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Mission Viejo Holiday Hay Ride

Friday, December 10, 6-9 p.m.

Holy Love Church



Please join us for a tour of the many wonderfully decorated homes in Mission Viejo. Ride in an open wagon with hay bales to fully capture the winter wonderland spirit. At the end of the ride, join us at Holy Love church for hot chocolate, hot apple cider and holiday treats. Please bring a plate of goodies to share with everyone. In order to plan the hayride, we need to know how many people to plan for. If you and your family are planning to attend, please call **Elaine Lay at 303-699-0657** by December 5. Children must be accompanied by parents. If you know of any homes that should be included on the route please let Elaine know.

Mission Viejo Library: Facts and Guarantee?

Through various media outlets, the City Of Aurora's attorneys have maintained, "that the closure of the Mission Viejo Library met all legal requirements." In fact the merits of the Mission Viejo HOA's case are very strong. Judge Spencer of the 18th Judicial Court in Arapahoe County strongly agrees, as set forth in the December 22, 2009 injunction-hearing transcript, which you can read on our web site. Highlighted below are some of Judge Spencer's conclusions:

STANDING:

...I make this record all by way of finding that the Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association is the party in interest, they do have a protected legal interest to bring an action and so they do have the appropriate standing under the action that's been brought as well as having an interest under the declaratory relief of rule fifty seven which is very broad as any party having an interest and certainly the Homeowners' Association has an interest in its community and in its development in the things that are happening within that. So in terms of that documentation I find that that satisfies the issue of standing. And I do find the plaintiff does have standing to pursue its claims.

FIFTY YEARS:

...paragraph seven of the Nineteen Seventy Three agreement which specifically states and clearly and unambiguously states that that property is to be used as a library for fifty years.

The intent of the parties clearly by the agreement was to provide library and library services for the Mission Viejo Development. Mission Viejo gave considerable consideration for that, that is giving the property to the city in order to have the City then put out a bond and get the money together to build the library and then to run it at, that was to be for a minimum of fifty years. And we haven't passed outside of that fifty years yet, we are still within that time period.

CONTRACT BREACH:

There is a valid contract in place between the parties and the City is in breach of that

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Annual Meeting Notice/Solicitation for New Board Members

The Mission Viejo Homeowners Association annual meeting will take place on January 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Mission Viejo Elementary School. Please be aware that in order to be allowed to vote at our meeting, homeowners need to show evidence of membership. The HOA recognizes membership by your name appearing on our Mission Viejo Trash Program paid participant list, your payment of dues, your donation or community volunteer time to 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 the trash program today!

We are still soliciting volunteers to serve as Board Members for 2011-2013. Please let us know by December 15th, if you are interested so we can put your name on the proxy ballot.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Scouting News

X-MAS TREE REMOVAL SERVICE

Girl Scout Troop 3313

will be picking up X-mas trees the weekend of January 15th and 16th, 2011. The Scouts will be charging \$15 for the tree removal and disposal. The money raised will help support the troop. To participate, please contact **Stacy Stein at eskdstein@yahoo.com**.

Next HOA Meeting

Third Tuesday

December 21st • 6:30 p.m.

Holy Love Lutheran Church

Everyone is Welcome!

Mission Viejo Library, continued from front page notwithstanding their own legal analysis and their reporting of that legal analysis to the City Manager in making his decisions this, this was an inappropriate move that they validly bound themselves and once the City does bind itself it cannot just ad hoc decide that it doesn't want to follow those.

I agree very strongly that a government should be held to its contract, that any contracting entity should be held to its contract. You decide to enter into this contract and then when things don't go the way you hoped, you say nevermind and get to walk away from it scot-free is not the, the, the balance that we strike in this country in contract law and just because one of those contract (inaudible) happens to be the government it doesn't mean they get to walk away from it and thumb their nose at the contract.

While the news of the re-opening of our closed Mission Viejo Library is positive, the City has failed to coordinate any of its actions with the Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc. Further, the Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc. has received no guarantees of future actions to close the library and uphold the remaining years of the agreement. The HOA requests that the City of Aurora present a global settlement proposal that includes a means of mitigating the damages to the HOA and the community through their attorneys in regards to these matters so this issue can finally be put to rest and the City doesn't have to face a Court trail. Further we can spare all Aurora citizens of more denials of truth. Happy Holidays!

— 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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Newsletter Routes Available

Presently, there are 29 residents and their families who are delivering the newsletters each month at a savings for the HOA of approximately \$300 a month. Most of the carriers enjoy the chance to get outside and get some good exercise, while helping the community at the same time. Out of the 29 helpers, there are approximately 10 families, whose children are helping deliver newsletters.

