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Mediation – Hope for Our Lost Library

On October 4th, the Board of Directors from the Mission Viejo HOA will meet with legal counsel representatives from the City of Aurora to hopefully reach a settlement regarding our closed library. After consulting our counsel, the HOA is confident that the law is on our side. Let's hope the City does the right thing. A Court Judge has already determined that the HOA would likely prevail at trial. If mediation fails, the HOA Board is committed to obtaining justice in our case and will be prepared to go to court. Having the City force our actions would be a tremendous waste of taxpayer's time and money on a case that clearly favors the HOA and the community. As we have said in the past our number one objective in our litigation with the City is to restore our library, which was illegally shut down.

Ah the seasons are changing; fall is just around the corner. The leaves will be changing, and the leaves will begin to fall. Perhaps the City can change its past actions too. Our community is waiting. In other news, as you are reading this we will have just completed another successful Fall clean-up and will be starting to look toward developing our 2011 budget. If you have some ideas for next year let us know. We are always happy to get resident's input, share with us your ideas by our December board meeting.

Elsewhere in Mission: Our former private recreation center is currently listed for-sale or lease by a new private owner. As stipulated by Mission Viejo's General Plan, the center must serve the community with some recreational offerings. If you know anyone interested in running a recreation center please consider this great opportunity.

Development of the Mission Viejo Shopping Center has slowed down due to the construction crew hitting ground water causing a delay to obtain water permits from the County and the State. In the meantime, the owners of the shopping center are beginning a small renovation of the center with new stucco and paint to match the new Walgreens building. Also last month we completed our renovation of two more Barcelona wall entrances with new paint and new metal letters. It is hoped that next year, the remaining entrance walls will be renovated. Till next month, take care and watch our web site for results from our mediation session.

— Todd McMahon, Mission Viejo HOA President



Boats and Trailers Must be Screened

The covenants for our community are very clear on this issue: **No boat, truck, trailer, camper, or inoperable vehicle** shall be stored on any portion of any lot so as to be visible from adjacent streets or lots of a similar grade. Boats, trucks, trailers or campers may be kept on a lot provided they are kept in a semi-enclosed area and concealed from the surrounding street and neighborhood.

Illegitimate storage of these vehicles negatively affects the value of your property and your neighbors. It is also unfair to those who store their vehicles appropriately. In severe tornado weather, an untethered RV or boat will be picked up and slammed against any structures in the area. Please obey your vehicle storage covenants and be aware that the Mission Viejo covenants run with the land can be enforced by everyone within the community and are perpetual.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Know your children's route.
 - Take a flashlight.
 - Be sure costumes, shoes and treat bags are safe.
 - Remind kids not to enter stranger's homes or cars.
 - Set rules about not eating treats until kids get home. Be sure to inspect all treats before allowing kids to eat them.
 - Candy that has been opened should be thrown away. Do not eat any home-made candy and inspect fruit closely.
 - Remember, drivers have a hard time seeing people at dusk.
 - Never cross between parked cars.
 - Watch open flames from jack-o-lanterns as they can catch costumes and long wigs on fire.
 - Make sure that fake knives and swords are made from cardboard or other flexible material to avoid injury or worse by having them mistaken for the real thing.
 - It is also important to ensure that your home is safe and accessible to trick-or-treaters.
- As adults, there are some very simple things we can do to make the evening safe for everyone.
- Turn your porch lights on.
 - Move lit jack-o-lanterns off porches where kids get cowed if they are trick-or-treating.
 - Remove hazards from your yard that might present a hazard.
 - Drive slowly all evening. You never know what creature may suddenly cross your path.
 - Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

Next HOA Meeting
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Home Maintenance Tips – Considerations for Aluminum and Vinyl Siding

The maintenance and periodic painting of wood frame structures is a time-consuming effort and often a substantial expense for the homeowner. It is therefore understandable that a product which promises relief from periodic painting and gives the building a new exterior cladding would have considerable appeal. For these reasons, aluminum and vinyl siding have been used extensively in upgrading and rehabilitating the nation's stock of wood frame residential buildings. There are, however, also certain disadvantages in the use of a substitute material such as aluminum or vinyl siding, and these factors should be carefully considered before a decision is made to use such a material rather than the preferred replacement with new wood siding duplicating the old. The installation of siding can also damage the existing wall fabric by the nailing necessary to apply siding. Nailing directly to the building fabric or by nailing to the furring strips of the old siding, will leave numerous holes in the existing wood siding, molding, trim, window and door frames which can potentially cause problems.

