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Our Annual Meeting: Recap and Changes to the HOA Trash Program

On January 20, 2009 members of the Mission Viejo HOA conducted a successful annual meeting at the Mission Viejo Elementary School. Those in attendance heard from our PAR (Police Area Representative), Officer **Gary Rivale**, who gave updates regarding arrests and the Police efforts to curb crime in our community. Mr. Rivale urged everyone to join the Mission Viejo Neighborhood Watch program. If interested contact **Tom Tobiasen** at neighborhoodwatch@missionviejohoa.org. Mr. Rivale also suggested calling **Access Aurora** at **303-739-7000** to report crime or suspicious behavior. Residents also heard from Barton Wong of Neighborhood Services about code enforcement issues. State of Colorado Representative **Cindy Acree** told us about her first term in office as well as issues affecting the State. Members also heard from Aurora City Councilman **Bob Broom** about budget problems the City of Aurora is facing.

A summary report was given about the many activities sponsored by the HOA during the past year. These included a newsletter, music in the park with memorial bench for Mary Ann Lewis, beginning a neighborhood trash program and growing our membership by approximately 300 people. **Lori Underwood** was also recognized for her outstanding volunteer contributions to the HOA and the community as the outgoing coordinator for the Mission Inter-dependence Day celebrations on July 4th. Since



2008 was Lori's last year of coordinating this event, if you or someone you know would like to take on the task of coordinating this Mission Viejo tradition, please contact us as soon as possible. Lori would be happy to share her notes and experiences to make sure another 4th of July event happens in our community. Members were also encouraged to volunteer for other important neighborhood activities: distribution of the newsletter, neighborhood cleanups, flower garden in the park, promoting the trash service, the 4th of July celebration and the welcome committee. If you could not attend the meeting and would like to volunteer for any of these projects, call **Elaine Lay** at **303-699-0657**.

Important issues were also discussed, including approval of our 2009 budget and a motion to drop annual dues to the HOA in the year 2010 from \$50 from \$30. Residents are also recognized as members of the HOA by being a participant in the trash program where \$24 a year would go to the Association as part of your trash service. The HOA also supported a motion to continue discussions with the city on right-of-way maintenance responsibilities. Members also re-elected **Troy Haller** and **Ron Costa** to the Board.

The most pressing issue was that 90% of the members approved a motion to seek a new trash service contract due to issues the HOA has been having with Waste Management Inc. Some of our specific problems stem from a lack of communication,

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An Important Request for Your Monetary Support!

The Mission Viejo HOA did not anticipate a buyout of our trash contract by a company that is uncooperative in helping our organization to remain self sufficient in terms of our revenue from HOA membership. The HOA had reason to believe that by January there would be income from the trash service. Unfortunately this did not occur and now, as our Treasurer reported at the annual meeting, unless we find alternatives to some of our expenses, the HOA will become insolvent during the coming year. Please consider making a contribution to the HOA today. Our list of accomplishments this past year has been great and we want to continue the work we have begun for our community. Please send us your dues or contributions to the **Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc. 4255 S. Buckley Road, #110 Aurora, CO 80013-2951** or use our on-line dues payment option at http://www.missionviejohoa.org/pay_dues_on-line.htm.

Help us to ensure that our new projects continue. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated. We need your support now more than ever! **THANK YOU!**

Did You Know?

Mission Viejo, California has a long tradition of creating floats for the Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade. This year's float won the Judges Special Award for "Most Spectacular in Showmanship and Dramatic Impact Award." The float honored Mission Viejo, California's twenty years of cityhood.

One Mission, One Truck, One Day!

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

Enroll in the Mission Viejo Trash Program for new service to begin March 1, 2009!

Even though the Mission Viejo HOA is looking to make a change to our trash service company, the Mission Viejo Trash Program remains one of the best deals in the city. 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 secure the resources of our organizations and maintain the high value of their homes. Sign up today via the web at <http://www.missionviejohoa.org/trash.htm> or fill out the sign-up coupon and mail it to us today!

Next HOA Meeting

Third Tuesday

February 17th • 6:30 p.m.

Mission Viejo Library

Everyone is Welcome!