At this time, we are in need of 2 more carriers, one of whom has moved from the neighborhood and the other resident has been delivering the newsletters for 2 years, but now has a job and has less time. The first route is in the southeast corner of the neighborhood and includes some of Nucla, Ouray, Oxford and Olathe Streets. The other route has 53 homes and includes Mercer and Nassau Drive.

It is not necessary to live in these areas to take over the routes, though it is nice to have a route in your own area. There are many carriers who drive to the location and then deliver them. If you would like to take over one of these routes, please call **Elaine Lay** at 303-699-0657.

Watch Out for New Stop Sign

The City of Aurora, without notice, changed the yield sign at the corner of E Nassau Dr. and E. Milan just east of Chambers Road. While it probably makes more sense to have this be a stop sign, many residents may be on autopilot coming into the neighborhood and not notice the stop sign. So please – avoid an accident and take notice of the new sign! We want everyone to be safe in Mission.

The HOA Orders More Barcelona Signs

Many years ago, the HOA purchased replacement slump block bricks and had them stored on City property. Every time a wall needed replacement, residents could purchase the bricks from the HOA through the City at cost. Those bricks are now almost all gone. The HOA Board had in mind to purchase replacement slump block from the original manufacturer in California but this idea has been met with a big snag. What was once done on a handshake agreement has prompted the City to insist on a written agreement. That agreement, drafted by the HOA was modified by the City and stated that the HOA is responsible for all walls and fences along right-of-ways in the neighborhood. The HOA disagrees completely since the right-of-ways are on City property. The HOA cannot be held responsible. So while this matter is being straightened out, the HOA has agreed to purchase additional metal letter signs for our Barcelona walls, which will be installed this spring. The new letters should last forever and add value to the neighborhood.

National Stress-Free Family Holidays Month

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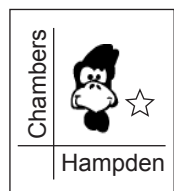
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Preserving Our Ranching Heritage and Prairie Habitat

Arapahoe County preserves 476 acres of open space including Kiowa Creek

Protecting the ranching heritage and prairie habitat of eastern Arapahoe County is a high priority for the Open Space, Parks and Trails Program. Recently, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners approved the purchase of 476 acres of open space at Kiowa Creek Ranch South, located 10 miles south of the Town of Bennett in unincorporated Arapahoe County for \$950,000 in Open Space funds.

"This property serves as a bookend for the preservation of Kiowa Creek in eastern Arapahoe County, 10 miles directly south of the Kiowa Creek North Open Space near I-70," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who serves as Board Chairman. "As the only substantial creek in the Bennett area, the County is committed to protecting water quality, native vegetation, wildlife habitat and its agricultural history."

The open space adds to the growing network of public and privately conserved agricultural and wildlife properties that serve to protect the western heritage of Arapahoe County. The County will continue the current grazing lease with a rancher who uses the land for cattle grazing and some hay production.

The purchase will preserve the high quality, well maintained upland native grass pastures and dryland alfalfa, more than a quarter mile of cottonwood galleries along the meandering Kiowa Creek, two living snow fences protecting the southern boundary, a barn, windmill and set of corrals.

In addition, it serves as excellent habitat for numerous wildlife species including ground nesting birds such as the Meadowlark and Lark Bunting, Colorado's state bird.

The Kiowa Creek property addresses the plans and goals of the County as outlined in the Arapahoe County Comprehensive Plan and recently adopted Open Space Master Plan, all of which place high priority upon 1) developing an interconnected system of open space parks, trails and outdoor recreation; 2) protecting water resources, and 3) conserving prime wildlife habitats.

While the property is currently closed to the public, future plans include possible amenities such as horse and pedestrian trails, trailhead and interpretive signage, picnic shelters and regional trail connections. Over the next few months, County staff will assess the natural resource conditions, meet with neighbors, define boundaries and place signage. Arapahoe County Open Space is committed to creating a long-term asset for the surrounding community and being good stewards of their special places. To learn more about the County's Open Space program, visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us and sign up to receive the Open Space newsletter.