Since aluminum and vinyl sidings are typically marketed as home improvement items, they are frequently applied to buildings in need of maintenance and repair. This can result in concealing problems which are the early warning signs of deterioration. Minor uncorrected problems can progress to the point where expensive, major repairs to the structure become necessary.

If there is a hidden source of water entry within the wall or

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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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Home Maintenance Tips, continued from page 2

leakage from the roof, the installation of any new siding will not solve problems of deterioration and rotting that are occurring within the wall. If deferred maintenance has allowed water to enter the wall through deteriorated gutters and downspouts, for example, the cosmetic surface application of siding will not arrest these problems. In fact, if the gutters and downspouts are not repaired, such problems may become exaggerated because water may be channeled behind the siding. In addition to drastically reducing the efficiency of most types of wall insulation, such excessive moisture levels within the wall can contribute to problems with interior finishes such as paints or wallpaper, causing peeling, blistering or staining of the finishes.

It cannot be overemphasized that a cosmetic treatment to hide difficulties such as peeling paint, stains or other indications of deterioration is not a sound preservation practice; it is no substitute for proper care and maintenance. Aluminum and vinyl siding are not directly at fault in these situations since property owners should determine the nature and source of their problems, then make appropriate repairs. The difficulty arises when owners perceive the siding as the total solution to their required maintenance and forgo other remedial action.

The questions of durability and relative costs of aluminum or vinyl siding compared to the maintenance cost of materials are complex. It is important to consider these questions carefully because both types of siding are marketed as long lasting, low maintenance materials. Assuming that the substitute sidings are not damaged, and that they will weather and age normally, there will be inevitable changes in color and gloss as time passes. A normal application of aluminum or vinyl siding is likely to cost from two to three times as much as a good paint job on wood siding. A sensitive application, retaining existing trim, will cost more. Therefore, to break even on expense, the new siding should last as long as two or three paintings before requiring maintenance. On wood two coats of good quality paint on a properly prepared surface can last from 8 to 10 years, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If a conservative life of seven years is assumed for paint on wood, then aluminum and vinyl siding should last 15 to 21 years before requiring additional maintenance, to break even with the maintenance cost for painting wood siding. Once painted, the aluminum and vinyl siding will require repainting with the same frequency as wood.

While aluminum siding can dent upon impact and the impact resistance of vinyl siding decreases in low temperatures and, therefore, is susceptible to cracking from sharp impact, these materials are generally not more vulnerable than wood siding and shingles. All siding materials are subject to damage from storm, fire, and vandalism; however, there is a major difference in the repairability of wood siding versus substitute materials such as aluminum and vinyl. Although they can all be repaired, it is much easier to repair wood siding and the repair, after painting, is generally imperceptible. In addition, a major problem in the repairability of aluminum and vinyl siding, as mentioned above, is matching color since the factory finishes change with time. Matching the paint for wood siding has a greater likelihood of success.

Adapted from the National Park Service: Preservation Brief 8 Aluminum and Vinyl Siding on Historic Buildings The Appropriateness of Substitute Materials for Resurfacing Historic Wood Frame Buildings by John H. Myers, revised by Gary L. Hume

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The luxury Tres Vistas neighborhood on Lake Mission Viejo is experiencing a dispute regarding a home demolition. After purchasing the above dwelling and lot, Michael and Amber Chang propose to completely demolish the waterfront house to rebuild a new structure, but next-door neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Fybel are objecting on the basis of view and privacy.

