charged our association for their use at a huge discount. We are very appreciative of Pro's willingness to help our community out! Again this is another example of Pro-Disposal's commitment to our community. Please thank them for all they do for the neighborhood.



Scouting News

Cub Scout Pack 749 from Mission Viejo Elementary will be having their annual food drive, called "Scouting for Food". "Scouting for Food" is Scouting's community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in the community in which we live and work.

On Saturday, November 7th, the Cub Scouts will be placing a plastic grocery bag on the doorknobs of the Mission Viejo houses. We are asking that families fill the bag with any non-perishable food donations that the family can comfortably donate. We will return on Saturday, November 14th to pick up the filled grocery bags that are left on porches/driveways. We will then donate the food to local food banks.

We have done this food drive for many years with great success. We want to thank all the families that have donated in the past and offer thanks in advance for the families that will help us again this year. Mission Viejo is a wonderful community and the Cub Scouts really take pride in helping the less fortunate in this time of need. Thank you!

Next HOA Meeting
Third Tuesday
November 17th • 6:30 p.m.
The Mission Viejo Library
Everyone is Welcome!

Mission Viejo Future, continued from front page

Recently, just to the south of us in the Pheasant Run neighborhood, community organizers had made a valiant effort in petitioning the city to retain their outdoor swimming pool. Several of them testified before City Council, asking for assistance in forming an active HOA. Closing Pheasant Run's pool is not in the best interests of anyone living in Pheasant Run or the surrounding neighborhoods. We need to look around us; we can see by the City's actions that the City views our area as an old burden. Their efforts have been to reduce services in our area and to overly accommodate the newer subdivisions built east of us, near Southlands.

We can change this perception and this attitude, but it's going to take a lot of work. The good news is that Mission Viejo is a vibrant community made up of people who really care about the place we live in. We continue to retain an active HOA while many of the neighborhood associations around us have vanished. I think that is because our founders laid out our community so very well. We have survived a civil lawsuit and we have shown that we care about our streets, parks, and all of our community assets. It is now time to be more vocal than ever before. The HOA is willing to step forward and be our community voice, but we need each resident to be active. We need to show the City that we care about our community and we feel that is not right to ignore our part of Aurora. We all want to live in this well designed area. We want to protect our property values. We must let our elected officials know that we count just as much as the newer neighborhoods do. Stay active! Let's fulfill the vision our community founders had in mind.

— Todd McMahon, Mission Viejo HOA President

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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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Right of Way Issue Update – It's City Property and Responsibility

At the time that preparations for this issue are being prepared, the HOA would like the community to know that the Association believes they have found signed agreements that clearly show that the right-of-way areas in and around Mission Viejo are dedicated City property. The agreements were signed with the understanding that all improvements made by the Mission Viejo Company will be maintained by the City. Imposing landscape and wall maintenance on adjoining homeowners is therefore unlawful. An informal meeting with the City has been established for the last week in October. Should the City not agree to its responsibilities, the HOA Board will consider further legal action. We will update you on this issue next month.

New Look on Chambers, *continued from front page*

Ratchford, Doug and Carolyn Sprague, Shelby and Elaine Lay, Philip Medley and Kim and Killian Sherer. Some of these volunteers also doubled as truck drivers to haul away the dead bushes to the roll off in the library parking lot. **Bob Broom** donated bottled water for the volunteers.

The city would not allow the community to use the chipper during this cleanup, and consequently there were three loads of dead bushes that had to be put in back of the library and stored there until Monday, when more roll offs could be ordered to dispose of the rest of the bushes. **Shelby and Elaine Lay, Jerry and Lois Kiefer and Chris Hammeren** finished off the job on Monday and Tuesday.

It was a big job, and amazingly, the job was almost completed by the time the barricade company arrived to take down the cones. There were only 31 people that showed up to help out of a community of almost 2,000 homes. We are so grateful that these people helped. Many of them helped with the previous cleanup and many of them also are the volunteers that deliver the newsletters. They did a fantastic job. Without each and every one of them, we would not have been able to finish the job.

There may be more cleanups next year. Please consider helping. Volunteering is a valuable lesson to teach your children. The rewards to be gained by volunteering far outweigh the effort that it takes. Thanks to the volunteers that help with the cleanups, Mission Viejo is looking better and better!

ATTENTION: CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS

These items were found after the cleanup: One silver (Bottom Line) and one blue (Estratest) insulated coffee mug and one lopper with wooden handles. Please call **Elaine Lay at 303-699-0657** if you would like these items returned.

