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Changes, Budgets and Challenges

It's a new year, which means change now and some in the near future. The country's economic problems have affected everything and have recently affected the services of our trash program. Waste Advantage Inc. lost their main investor and had trouble securing a bank loan due to the credit crisis. The owners of Waste Advantage Inc. were then forced to seek a merger with Waste Management Inc. The Mission Viejo HOA was notified about this buyout literally at the 11th hour of this transaction. Since our organization secured a contract that ensured survivability of such a scenario, the HOA expects that there will be no substantial changes to our trash program except the change in trash companies. There may, in fact, be a silver lining in this as we hope to lure existing Waste Management customers into our program, giving us our two-dollar return much sooner. Since Waste Management Inc. is one of the country's largest trash/recycling companies, the HOA believes that our program

should be on firm ground.

Another sign of changes and budget problems locally can be seen with our city. I was recently invited to represent our association at a special public forum with the Mayor of Aurora and City Council on the budget crisis that has affected our city. The Mayor made it clear that the city needs to prioritize its services. A few ideas were advanced at the meeting. One is to fund our libraries and parks and recreation services through a referendum to create two special districts. These programs would be sustained through a tax increase. Other ideas included outsourcing services and increasing property taxes while reducing

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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

Holiday Lights Make it Festive!

Tom and Carol Tobiassen have been putting holiday lights up around Mission Viejo for about six holiday seasons. They took over when the mandatory dues ended and there was no money to pay a landscaper to put them up. This year was no exception. On the day after Thanksgiving, the Tobiassens were joined by Ron and Dede Dunlap, Randy and Dala Giffin, Todd McMahon and Elaine Lay in decorating the Hampden/Chambers corner, the library, the Buckley/Hampden corner and the bank corner. Wreaths were also placed at the fire station and the old Rentx corner. The weather was perfect and the snow that evening was perfect for showing off the beautiful lights!

—Elaine Lay
Mission Viejo HOA Secretary

Annual Members Meeting
Third Tuesday
January 20th • 6:30 p.m.
Mission Viejo Elementary School
Everyone is Welcome!

Mary Ann Lewis Park Bench

The bench honoring Mary Ann Lewis was placed in Mission Viejo Park during the last part of November. The bench is located along the walking path on the south side of the park, so that persons using the bench will have a perfect view of the flower garden that Mary Ann and her husband, Ed, along with other volunteers, spent countless hours grow-



ing and improving. Next time you are walking around the park be sure to stop and pause to remember Mary Ann and the other volunteers who have helped to make Mission Viejo the special neighborhood that it is today. If you are interested in volunteering to help keep the flower garden a beautiful spot in the park, please call Dala Giffin at 303-690-0492.

—Elaine Lay
Mission Viejo HOA Secretary

Annual Meeting

The Mission Viejo Homeowners Association annual meeting will take place on January 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the lunchroom of Mission Viejo Elementary School. As of the preparation of this newsletter, the HOA's agenda will include a discussion on our right-of-way areas, an update on our trash service agreement, budget approval and voting on new officers to our Board of Directors. The meeting also will include updates from our City's PAR officer, our City Councilman, **Bob Broom** and State Representative **Cindy Acree**. Updates to our agenda, along with our proposed budget will be posted on our website prior to the meeting. In order to cast a vote at our meeting, homeowners need to show evidence of membership. The HOA recognizes membership by appearing on our Mission Viejo Trash Program participant list, paying dues or making a donation or by being a community volunteer from an HOA supported event or activity. If you do not fall into one of these categories, please send us your dues/donation or sign up for our trash program today!

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sales taxes to lure more retail shopping. Another idea presented was to create a transportation tax on trucks that drive on our streets. The city maintains that it wants to be "business friendly" with the notion that with increased business opportunities there would be more job opportunities for our residents.

Clearly the budget issues are severe. It is not inconceivable to think that if solutions are not found, we could have reduced libraries, less swimming pools, golf courses, cultural programs or even less well-maintained parks. Of course this would negatively affect our property values as well. These programs may go away without a commitment to maintain them. Yet we know the economic forecasts are not great. The city will shortly solicit individual input as well. So if you have a great idea to meet these challenges, please let us know and be prepared to add your input too.

Our association has forecast our own budget, and we realize that we may need to cut back on certain things if either we do not receive enough participation in our trash program or if we do not receive enough funds in donations or dues. It will be a challenging new year. These and other concerns, including the city's maintenance responsibilities along our right-of-ways in our neighborhood, should make for lively discussions at our annual meeting. It will be held on January 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mission Viejo Elementary School. We hope to see everyone there.

—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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Shopping Center (just north of King Soopers).

3-D TV on Its Way

In about 10 years' time, you could be watching your favorite episode of Seinfeld played out in 3-D holographic images on your kitchen table. Or you could see the latest National Geographic show projected in 3-D in front of your couch. Researchers at the University of Arizona have created a new way of erasing and rewriting holographic images. The UA scientists are optimistic that the technology, which can be written and erased in minutes, could be improved to occur several times a second—which could bring 3-D Hollywood images into our homes by around the year 2020.

One Mission, One Truck, One Day!

**Support Your Community
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Even though there has been a change in trash companies, the Mission Viejo Trash Program remains one of the best deals in the city. For only \$16 a month, all your trash and recycling needs will be met and you will be helping your community too! We still need you to join us if you have not done so already! The 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 paper and other recyclables together into the same-labeled container of your choice. Having one service in the neighborhood saves wear and tear on our streets and improves traffic noise and safety. By participating in this program, Mission Viejo residents help to maintain the high value of their homes. Make it your new years' resolution! Sign up today via the web at <http://www.missionviejohoa.org/trash.htm> or fill out the sign-up coupon and mail it out today!