The existing dwelling of 4,500 square feet (4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths) would be replaced with a 5,654 sq ft residence (5 bedrooms, 5.5 baths). It might be economically impractical for such a project on most Mission Viejo lots, but the limited lakefront real estate changes the equation. Another Tres Vistas home was similarly destroyed and rebuilt about ten years ago. The Lake Association and Tres Vistas HOA have already approved the Changs' proposal.

Typically the protection of privacy and view receive low priority in the City's review of such applications, so the Fybel's objections may not fare well, unless their attorney can challenge the plan with a colorable legal argument.

Some long time residents in Mission Viejo California advocating for keeping Spanish street names for a future in-fill townhomes development were disappointed recently since the City of Mission Viejo decided to adopt more traditional names. Some are upset that the heritage of the community was not kept.

More Volunteers Needed to Plan 2011 and 2012 Landscaping

Are you interested and knowledgeable about plants and landscaping? Are you concerned about the appearance of the Mission Viejo neighborhood. You are just the person that is needed on our Landscaping committee.

The HOA board would like to formulate a plan for 2011 and 2012 so that the funds can be allocated for the improvement of the Mission Viejo neighborhood. In order to formulate this plan, interested residents are needed who would be willing to meet and discuss to decide on the future direction to take to improve our neighborhood.

After the article in last month's newsletter one person volunteered to be on this committee, but it would be nice to have at least 4 or 5 members.

These volunteers can expect to meet approximately three or four times during the months of October and November and December so that the plan can be ready to present at the annual meeting in January. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact **Elaine Lay at 303-699-0657 or elainelay@comcast.net**.

Lullaby For Your Pooch

Music really does soothe the savage beast (although the actual quote is "Music has charms to soothe a savage breast," from a 17th-century play by William Congreve). A music label called Hats Unlimited is marketing a CD designed to calm dogs. According to the website io9, the CD was created by researchers at the Teikyo University of Science's Department of Animal Science. They mixed the sound of classical music with ambient sounds like dogs barking, crows crowing, and human conversation. The result? A mix tape that helps dogs chill. The CD, "Dreams for Dogs," retails at \$26.

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From Four to Seventy-Two

Volunteers for the Fall Cleanup on September 25 ranged in age from 4 to 72. The weather was beautiful, the volunteers were cheerful and much was accomplished. We have been reporting that Chambers Road is almost finished for several months, but we can now say with assurance that Chambers Road is completed. Obviously, it will still need to have weeds pulled and mulch added, but as of today it looks great! The work on Hampden Avenue is progressing, but there is a long way to go before it looks good. Many of the dead junipers were removed on Saturday, and many bushes were trimmed. Vines were removed from some of the trees and hopefully it was in time to keep the trees from being choked out and killed.

The cleanup began at 8:00 a.m. and was completed around 4:30. When the workers finished there were 2 roll-offs filled to the brim with dead branches, trash, leaves and debris. These volunteers deserve a big round of applause for all of their hard work: **Jerry and Lois Kiefer, Rich and Barb Ferris, Shelby and Elaine Lay, Mike Darvill, Dave Raemer, Betty Richards, Craig and Courtney Dauer and Nolan, Dorcas Hunsucker and Zazi and Charlie, Dena Appleton and JC, Sean Ratchford, Jeremiah Banigan, Dave and Sharon Sunstrom, Dave and Joann Goss, Nancy Miani, Dave Brisk, Tom Evans, Philip and Juanita Medley and Mark, Bruce and Irma Creamer, Bidhya KC and Bivid, Scot and Marie Bower and Thea and Wynnne.**



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Workforce Center Unveils New Website With Innovative Job-search Tool

ADWorks.org enhanced with new look, interactive features and events calendar. Job-seekers in metro-Denver now have a new online hub to assist them with their job search and find tools to become a more competitive candidate for employment.

The Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center has completed a cyber-makeover of its website at www.adworks.org to improve its usefulness and interactivity for job-seekers and employers alike. The site was designed by Unleaded Software, Inc. of Denver. It boasts a new look and feel, along with a wide array of new tools and resources on job-search skills, work-readiness, the labor market and much more.

"As a publicly-funded workforce center, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! exists to support job-seekers and employers with no-cost employment services," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer. "Logically, the workforce center's Web site is the best place to begin any job-search or recruitment process and find tips, tools and resources on employment in our region." Among the website's new features are:

- A job search toolbox with tips on résumés, cover letters, job applications, interviewing, networking and more;
- An interactive calendar of upcoming events offered at the workforce center, including free job-search and career-readiness workshops, hiring events, information sessions, computer tutorials, and ESL and pre-GED classes
- A list of free personality and skills assessments available at the workforce center
- The option to subscribe to RSS feeds to receive notice of upcoming events and any news or resources that are made available on the website.

- A comprehensive list of job search sites, along with a regularly-updated job board of youth-friendly positions
- Extensive industry profiles to give an employment snapshot of 14 leading regional industries
- Reports and data on Colorado's workforce outlook

The most innovative new job-search tool is CareerCoach developed by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc. of Idaho. CareerCoach delivers job listings from Indeed.com, a one-stop search engine that collects listings from across the internet, and then goes the extra mile to help individuals find alternative career opportunities that fit their skill set.

When a job-seeker enters their desired occupation in CareerCoach, the tool will bring up regional average earnings in that occupation, the number of people in a region who do the job, projections for growth, and a list of local providers that offer required education and training. In addition, CareerCoach offers a list of suggested occupations that have similar knowledge and skill requirements, but may offer better opportunity.

"CareerCoach will revolutionize the way job-seekers look for jobs, especially those who have faced layoffs in the recession, by helping them to understand how to upgrade or transfer their skills to a different career," said Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Division Manager Joe Barela. "This tool is such a valuable addition to Arapahoe/Douglas Works! services, since our focus is to teach individuals how to become a more marketable and employable candidate." CareerCoach can be found on the website by clicking "Job-Seekers", then "Search Jobs." For more information about the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center's free services for businesses and job-seekers, please call **303-636-1160** or visit www.adworks.org



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 10-11

Fall Break: Transitional Calendar, Oct 18-29; Common Calendar, Oct. 25-29

Winter Break, Dec 20-31, 2010, (School resumes Jan 3, 2011)

Spring Break, Mar 28-Apr 1, 2011

The district's 10-11 four-track, transitional and traditional calendars are available on the district's website at www.CherryCreekSchools.org.

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS BY THE NUMBERS

Another year of academic challenge and accomplishment is well underway in Cherry Creek Schools. The district's 3,768 certified employees (teachers, administrators and mental health professionals) and 3,733 classified employees (secretaries, bus drivers, paraeducators and more) welcomed 49,865 students to school in July and August.

At the September 13th Board of Education meeting, Eric Flor, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Operations, reported that:

- 5,202 students started school at the district's seven four-track schools on July 6
- 3,603 students began classes at the district's six transitional calendar schools on Aug. 16
- And on Aug. 23, the district's common calendar schools welcomed another 41,060 students

Those students will eat 730,952 school breakfasts and 4,225,738 school lunches this year. The district's 281 buses will carry 19,500 students over 932 routes each day, logging more than 3 million miles by the end of the school year!

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS STRONG IN NEW STATE RATING SYSTEM

One hundred percent of Cherry Creek schools are in the top two categories of the state's new evaluation system.

The Colorado Department of Education is changing the way it evaluates and accredits schools and districts. School Accountability Reports (SARs) which rated schools as Low, Average, High or Excellent, are being replaced by the Colorado School Performance Framework (SPF), which is designed to provide teachers, parents and the state with more meaningful information about how schools are doing.

Dr. Elliott Asp, Assistant Superintendent of Performance Improvement, shared the new system with the Board of Education at its regular meeting on Sep. 13.

