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Our Endangered Community Assets

Your neighborhood association will soon sit down with City officials to mediate and find a remedy to the City's illegal closure of our library. The HOA understands the City's financial difficulties during this time of recession make it hard to prioritize services yet we feel that a great injustice has been done to our community. A clear agreement with the community has been broken (the obligation – to keep the library operating for at least 50 years). Budget issues are problematic but obligations take even greater responsibility. Obligations and promises are fundamental to our American Culture and our Constitution.

We hope that our negotiations are fair and balanced and that the City will find an appropriate remedy to this painful loss of obligation. Stay tuned.

On another note, the HOA applied to the Colorado Preservation Inc's Endangered Places program by submitting applications for both our library and our recreation center. This program is exceptional at finding solutions to endangered places. These two buildings are unique and unless the community acts fast both could be gone for good. Part of being on the list is the added media exposure and commitment of professionals to try to craft solutions. The application is not guaranteed but it's another example of the HOA's willingness to try as many avenues as possible to protect your most valuable assets, your home and your community.

This past July, my family and I vacationed in southern California. We had a great time; we visited Disneyland, went to the beach, walked down Hollywood Blvd., etc. Yet we also devoted one day to visiting our big sister community the City of Mission Viejo. You can read more about the trip from our tour guide (Art Cook) in his article below. A couple of things that really struck me were how beautiful, well-maintained and desirable the large

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Music In The Park Concert At Los Niños Park Saturday September 4, 2010

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Come out to Los Niños Park (just south of the elementary school), Saturday, September 4, 2010 for a beautiful end of summer evening with your neighbors and the brass quartet of the Aurora Symphony Orchestra! Bring a picnic, sit on a blanket or some lawn chairs, and enjoy the music. Two pairs of season tickets to the Aurora Symphony Orchestra will be randomly given away at the event! Like our June event, please remember that since this event takes place behind Mission Viejo residences, please be respectful of their property. Please walk to the event if possible via the greenbelt. If you do need to bring your car, we ask that you park along Alicia Parkway. Thank you. The Aurora Symphony Orchestra is supported by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District and this concert is sponsored by the Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association. Enjoy!

Sister Community Spotlight – Mission Viejo, CA

COLORADO HOA PRESIDENT TOURS MISSION VIEJO, CALIFORNIA

As a resident living in the Mission Viejo Community of Aurora, Colorado, Todd McMahon wanted to see the Community/City of Mission Viejo, CA. So it was no surprise to the rest of the family when they learned they would spend a day touring Mission Viejo, CA during their week long vacation in July to Orange County.

Todd is the president of the Mission Viejo Homeowners Association for the Mission Viejo Community of Aurora, Colorado, and was anxious to see how the roots of his community compare to those of the City of Mission Viejo. He knew there would be major differences because Mission Viejo Aurora is 640 acres, whereas Mission Viejo, CA is 11,000 acres. However, both included a Master Planned concept developed by Mission Viejo Company.

The tour started at the intersection of La Paz and Chrisanta, the first major intersection in the Community of Mission Viejo in 1966. They immediately identified with the Barcelona Slumpstone Walls that also became a design feature in their Mission Viejo Community in Aurora. One block away on Chrisanta was the first church in the community, namely Mount of Olives Lutheran Church. Also of special interest in this area was the Mission Viejo High School Agricultural Farm on the northwest corner of La Paz and Chrisanta. It was at

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Outdoor Movie Night

Trinity Baptist Church will again be sponsoring a "movie in the Park", September 3rd at 7:45 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and join us for an outdoor movie. Trinity Baptist Church, 15555 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora. Call 303-699-9761 if you have any questions.

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Community Assets, *continued from front page*

Mission Viejo California is and how many recreational and community opportunities that exist there. All are in excellent states of condition. We visited the Montanoso Recreation Center (Mission Viejo CA's oldest recreation center, built in 1968) and were impressed with the care and condition of the facility. We also visited the newer Norman Murray Community and Senior Center, an impressive state of the art center that has great outdoor areas and nice classrooms and event halls. But perhaps most impressive of all in my opinion was our stop at the Lake Mission Viejo Association. This large 124-acre lake is the central hub of the community. They offer boat rentals, fishing, swimming, classes, and community concerts throughout the year. Built by the Mission Viejo Company in 1978, the Association is a mandatory recreational club for homes built after 1978 but whose membership is voluntary for homes built prior to that time. Yet the voluntary membership is transferred to future owners by tying their membership to each resident's deed, thus making membership mandatory after the initial sign-up. This unique club membership arrangement may be a model that could be duplicated with our recreation center at some point. That is if our recreation center was well-maintained and attractive enough to our residents. What is clear though, is that residents of both Mission Viejo Colorado and Mission Viejo California should continue to work together to help preserve and protect our unique assets. Together we can offer each other support to each of our community's challenges.