Please be aware that for the week of January 1, Trash Pick up will be delayed one day.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Tree Drop-Off

Anytime December 26 through January 12

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(West parking lot)
- Olympic Park, 15501 E. Yale Ave.
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- Murphy Creek Golf Course, 1700 S.
Old Tom Morris Rd. (east of
Gun Club Rd. on E. Jewell Ave.)
- Saddle Rock Golf Course,
21705 E. Arapahoe Rd.



Please remove all nails, decorations and stands from trees.

Free mulch Anytime January 2-12 at tree drop-off locations (while supplies last). Bring your own truck, bags, containers and shovels.

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—Colorado Lasertype

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To add your teen's name, please call **Colorado Lasertype at 303-979-7499** and leave the following information: the **neighborhood you live in**, your age, phone number and the categories you would like included. Categories: (B) Baby-sitting * Red Cross Cert. for CPR (L) Lawn care (S) Snow removal (P) Pet & House sitting. No recommendation or endorsement of any of the names on this list is implied or stated by the homeowners association board or Colorado Lasertype.

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Cherry Creek Schools News

For information about Cherry Creek Schools, visit www.CherryCreekSchools.org

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2008-2009

- Spring Break: Mar. 30 - Apr. 3, 2009

BOARD OF EDUCATION Approves 2009-2010 Calendars

The Cherry Creek School District Board of Education has approved the 2009-2010 calendars. The district's traditional, transitional and 4-track calendars are available on the district's website at www.cherrycreekschools.org.

BREAK DATES FOR 2009-2010 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Fall Break: Oct. 26-30
- Winter Break: Dec. 21 - Jan. 1
- Spring Break: Mar. 29 - Apr. 2

CHESLEY TAKES THE HELM

The Cherry Creek School District began the new year with a new superintendent; former Deputy Superintendent **Mary Chesley** assumed leadership of the district on Jan. 1. Chesley is a veteran of Cherry Creek Schools, having served the district as a teacher, principal, executive director and assistant superintendent, as well as deputy superintendent. Her responsibilities have included supervision of the district's 39 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, and six high schools, as well as alternative programs in the district.

Chesley succeeds **Dr. Monte Moses**, who served as superintendent for nine years. In 2005, he was honored National

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Mission Viejo HOA Financial Report

Alan Engels – Mission Viejo HOA Treasurer and Vice President

Beginning Balance 1/1/08 \$ 3,929.08

	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income-Dues	\$8,429.00	\$7,010.51	(\$1,418.49)
YTD Income-Corp. Contrb.	\$0.00	\$739.90	\$739.90
YTD Budget Expenses	\$8,429.00	\$5,832.85	(\$2,596.15)
YTD Unfunded Expenses	\$0.00	\$3,020.82	\$3,020.82

Current Balance 12/06/08 **\$2,825.82**
Expenses Over Budget **\$424.67**

\$2,367.60 of the unfunded expenses were used for newsletter distribution costs.

Website

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Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators.

Audit Shows Sound Financial Management in CCSD

The Cherry Creek School District received an "Unqualified Opinion" – or positive report – for its financial management from an independent auditor, said Chief Financial Officer **Guy Bellville**, as he presented the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the Board of Education on Nov. 10.

In addition, voter approval of ballot issues 3A and 3B will enable the district to maintain the educational excellence it is known for and ensure that its graduates are college-ready, work-ready and future-ready.

District leaders are in the early stages of planning bond projects.

"We are still putting together a specific timeline, but remodeling some of our older schools will be a high priority," said **Mike Langlett**, Executive Director for Facility Planning and Construction.

The district cannot begin hiring contractors until bond funds are released.

The passed ballot issues 3A and 3B has given the district critical funds needed for academic programs, maintain existing schools, many of which were built before 1982, and build new schools to accommodate enrollment growth.

LUNCH ACCOUNTS NOW ONLINE!

Long gone are the days of "lunch tickets" that you would buy from your second-grade teacher and hand off to the lunch lady in exchange for your tray.

Today, students have lunch accounts; recently, the Cherry Creek School District's Department of Food and Nutrition

Services implemented a new system for parents to deposit money into those accounts via an online program called PayPAMS.com.

Up until this school year, parents traditionally deposited money in to the child's lunch account by writing a check for a lump sum. The check is deposited into the child's Nutrition Services account. At lunch time the student punches a number into a pin pad and the money is automatically withdrawn from that account. Parents are notified when the account is depleted.

The new online system, up and running district-wide since November, allows parents to deposit money electronically via a credit card. "It is very popular. We are hearing great things already and parents love the convenience," said **Jane Brand**, Director of Food and Nutrition Services. "Online payment is now a standard way of doing business and our parents expect it."

For more information visit www.payPAMS.com.

Step Right Up

What would prompt you to walk more than 2,000 steps, the equivalent of a mile, per day? Apparently, according to a Stanford University study, a pedometer, that inexpensive little device that counts the number of steps we take. Simply monitoring how many steps we take can increase our physical activity by 27 percent (which, in turn, can help with weight loss and improved blood pressure). Using a log to keep track of the number of steps taken is another important aspect of getting and staying more active.



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