HOA Trash Program Changes, *continued from front page*
 non-service of recycling responsibilities and attaching conditions for enrollment in our program. Waste Management is in effect barring former Waste Management customers from joining our trash program voluntarily. The Board, with concordance from the membership at the annual meeting, agrees that it is in the best interest of the Association to terminate the contract and to seek a new trash provider to service our community and support our organization.

The HOA has notified Waste Management Inc. of a breach of contract and our agreement will be terminated as of February 28, 2009. The HOA has received written notice that ALL Waste Management customers who were former Waste Advantage Customers in the Mission Viejo HOA trash program will have their trash collection services terminated as of February 28, 2009 and Waste Management Inc. will refund these customers for any outstanding payments. The HOA is in the process of securing a new agreement with Pro Disposal Inc. with service to being the week of March 1, 2009. The HOA will forward our trash participant list to Pro Disposal Inc. once we have executed a new contract unless you contact us with your desire to opt out of the program. Pro Disposal will contact all customers prior to March 1, 2009 to set up billing and to begin our new service. If you did receive a bill for your next quarterly payment with Waste Management Inc. we recommend that you pay for only the month of February to avoid any wait time for a refund. The HOA goal is to find a service provider that gives you a good price, good

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Sign up on the Web or Use This Form
 Service to begin March 1, 2009 or later.



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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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HOA Trash Program Changes, *continued from above*

customer service and provides a benefit to our Association. Pro Disposal comes to our community with an excellent reputation and good customer service. The HOA believes we will be well served by this company. Thank you again for your patience. The HOA will keep you posted on the process via our website, our e-newsletter and by mail. If you have questions or concerns please give me a call at **303-817-6932** or e-mail me at **president@missionviejohoa.org**.

—Todd McMahon, Mission Viejo HOA President

Ranch Brand Symbol Added to the HOA Logo

The Mission Viejo HOA added the circle "m" with the lazy "v" symbol to our logo. This is the symbol used throughout Mission Viejo, California. The city, the Nadadores Swim Club and the Mission Viejo Activities Committee all employ it. It symbolizes all things connected to Mission Viejo. A recent review of amendments to our general plan with the city of Aurora revealed this symbol representing our community too. The addition of this symbol gives our neighborhood another valuable link to the Rancho Mission Viejo legacy.

Residents to Deliver Newsletter

The Mission Viejo Reporter is published at no expense to the Homeowner's Association by Colorado Lasertype. The only expense is the cost of delivery. Presently the delivery is done by Door Hanger's Direct. If residents in Mission Viejo take on the responsibility of delivering the newsletter, there will be a savings of approximately \$300 a month for the HOA.

At the annual meeting, twenty residents signed up to help with the delivery of the newsletter. This was a fantastic response from the 50 residents in attendance. Approximately half of the people in attendance volunteered to help with the project!

Since there are approximately 2,000 homes in Mission Viejo, this equals about 100 newsletters for each of these volunteers to deliver. The ideal number for each person to deliver would be 50. If you were not at the annual meeting and would like to volunteer for this service, please call **Elaine Lay** at **303-699-0657**. The residents of Mission Viejo will take over the delivery of the newsletter in February. All residents who volunteered will be contacted before February 1, 2009 with instructions regarding the newsletter pickup and the homes in their route.

How To Outsmart A Fly

We've all been there—armed with a flyswatter or rolled-up newspaper and chasing futilely after a tiny winged creature. Turns out, scientists say, that those lowly flies are using some pretty amazing brainpower when it comes to outsmarting us and outmaneuvering our swatters.

Here's what happens: The minuscule fly is confronted with the image of a threatening-looking swatter, California Institute of Technology researcher Michael Dickinson says. (It's little wonder the fly noticed: It has a near 360-degree field of view and can see behind itself.) Then with its teensy-weensy brain, the insect calculates the exact location of the impending threat, generates an escape plan, and hops very efficiently out of harm's way.

So what's a human to do? Once the fly spots the swatter, you have about 100 milliseconds before it finishes analyzing and strategizing, Dickinson says. Your best bet at making every swat count is to refrain from hitting the fly in its starting position. Instead, Dickinson suggests aiming a bit forward—trying to anticipate which direction the fly is going to jump when it first detects your "weapon."