— Todd McMahon, Mission Viejo HOA President

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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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the intersection of La Paz and Chrisanta where the Mission Viejo Activities Committee started the Five Nights of Christmas program. The next drive-by was through the parking lot of Mission Viejo High School, and then continuing past La Paz Intermediate School.

Our next stop was at the Marguerite Recreation Center, leased by the City to the Saddleback Valley YMCA. Following a tour of the Center, we then proceeded to the nationally acclaimed Mission Viejo Olympic Swimming and Diving Center. It was here that Mike Lewis, General Manager of the facility, gave a special poolside tour of the facility while the famed Mission Viejo Nadadores swimmers were practicing for a competitive swim meet during the end of July. This stop also provided an opportunity to see the tennis court com-

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plex adjacent to the aquatics center. On our way to Lake Mission Viejo, we passed the Casta Del Sol public golf course.

Of course one of the major highlights for the children was the next stop at Lake Mission Viejo. It was here where they were able to remove their shoes and enjoy the splashing water along the beach. Upon leaving the lake, we drove across Olympiad Road to see the Marty Russo Youth Athletic Park with all the Little League/Soccer fields, most of which are lighted fields.

It was now approaching lunchtime, so off we went to a place Andrew, 15 year old son, had noticed on the Internet, specifically TK Burgers near Chrisanta and La Paz. A fine meal was enjoyed by all.

After lunch, the tour took us to the Norman Murray Community Center. It is here where they saw that the Pacific Symphony's 2010 Target Symphony in the Cities free outdoor concert on the Village Green would be held July 31.

It was now time to tour the Mission Viejo Heritage Center. Todd McMahon had a special interest in visiting the Heritage Center because he is a staff archeologist for History Colorado. He previously arranged this portion of the tour in a telephone conversation with Nancy Cho, Chair of the Mission Viejo Heritage Committee. Seven members of the committee were there to greet Todd and his family and explain the important function the Heritage Center provides the City of Mission Viejo. Nancy Cho presented Todd with a copy of the book "Mission Viejo: The Ageless Land, from Prehistory to Present" authored by Doris I Walker.

Near the end of the afternoon, we still had much to see. We had a short walk through of the Montanosa Recreation Center. Our final stop of the day included a walk through of the Mission Viejo Library. This stop was of particular importance to Todd, because in November of 2009 residents of the Mission Viejo namesake in Colorado learned that their library was going to be closed due to economic conditions. The issue is currently before an Appellate Court in Arapahoe County, CO.

It was now about 5:00 p.m. and we had so much more to see. We are hoping Todd will return to Mission Viejo, CA so he can visit the many amenities in the southern portion of the City. Some of these include Saddleback College, Mission Hospital, The Shops at Mission Viejo (mall), Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club, Capistrano High School, Sierra Recreation Center and so much more.

Todd and family, we look forward to your return trip.

— **Art Cook, Resident of Mission Viejo, CA and former employee of the Mission Viejo Company.**
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Living With Wildlife

At our last Board meeting, **Mary Ann Bonnell** from the Morrison Nature Center presented to us practical information on how to deal with wildlife issues in urban areas. The primary issue with wildlife is dealing with the source that attracts them: food. Trash cans with unsecured lids are the main attraction for raccoons. Using trash cans with attached lids will discourage them. Food will also attract foxes and coyotes. It is especially important to NOT feed foxes and coyotes. If you do, they will start to approach humans inappropriately and even may come begging for food.

To protect your pets from foxes and coyotes, always keep them on a leash. The leash attaches the pet to its human, and foxes and coyotes generally fear humans. Also, do not leave your pets alone in the backyard at night. Even if you have a fence a small dog could be perceived as food for an owl. Finally, make sure your pet's vaccinations are up to date, as this will protect them from diseases wild animals carry.

If you are ever out walking and are approached by a coyote or fox, the best thing to do is to make loud noises. An old bicycle horn works well. Or, put several pennies in a empty soda can and put tape over the opening. It makes a very loud rattle that will scare the animal. Teach your children not to feed wild animals and that being loud and trying to appear bigger will frighten them away.