The change is the result of Senate Bill 163, the Education Accountability Act, passed by the Legislature in 2009. It established four areas in which performance would be measured:

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- Achievement (based on how students score on CSAP tests)
- Growth (based on students' CSAP growth)
- Gaps (based on differences in growth by race and other characteristics)
- College and Workforce Readiness (based on ACT scores, graduation rate and dropout rate)

A complex point system is used to assign schools to one of four "SPF Plan Categories:" Performance, Improvement, Priority Improvement and Turnaround. Ninety-three percent of Cherry Creek schools are in the top, or Performance, category while 7 percent are in the Improvement category. No Cherry Creek schools are in the bottom two categories.

SB-163 requires the state to accredit districts through a similar process, and requires districts to accredit their own schools through a process that is at least as stringent as the state process.

During the past two years, with input from staff and parents, the Cherry Creek School District has developed its own "Key Performance Indicators" which are more rigorous than the state indicators.

"Our standards are higher, more specific to our district goals of Excellence and Equity and College Preparedness and Success" said Dr. Elliott Asp, Assistant Superintendent for Performance Improvement. "We want to provide information that is meaningful and actionable by our teachers and principals."

The goal is to continue to raise the achievement of all students, close the achievement gap, and prepare all students for success in college and the workforce.

PARENTS' COUNCIL CONNECTS, SUPPORTS

A standing-room-only crowd of parents, principals and other district leaders attended the first Parent's Council meeting of the new school year, focused on communication, collaboration and support for excellence in education.

Principals proudly introduced the parents who lead their schools' Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) or Parent-Teacher-Community Organization (PTCO), acknowledging the valuable volunteer work parents do to support students, teachers and families. Parents' Council President Linda Kiefer explained that Parents' Council serves the Cherry Creek School District by providing resources for PTO/PTCOs and school and district administrators. "Our purpose is to facilitate communication between PTO/PTCOs and the district," said Kiefer.

Superintendent Mary Chesley updated the group on major renovations and other bond projects that took place over the summer, while Board of Education President Aagje Barber reported that the board adopted a balanced budget in June, after cutting \$11 million from the budget without laying off any teachers, increasing class sizes, or cutting educational programs.

School-Community Partnership Coordinator Wendy DeBell, and long-time education advocate Pat Hayes, one of the founders of Parents' Council, presented a brief history of Parents' Council, which was formed in the early 1950s by parents who were concerned about managing growth and maintaining educational excellence, two issues that remain at the forefront today.

For more information about Parents' Council, visit www.parentscouncil.net. Contact your local school for information about getting involved with your PTO or PTCO.

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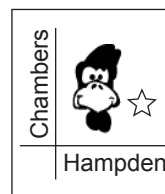
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Cherry Creek Schools, *continued from page 9*

LRPC Needs YOU!

Are you interested in the future of Cherry Creek Schools? Then consider serving on the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee, a standing committee that makes recommendations to the Board of Education regarding the construction, renovation, and remodel of school facilities; boundaries; calendar; and other matters. Upcoming tasks include boundary recommendation for the next elementary school and an update of the district's facility plan. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call 720-554-4453. The deadline for applications is Oct. 6, 2010.

Nominate for Legacy Wall of Fame

The Cherry Creek School District is seeking nominations of exemplary individuals and groups who have left a lasting legacy in their dedication and commitment to excellence in the district for induction into the Legacy Stadium Educational Leadership Wall of Fame. Details here.

<http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/News/LegacyNominations/>

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Around Aurora**BEWARE OF FLYING PUMPKINS!!!**

Fall means turning leaves, cool weather and pumpkin pie – pie in the sky that is. It's time for Aurora's annual Jack-O-Launch at PumpkinFest on October 9. Each year, dozens of teams descend upon Aurora with giant trebuchets, catapults and air cannons in tow, ready to see who can dress the craziest, behave the oddest and chuck a pumpkin the farthest. There's music, games and big, big crowds. And if you've never had the pleasure of seeing a pumpkin soar and explode into pumpkin pie in the sky, add it to your bucket list, because it's an event you won't want to miss. In addition, enjoy a fall festival featuring hay rides, scarecrow making, a pumpkin patch, music and more. Jack-O-Launch takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 9 at Historic DeLaney Farm, 170 S. Chambers Road.