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—Josh Billings

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Mission Viejo Library, 15324 E. Hampden Circle, Aurora

Dr. Justina Ford, ages 8 and older

A historical re-enactor from the Beckwourth Mountain Club recreates this African-American pioneer doctor from Denver as part of The Power of One Book program. This year's Power of One theme coincides with the arrival of a national traveling exhibit, "Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians," which will be on display from April 8 to May 22 at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center library in Aurora. **Free.**

February 8, 2 p.m.

Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway
303-739-6660 or aurorallibrary.org

Victorian Valentines, ages 6 and older

Since the early 1800s, Valentine's Day traditions have included the exchange of a love token with one's valentine. The tradition peaked during the Victorian era. Discover the history and creativity of old-fashioned, handmade and elaborately decorated Victorian Valentine cards, and create cards for loved ones. \$5 (\$4 Aurora residents).

February 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Parkway
303-739-6666 or auroramuseum.org

Middle Eastern Dance, all ages

See this colorful, musical and enriching performance of Middle Eastern dances by professional dancers featuring Rooshana Juergens. Dressed in a traditional folk costume, this informal, educational program weaves in cultural lessons. \$5 (\$4 Aurora residents).

February 15, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Parkway
303-739-6666 or auroramuseum.org

African American Celebration Tea, ages 8 and older

In honor of Black History Month, Opalanga Pugh performs a variety of dramatic interpretations to honor regional black historical figures. This menu celebrates traditional cuisine and soul food favorites. \$25 (\$19 Aurora residents).

February 28, 2 – 4 p.m.

Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Parkway
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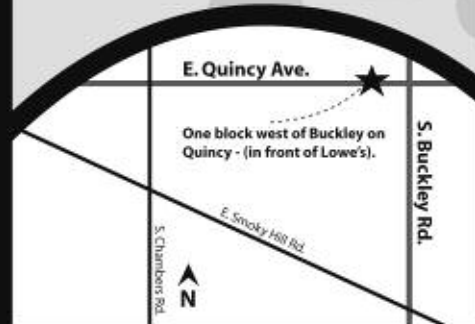
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Cherry Creek Schools News

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: March 30 – April 3, 2009

YOU'RE INVITED!

HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS

Smoky Hill High School

February 5-6. 7:15 p.m., Murder Mystery Show

2009-2010 KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP IS COMING!

The Cherry Creek School District's 2009-2010 Kindergarten Round-up will be held Feb. 2 through Mar. 6. This is an opportunity for parents to preregister children who are eligible for kindergarten in the 2009-2010 school year. Students currently attending a CCSD preschool program do NOT need to register for Kindergarten.

Preregistration can be done at either of the district Admissions Offices, located at:

- West Admissions Office, 9150 E. Union Ave., Greenwood Village (Yosemite St. and Union Ave.)
- East Admissions Office, 17030 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora (Quincy and Buckley- Target Center)
- Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed on Mon., Feb. 16)

The school your child will attend will determine when you

visit one of the district Admissions Offices to preregister. This schedule is designed to prevent lines and long wait times.

- Mar. 2-6: Bellevue, Cimarron, Dry Creek, Indian Ridge, Heritage, Highline, Mission Viejo, Walnut Hills

If you cannot attend during the week listed, please register your child anytime after Feb. 2 at either District Admissions office. Non-resident applications will be available April 1, 2009.

Registration Requirements:

1. Birth Certificate: Must be 5 yrs. old on or before October 1, 2009
2. Immunization record
3. Proof of Residency: Signed Lease, Warranty Deed, Property Tax Bill, Current Gas/Electric Bill
4. Photo ID of parent/guardian

For more information please call district Admissions: West 720-554-4550, or East 720-886-7480, or visit www.cherrycreekschools.org.

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS SHINE ON 2008 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

More than 60% of Cherry Creek schools rank Excellent or High on the 2008 School Accountability Reports released by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

CDE annually issues the School Accountability Reports, also known as SARS or School Report Cards, for each school in the state. They include information about the school's academic performance, CSAP results, safety and discipline incidents, student/teacher ratio, teacher qualifications and how taxpayer dollars are spent.