What should you do if you find a fox den under a porch or near a house? First, it is illegal to relocate wildlife. Basically, another fox family will move in with in 2 or 3 days if you relocate the family. If you call a pest control company, they will have

to euthanize the animals. A more humane method is to carefully roll mothballs into the den, or set ammonia soaked hay around the hole. The smell will force the mother fox to relocate her den. After she has gone, be sure to fill in the den and cover it with chicken wire so other foxes don't move back in.

It is great that we live in an area where we can see wildlife. Just making a few adjustments in our lives can make it easier to live with them in harmony.

— **Tricia Roush**, Mission Viejo HOA Secretary

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I SAW A RED FOX OUT DURING THE DAY. IT MUST BE SICK.

Myth. While red foxes and coyotes generally keep a nocturnal or crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk) schedule around humans, you may see them during the day. Often, this is not a sign of illness but rather an adult animal who is actively hunting for food for young. Daytime sightings of foxes and coyotes increase during breeding and pupping season, which can last into July.

MY DOG IS ALWAYS UNDER VOICE CONTROL.

Myth. You may think your dog is under voice control, but will it listen when tempted by a fox, coyote or skunk? Don't test it. The results could be stinky or worse. Keep pets on leash. It's the law for many reasons including the safety of your pet.

THE COYOTES ATTACKED AND KILLED A CAT. NEXT, IT WILL BE A CHILD.

Myth. Coyotes perceive cats and domestic dogs as either food or competition. For this reason, coyotes and foxes might prey on unsupervised or at large pets. Coyotes and foxes are naturally skittish around humans. Unless someone has been feeding the coyotes and foxes in your neighborhood, wild animals generally will not approach children. It is always a good idea to teach children what to do if they see a coyote or a fox. Remind them not to encourage the animal to come near them and to haze the animal away.

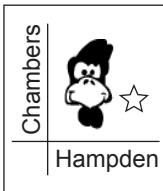
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Weeds Pulled – on Beautify Chambers Day!

On July 17, the HOA sponsored a mini cleanup of Chambers Road. Seven of the seventeen properties remained without mulch after the May cleanup. The main purpose on the 17th was to put mulch on the remaining seven properties. Because of the 102 degree heat and the few number of people working that day, only 4 and a half of the properties received mulch. Mulch will be spread on the remaining properties during the cleanup on September 25. A secondary benefit that day was that the property owners that back up to Chambers could pull their weeds without having to worry about the traffic on Chambers Road since the HOA paid for the lane closure from 8 until 4 that day. By Monday evening at least 23 of the approximately 34 homeowners that back up to Chambers Road had pulled their weeds.

A big thank you goes out to the HOA for paying for the lane closure, Ironwood Earthcare for providing a load of mulch, Charlie Hunsucker and Shelby, Elaine and Jocelyn Lay for helping with the mulch, the people on Chambers that pulled their weeds and Bob Broom for providing the ice cold water that tasted so good that day. There will be one more cleanup this year on September 25 to remove the dead junipers on Hampden. Look for details in this newsletter.

Fall School Carnival

Mission Viejo Elementary will be holding their annual Fall Carnival on Friday, September 17th from 6 to 9 p.m. This is a community event and everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

Welcome, New Newsletter Carriers

The response to the August newsletter article asking for volunteers for several newsletter routes was prompt and these new carriers will begin their routes in September. We welcome these new carriers: **Jessie and Julie Eoff, Kris Rosenbloom and Justin, Kaden, Gavin and Janelle Muckey.** It is exciting to see that so many young people are becoming involved in the newsletter delivery. Volunteering is a good thing for parents to introduce their children to at an early age. A big thank you goes out to these new volunteers. We appreciate your help!



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On September 25, the dead junipers and other dead bushes on Hampden will be removed during the cleanup. After this removal, 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 and decide on the future direction to take to improve our neighborhood.

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.**

Fall Cleanup – September 25!