Safe Toys and Gifts Month

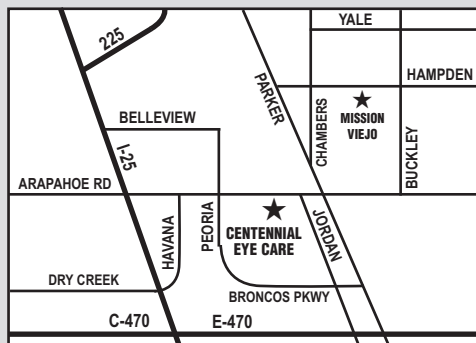
When buying holiday presents, people sometimes don't consider whether the gifts they're purchasing are safe for children. The National Safe Kids Campaign recommends that when selecting toys, consider the child's age, interests, and skill level. Look for quality design and construction, and follow age and safety recommendations on labels.

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Cherry Creek Schools News – December 2010

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 10-11

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.

CCSD ADOPTS NEW ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

One hundred percent of the schools in the Cherry Creek School District are in the top two plan categories of the new school performance framework recently developed by the Colorado Department of Education. None of the district's schools are in the bottom two categories.

Cherry Creek's new system uses the state's School Performance Framework (SPF) as the basis for assigning schools to accreditation categories. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) developed the School Performance Framework, also in response to Senate Bill 163. The law identifies four indicators which must be included in the SPF:

- Achievement (percent of students scoring proficient or advanced on CSAP tests)
- Growth (how much growth students displayed on CSAP from last year)
- Growth Gaps (achievement differentiated by race free and reduced lunch, special education and English language proficiency).
- College and Workforce Readiness (ACT scores, graduation rate and dropout rate)

The State Board of Education, in conjunction with CDE, established state-wide performance targets for each indicator. Under the SPF accreditation system there are four accreditation categories for schools. They are:

- Accredited with Performance Plan – meeting or exceeding state performance targets
- Accredited with Improvement Plan – approaching or meeting state performance targets
- Accredited with Priority Improvement Plan – not meeting state targets, requires state supervision and rapid improvement
- Accredited with Turnaround Plan – school performance is well below state targets and state intervention is required

Ninety-four percent of Cherry Creek schools fell in the high-end plan category (Performance Plan) compared to 62% of schools statewide. Six percent of Cherry Creek schools were in the second highest group (Improvement Plan) compared to 21% of schools statewide.

School districts may adopt the School Performance Framework for accrediting the district overall, and may choose their own labels for accrediting schools. The Cherry Creek

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School District has decided to use the state's categories for accrediting each of its schools to create a consistent system.

"This is strong evidence that the Cherry Creek School District is a high-performing district that prepares students for success in higher education and the workforce," said Board of Education President Aagje Barber. "We are proud of our academic excellence and our commitment to closing the achievement gap."

FIRST AMERICAN STATE BANK FITNESS FESTIVAL DONATES \$90,000 TO CAP

The numbers are in! This year's First American State Bank Fitness Festival attracted nearly 3,000 people and as a result donated \$90,000 to the Community Asset Project (CAP), a program of the Cherry Creek School District that helps area youth reach their individual and academic potential.

Held in Greenwood Village September 11, the event included a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11, the Kaiser Permanente 5K Run/Walk, fitness activities for the entire family, entertainment, sports celebrities including former Bronco Ed McCaffrey, and one of the best after parties in the nation.

In the past decade, the Festival has attracted thousands of participants, donated nearly \$700,000 for CAP-supported programs, and become a national model for business-school-community partnerships.

Support from CAP allows the CCSD Wellness Office to fund many programs in the Elementary, Middle and High schools including:

- Positive Behavior Support (PBS) – PBS is a broad range of systemic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behaviors with all students.
- Research-Based Drug/Alcohol Prevention Programming – Botvin LifeSkills Training Curriculum teaches essential knowledge, strengthens skills and shapes attitudes that minimize risk factors and maximize the development of protective factors in students.
- Student Orientation and Transition Programs – Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) and Link Crew programs in middle school and high schools. Programs promote a caring school climate, build student leadership skills and provide mentoring and support to incoming sixth and ninth graders.
- Suicide Prevention – Signs of Suicide (SOS) teaches youth how to identify symptoms of depression and suicidality in themselves or their friends and how to respond effectively using learned strategies.

Organizers for the First American State Bank Fitness Festival are busy planning for next year's event, which is scheduled for September 10, 2011. For more information, visit www.fasbfitnessfestival.com.

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City of Aurora Holiday Hours and Closures

In observance of these events, the city offices will be closed on:

Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, November 25 – 26
Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24
New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31
Christmas Day, December 25, which falls on a Saturday.

New Year's Day, January 1, which falls on a Saturday. Some city facilities that are regularly open on Saturdays will be closed.