Where: Historic DeLaney Farm, 170 S. Chambers Road
Cost: Free admission.

Music: Enjoy the sounds of the Mile High 101 rock band of the 101st Army Band, Army National Guard, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Parking: Park at the Aurora Municipal Center parking garage and ground lots, located across the street from DeLaney Farm at 15151 E. Alameda Parkway.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Created by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed back in 1987. Its purpose encompasses mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence. Find out what you can do by visiting www.ncadv.org.



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Mission Viejo HOA Budget

Alan Engels – Mission Viejo HOA Treasurer and Vice President

Beginning Balance 1/1/10 \$8,017.95

	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income - Dues	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 727.00	\$ 273.00
YTD Income - Library Defense	\$ 2,151.37	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,136.37
YTD Income - Trash Program	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,606.00	\$ 394.00
YTD Budget Expenses	\$ 9,896.82	\$ 5,364.66	\$ 4,532.16
YTD Library Defense Expenses	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,865.53	(\$ 65.53)
YTD Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,366.89	(\$ 5,366.89)
Balance as of 09/15/10		\$ 10,768.87	

Around Aurora, *continued from page 11***AMACHE: COLORADO'S INTERNMENT CAMP**

July 27 - October 31 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Aurora History Museum 15151 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012

Learn about life at Colorado's World War II internment camp, which housed about 10,000 Japanese Americans from 1942 to 1945. Admission is free. Contact 303-739-6666 for more information.

MOVING PORTRAITS:**ILLUSTRATING NATIVE AMERICA**

August 17 - October 31 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Aurora History Museum

15051 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012

Explore Native American art from the West highlighting colorful depictions of movement, ceremony and natural life. Artists include Woodrow Wilson Crumbo, J.D. Roybal, Harrison Begay and others from the Hensler collection. Free admission. Contact 303-739-6666 for more information.

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October 01 - October 31 Visit the website or call for times.

The Aurora Fox 9900 E. Colfax Ave. Aurora 80010

Enjoy the regional premiere of this production. By Ray Bradbury. Contact 303-739-1970 for more information.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

October 16 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tallyn's Reach Library/Municipal Services Center
23911 E. Arapahoe Road Aurora 80016.

Both Aurora residents and non-residents may bring DVD players, computers, VCRs, stereos, printers, fax machines, cell phones, microwaves, small appliances and more to be recycled. The cost is \$2 per item (except for computer monitors, which cost \$8 each, and televisions, which are \$15 each). Electronics will be recycled by Metech International (formerly GRX), one of the state's premier electronic waste recyclers. The event is sponsored by Environment Aurora, a citywide effort to think green. Contact 303-739-7173 for more information.

WORKING THE LAND: BUILDING A LIFE LECTURE

October 20 Noon to 1 p.m.

Aurora History Museum

15051 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012

Listen to Colorado native and author Fran Cirbo tell her stories about growing up on the plains of Eastern Colorado. Learn about the perseverance it took to survive the droughts, dust bowls and weather challenges farmers faced in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. Bring a lunch. \$4 (\$3 Aurora residents) Contact 303-739-6666

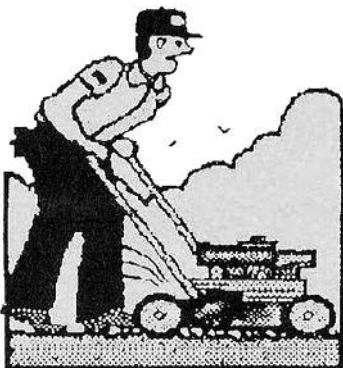
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