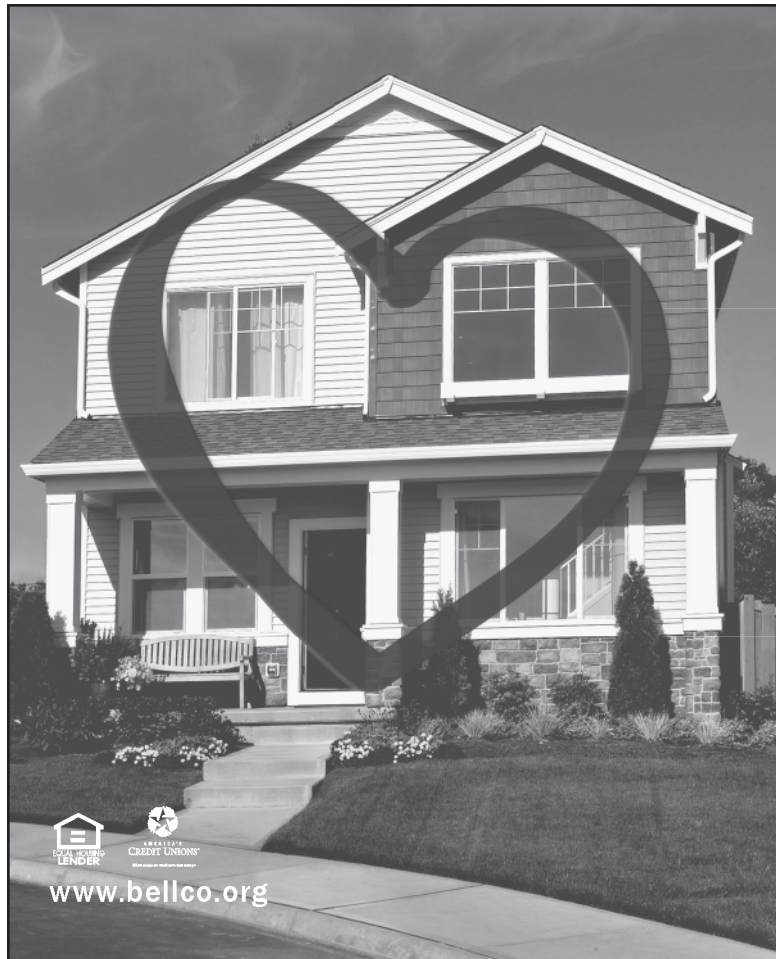
Exciting news! After three years of volunteer work, the Chambers Road corridor has most of the dead junipers removed and mulch has been placed on most of the area. The area looks 100% better than it did 3 years ago! There is still a small area that needs mulch and this is one task that will be accomplished on the 25th.

Most of the cleanup on the 25th of September will be taking place on Hampden. The HOA is planning to have much of the removal of bushes to be done by Ironwood Earthcare. With their equipment and workers, the dead bushes will be removed and transported to the roll-off containers. Volunteers will be needed to repair the area where the bushes have been removed. Also volunteers will be assisting with trimming of bushes and weed removal.

The adjoining lanes will be closed on Hampden and Chambers on that day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please consider helping on September 25 to improve the appearance of your neighborhood. If you are able to help all day or only for a few hours, please call **Elaine Lay at 303-699-0657.** You can also email Elaine at **elainelay@comcast.net.**

Looking for More Barcelona Wall Spruce-Up Volunteers

The Board of Directors recently approved the purchase of two more sets of metal signs to replace our old acyclic letters for two more Barcelona walls in our neighborhood. Before we can install the letters however we need to assemble volunteers to help paint, scrape and clean the wall surfaces. The painting will occur on Saturday, September 11. We desperately need some volunteers to help with this spruce-up project. If you are interested in helping please contact **Todd McMahon at 303-817-6932** or via e-mail at **president@missionviejohoa.org.**



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Mission Viejo HOA Initiates Move to Federal Non-Profit Status

At the August Monthly Executive Board Meeting, the HOA authorized our tax accountant to prepare an application to move the HOA away from our current federal income tax status as a taxable corporation to becoming a 501c4 entity. After doing a lot of research on this subject, the Board believes that this structure makes the most long-term sense for the organization. The 501c4 federal non-profit status requires the association to provide for the promotion of social welfare, something the association does regularly with our clean-ups and our occasional litigation on behalf of the community. While a membership contribution would still not be considered a tax deduction, it does help the organization avoid very high corporate tax rates. This legal tax status has been bestowed on a number of HOAs in the US including the Lake Mission Viejo Association and the Highlands Ranch Community Association. The status does not affect our ability to perform any function we have not already been involved with including covenant control issues. With this new tax structure, we also envision a sub-501c3 organization that is interconnected to the whole HOA. This arrangement would allow the community to tap into many non-profit grants and potentially other programs that the HOA is currently not eligible for. This new Mission Viejo "friends group" could also accept tax deductible contributions. The HOA has always been a state non-profit and we will continue to do so.