Facilities that are closed on the above days are:

- All Municipal Offices and Courts
- All Libraries are closed, including Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1.
- Aurora History Museum
- Bicentennial Art Center
- Aurora Fox Arts Center – Closed on November 25, open November 26. The performance of Red Ranger Came Calling starts at 7:30 p.m. Closed on December 24–25 and December 31 – January 1.
- Parks, Recreation and & Open Space

See the online schedule for all facilities. Times and hours may vary at each location. If you have questions, please call the particular facility directly to confirm times and dates. Visit the Parks, Recreation & Open Space site for general information.

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A message from the Mission Viejo Neighborhood Watch:

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- Create or join neighborhoods and invite your friends and neighbors to join too.
- Receive messages and alerts from your local law enforcement.
- Send tips and information about crimes to your local law enforcement.

Sign up today and let's help make Mission Viejo safer!

Stay Positive: Three Powerful Affirmations

Creative people are optimistic. They have to be, if they expect their ideas to succeed. But optimism isn't blind faith; it's a skill you can learn. Author Martin E. P. Seligman explored how optimists explain negative events in their lives, and he found that they usually say these three statements to themselves. Adopt these statements to maintain a positive, creative frame of mind.

1. This won't last forever.
2. This doesn't affect every part of my life
3. I'm not necessarily to blame.

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	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 920.00	\$ 280.00
YTD Income - Library Defense	\$ 2,151.37	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,136.37
YTD Income - Trash Program	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,232.00	(\$ 5,232.00)
YTD Budget Expenses	\$ 15,652.82	\$ 10,621.32	\$ 5,031.50
YTD Library Defense Expenses	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,865.53	(\$ 65.53)
YTD Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,215.51	(\$ 2,215.51)
Balance as of 10/19/10		\$ 14,482.59	

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'Tis The Season: What We're Celebrating This Month

December is a month of holiday celebrations crossing different cultures and nationalities. Here's a quick snapshot of what people celebrate and why:

- **Hannukah.** An eight-day Jewish holiday beginning this year at sundown the day before December 2, 2010, Hannukah celebrates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after the Jewish victory over the Maccabees in 165 B.C. Each night, families light one candle on the menorah, observing the traditional story of how the one-day supply of oil for the temple's eternal flame burned for eight days.
- **Al Hijra.** The Islamic new year observed in 2010 on December 7 through January 4, 2011, this marks the emigration of the Prophet Muhammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina in 622 A.D.
- **Christmas.** This Christian holiday, observed on December 25, celebrates the birth of Jesus between the years 7 and 2 B.C. The date may have been chosen to correspond with the winter solstice, or to coincide with a Roman holiday honoring the sun during the same period. Christmas became a federal holiday in the United States in 1870.
- **Kwanzaa.** A seven-day celebration of African heritage and culture, Kwanzaa is observed from December 26 to January 1. Activist Ron Karenga created Kwanzaa in 1966 to emphasize African-Americans' shared history and experience. The name Kwanzaa is derived from "matunda ya kwanza," a Swahili phrase meaning "first fruits."

Holiday Lights: How To Economize While Keeping Home And Family Safe

Who doesn't love the sight of holiday lights twinkling all about? Just don't take any chances with safety – or run up a huge electricity bill. Here are a few tips to consider when planning your holiday display:

- **Bulbs.** Do you still use those old traditional sets of colored bulbs? If you do, you should be aware that some of those older strings can use up to 10 watts per bulb. Strings of modern miniature lights use about 70 percent less electricity – and the bulbs last longer. If you want super efficiency, buy some LED holiday bulbs. These bulbs are safe to touch, won't burn your hands, and they're shockproof and shatterproof. Best of all, LED bulbs present no fire hazard, the bulbs last a long time, and they can cut your energy costs by 85 percent.
- **Circuits.** Don't overload your home's electrical circuits. Older homes generally carry a maximum of 1,800 watts. Newer homes generally can handle 2,400 watts.
- **Cords.** All outdoor cords, plugs, and sockets should be weatherproof. Keep your electrical connections off the ground. Make sure your wiring is clear of drainpipes and railings, too.
- **Damage.** Check your light sets for frayed wiring, damaged sockets, or cracked insulation before you decorate. If you find any of these problems, replace the entire set.
- **Indoor/outdoor.** Make sure you buy the kind of light sets you need – indoor sets for your tree and other areas inside your house, and outdoor sets for exterior displays.
- **Documentation.** Make sure that all light sets you purchase have the Underwriters Laboratories label, which ensures that they meet safety requirements.



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