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National Pet Dental Health Month

Gum disease can spread to the vital organs of a cat or dog, causing additional health problems and even death. Veterinarians encourage pet guardians to get educated about the oral health needs of their four-legged companions. For more information, go to www.petdental.com.

National Black History Month

This celebration of the contributions and achievements made by African-Americans to our society has been observed in some form since 1926. For a historical overview, visit the Association for the Study of African American Life and History at www.asalh.org. For fast facts and activity ideas, go to www.biography.com/blackhistory.

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	\$7,155.51	(\$1,273.49)
YTD Income - Corp. Contrb.	\$0.00	\$739.90	\$739.90
YTD Budget Expenses	\$8,429.00	\$5,990.58	(\$2,438.42)
YTD Unfunded Expenses	\$0.00	\$3,020.82	\$3,020.82
Current Balance 12/31/08		\$2,813.09	

Expenses Over Budget **\$582.40**
Less Corp. Contrb. to Unfunded Exp. **\$739.90** **(\$157.50)**

Beginning Balance 1/1/09 \$ 2,813.09

	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income - Dues	\$610.00	\$650.00	\$40.00
YTD Income - Corp. Contrb.	\$0.00	\$30.35	\$0.00
YTD Budget Expenses	\$430.45	\$477.88	\$47.43
YTD Unfunded Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Current Balance 1/22/09		\$3,015.56	

Total Expenses Over Budget **\$47.43**

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

**American Heart Month**

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Cherry Creek School News, *continued from page 6*

Seventeen Cherry Creek schools were rated as Excellent, 19 as High and 21 as Average. No Cherry Creek schools were rated Low or Unsatisfactory.

Fox Hollow Elementary School moved from High to Excellent, and Laredo Middle School and Eaglecrest High School moved from Average to High.

"It is clear that we are making progress toward our goal of high academic achievement for all students," said Superintendent Monte Moses. "We are committed to raising the achievement of all students, closing the achievement gap, and ensuring that all of our students are college-prepared and world-ready."

In addition, 93% of Cherry Creek schools showed High or Typical growth on the Colorado Growth Model, which is a new feature on this year's School Accountability Reports. The Growth Model compares each student's academic growth to students in the same grade throughout Colorado who had similar CSAP scores in the past year.

The School Accountability Reports are available online on the Colorado Department of Education's Web site, www.cde.state.co.us, or parents can link to it via the Cherry Creek School District's Web site, www.cherrycreekschools.org. The Cherry Creek School District also uses other assessment tools to measure students' academic progress, including the Measure of Academic Progress, the Achievement Levels Test, PLAN and SAT, along with teachers' professional evaluations of individual student achievement.

**Clean Up The Environment
By Cleaning Up Your Diet**

Could turning down a second helping and ordering an organic salad instead of French fries save the world? It might just help.

A new study has found that if Americans started eating healthier foods, reduced their intake, and returned to traditional farming, the energy consumption used by the U.S. food system could be reduced by 50 percent. It's estimated that 19 percent of total energy use in the United States is used for food production and supply, say Cornell University researchers. Individuals can help cut food energy costs in a number of ways. Here are some suggestions from the scientists:

- **Eat less.** The average American consumes 3,747 calories daily—that's 1,200 to 1,500 more than recommended. Caloric intake is high because American diets tend to be high in animal products and highly processed foods. These types of food take more energy to produce than staple foods such as potatoes, rice, fruits, and vegetables. The researchers believe that by reducing the amount of junk foods and animal products consumed, the average American could have a huge impact on fuel consumption—while improving his or her own health.

- **Buy organic.** Current farming methods of producing meat and dairy products are energy intensive. Organic farming improves energy efficiency through the use of fewer pesticides, more manure, and crop rotations.

- **Buy locally.** This would reduce the costs of food processing and distribution. Food travels an average of 1,491 miles in the United States before it is consumed.

The findings of the study were originally published in the journal *Human Ecology*.

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