— **Elaine Lay, Mission Viejo HOA Secretary**

**Enjoy Another Star Attraction –
The Morrison Nature Center**

"Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain." — Henry David Thoreau

In addition to the wonderful natural places that are within easy reach of our community, such as Cherry Creek State Park and the Plains Conservation Center, another outstanding oasis of nature and environmental interpretation is the City of Aurora's Morrison Nature Center at Star K Ranch. This open space park is a 200-acre preserve that is part of the Sand Creek Regional Greenway, a 14-mile-long trail system connecting the cities of Aurora, Denver and Commerce City. A nicely exhibited nature center was built in 2003 around an old homestead of the Stark family. The nature center contains hands-on exhibits, a classroom, and an intimate library area. Star K Ranch encompasses a variety of habitats including short-grass prairie, wetlands, ponds, Sand Creek, and riparian areas, making this a great place to explore nature on short hikes with the family. The interpretive center is almost completely self funded by the SCFD (Scientific and Cultural Facilities District) and they offer ecology-oriented classes and workshops for kids and adults, as well as summer day camp programs. The Morrison Nature Center is located at 16002 East Smith Road at Laredo Street in Aurora. Call **303-739-2428** for more information or e-mail the interpretive staff at nature@auroragov.org.



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CCSD NEWS DELIVERED TO YOUR EMAIL BOX

Get the latest news from Cherry Creek Schools by signing up for the monthly Cherry Creek Schools Community eNewsletter. Subscribers will also receive occasional 'eBlasts' containing breaking news and emergency information. Go to www.cherrycreekschools.org and click on "eNewsletter" at the bottom of the page.

PROGRESS TOWARD EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY

The Cherry Creek School District is committed to Excellence and Equity, which means raising the achievement of all students, closing the gap between the highest- and lowest-performing students and eliminating the predictability of scores by race. During the September Board of Education meeting, Dr. Elliott Asp, Assistant Superintendent for Performance Improvement, presented achievement data showing that Cherry Creek's White and Asian students consistently outscore Black and Hispanic students on CSAP, ACT and SAT tests, but that the gap is slowly and steadily narrowing. See how much the gap has narrowed by visiting <http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/News/Progress/>

VISIT NEW BOND PROJECT WEB SITE

The Cherry Creek School District has launched an interactive bond projects Web site to make it easy for parents, taxpayers and community members to get the latest project information and see how their tax dollars are improving schools and other district facilities. Just visit www.cherrycreekschools.org and click on

the "2008 Bond Information" button on the right side of the page.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE APPLICATIONS

The School of Choice applications for the 2010-2011 school year will be available starting at 7:30 a.m. on Mon., Nov. 16, 2009. Forms can be picked up, filled out, and turned back in at any/all schools as well as District Admissions offices. The deadline to turn in applications is Feb. 1, 2010 and parents will be notified of the decision in March 2010. Approval of School of Choice applications are done on a first come-first serve basis and will be limited to the space available in the program or grade level requested.

WALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone who has had a profound affect on Cherry Creek students, staff or schools? Nominate them for Legacy Stadium Educational Leadership Wall of Fame. Get details and a nomination form at <http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/News/WallOfFameAward/>.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2009-2010

Winter Break - Dec. 21, 2009 - Jan. 1, 2010

Spring Break - Mar. 29 - Apr. 2, 2010

The district's 2009-2010 traditional, transitional and 4-track calendars are available on the district's website at www.cherrycreekschools.org.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Nov. 19, 7 p.m., Thespian Showcase, Room 415

Cherokee Trail High School

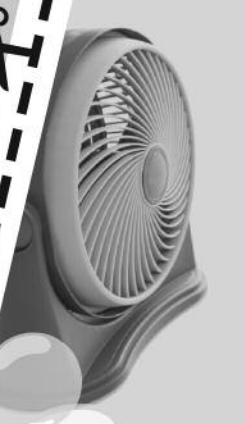
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 Nov. 19-21, 7 p.m., Fall Play "Heaven Can Wait"
 Nov. 21, 1 p.m., Matinee, "Heaven Can Wait" Grandview H.S.
 Nov. 18-21 7 p.m., Musical, "Pirates of Penzance," Theater Overland High School
 Nov. 19-21 7 p.m., Fall Play, "Clue" Smoky Hill High School
 Nov. 7 9 a.m., Smoky Hill Craft Fair
 Nov. 20-21 7:15 p.m., Fall Play, "Dracula"
 Nov. 24 7:15 p.m., Improv Show

Board of Education: Five dedicated volunteers make up the Cherry Creek School District Board of Education. Each Board member represents one of the district's five director districts, but they are elected 'at-large' to four-year terms by registered voters via a non-partisan ballot. Board of Education meetings are generally held at 7p.m. on the second Monday of the month at one of the Cherry Creek schools. To contact the Board of Education, please call **720-554-4300** or email ccsdboard@cherrycreekschools.org.

Mission Viejo PTSCO News**Greetings to Mission Viejo.**

A huge thank you to all who joined us for our Veterans Day Celebration! I hope that it was as much of a blessing to you as it was to our students, staff and families.

We have another wonderful event coming up next month. On Friday, December 4th from 5 – 8 p.m., we will have our very first family fun night at Barnes and Noble at Southlands. 15% of all purchases from the store and cafe will be donated to our school library. Our school will receive 5,000 points toward our Earning for Learning receipts and your receipts from that night's purchases may be turned in as well. There will be games, stories, a holiday concert performed by our own school choir and just a wonderful night of holiday fun and fellowship. **Kelly O'Brien** is working very hard to make this event a very special occasion for our Mission families and community. If you have any ideas or would like to lend a hand, please contact Kelly at choyingtso@gmail.com or **303-627-4373**. We hope that you will be able to join us.

We wish everyone a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.

— **Mission Viejo PTSCO; Sandy, Susan, Amanda and Andi**

Around Aurora**10TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WREATHS**

Sponsored by local business and organizations. Wreaths are sold through a silent auction, and all proceeds benefit the Aurora History Museum.

Nov. 3 to Dec. 11. To sponsor a wreath, call 303-739-6667.
 Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Parkway, Aurora
Auroramuseum.org

22ND ANNUAL HOLIDAYS AT THE HOMESTEAD

A sale of handmade crafts, gifts and antiques displayed in the historic Gully Homestead.

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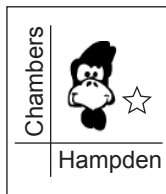
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11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Wine and Cheese Reception Fri., November 13, 5 to 8 p.m.

Presentation of awards 6:30 p.m.

Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Parkway, Aurora
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Aurora Center for Active Adults, 30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora
303-344-1776 or auroragov.org/arts

THE POWER OF ONE PERSPECTIVE: Nets for the Amazon

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Nov. 15, Sunday, 2 p.m. Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway, Aurora. 303-739-6600 or auroralibrary.org
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Nov. 18, Wednesday, noon to 1 p.m.

Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Parkway, Aurora
303-739-6660 or auroramuseum.org

We Need New Board Members

Now is the time to let us know if you would like to commit to serving on the Board. We will be having elections at our annual meeting held on January 19th. E-mail us and let us know you are interested in serving your community,

webmaster@missionviejohoa.org.

Website

Visit the Mission Viejo HOA website today. Register your email address so you can be 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: www.missionviejohoa.org

**Mission Viejo HOA Financial Report**

Alan Engels – Mission Viejo HOA Treasurer and Vice President

Beginning Balance 1/1/09			\$2,813.09
	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income-Dues	\$1,600.00	\$2,973.00	\$1,373.00
YTD Income-Corp. Contrb.	\$8,000.00	\$5,242.35	(\$2,757.65)
YTD Budget Expenses	\$8,408.54	\$4,421.28	(\$3,987.26)
YTD Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$0.00	\$3,988.34	\$3,988.34
Current Balance 10/20/09		\$2,618.81	

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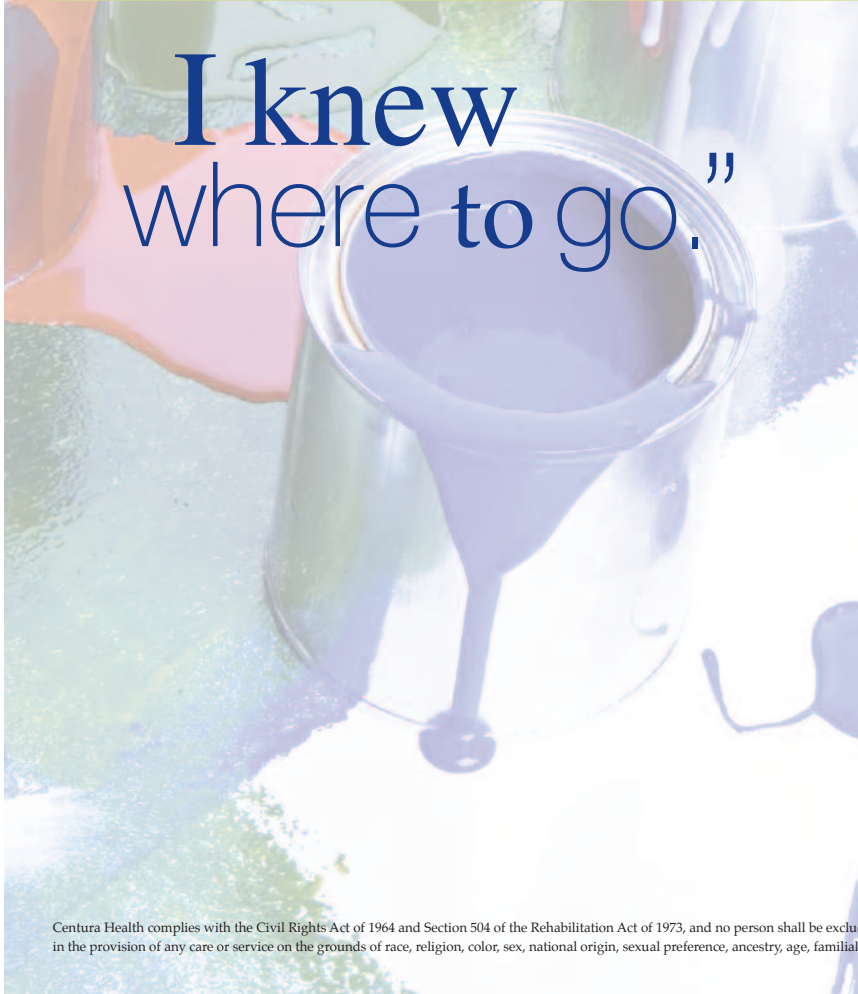
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