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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

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YTD Income - Dues	\$ 900.00	\$ 713.00	\$ 187.00
YTD Income - Library Defense	\$ 2,151.37	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,136.37
YTD Income - Trash Program	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,906.00	(\$ 906.00)
YTD Budget Expenses	\$ 9,343.82	\$ 5,046.41	\$ 4,297.41
YTD Library Defense Expenses	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,815.00	(\$ 15.00)
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Sister City News – Mission Viejo CA

From the Mission Viejo Dispatch, missionviejodispatch.com

Lennar Ignores Mission Viejo Heritage

Lennar Homes is preparing to construct 144 townhomes adjacent to the Target Store at Jeronimo and Los Alisos. It is proposing street names for approval Monday evening by the MV Planning Commission. The names ignore the heritage of Mission Viejo, and Lennar has not responded to a call and inquiry from the Dispatch.

During the development of the community, a specialist was hired to research and provide street names consistent with the Spanish influence. The precedent was followed for over 20 years. Since MV was incorporated in 1988, City Hall has permitted some new developments to stray from the plan. Although the City has a Heritage Committee, street names are not reviewed by it before being rubber-stamped by the Planning Commission. The Staff's Monday agenda item report does not even mention the history of Mission Viejo street names.

The Timberline HOA in Mission Viejo, CA finally settled a long-standing dispute with the City of Mission Viejo. Timberline, an area not built by the Mission Viejo Company but annexed into the City, had a tract of land whose ownership was in doubt. The Timberline HOA, a mandatory HOA, gave up upkeep of the vacant "park" land called Turf Lane Park and sued the City. Without admitting any interest, the City and the County last month executed a Quitclaim Deeds transferring any theoretical or alleged ownership to the HOA. The Quitclaim Deeds by the County and City were part of the settlement with the HOA under which the City of Mission Viejo is giving Timberline \$40,000 in-kind construction services to renovate the park. The two agencies are also each ponying up \$40,000 cash to Timberline – \$40,000 for additional renovation and \$40,000 to be used by the HOA for future maintenance.



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Mission Viejo - Pre-History

American Indians first inhabited the area around what is today Mission Viejo in Aurora, Colorado, some 12,000 years ago. These "Ice Age" hunters made fluted spear points and pursued the big game that once inhabited the area such as woolly mammoth, giant sloth, camels and other now extinct animals.

Indian peoples continued to pass through the area but it wasn't until around A.D. 1100 to A.D. 1200, that ancient people, whom archaeologists call the "Woodland Culture", built semi-permanent homes in the area. These homes were small "pit houses". The new residents brought with them ceramic (pottery) technology, probably from the Midwest.

The area was then most likely abandoned in terms of permanent settlement until around A.D. 1600. The area then saw incursions of new people such as the Ute's and Comanche's. Then starting in the late A.D. 1700's Arapahoe (which is what Arapahoe County is named for) and Cheyenne Indians (both of whom originally came from the Great Lakes region) made Colorado and the areas around "Mission Viejo" their semi-permanent home.

Conflicts soon arose in the A.D.1850's when gold was discovered near Denver and a new path bringing settlers to the area, the "Smoky Hill Trail" cut through the lands once frequented by the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians. The conflicts culminated in the Sand Creek Massacre, which started the Indian Wars and eventual displacement of the Indians in this area. Indeed the area around Mission Viejo has seen many cultures, conflicts and settlements through time.

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Cherry Creek Schools News – Aug/Sept. 2010

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.
WELCOME BACK! NEW START AND END TIMES

Superintendent Mary Chesley, the Board of Education and all 8,000 Cherry Creek Schools employees want to welcome our 51,000 students and their families to the 2010-2011 school year! Remember to check the district website, www.CherryCreekSchools.org, for new start and end times for your school. The time changes were approved by the Board of Education in May as part of an overall budget reduction plan that kept major cuts away from the classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 10-11

Fall Break, Oct 25-29, 2010

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

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.

PINE RIDGE, ALL SCHOOLS READY FOR STUDENTS

The Cherry Creek School District's newest school, Pine Ridge Elementary, located in the Wheatlands neighborhood east of the Southlands Shopping Center, opened on August 16. The new school will prevent crowding at schools in the eastern part of the district and was made possible by voters who approved the 2008 bond issue.

Many other bond projects were completed during the summer by crews that worked around the clock. More than 1.6 million square feet of space was remodeled in 17 schools built between 1958 and 1982. Other schools received lighting and

mechanical systems upgrades which will improve the learning environment for students and staff.

ALL CCSD HIGH SCHOOLS AMONG AMERICA'S BEST!

All six of the Cherry Creek School District high schools made Newsweek magazine's list of 2010 America's Best High Schools. Each year, Newsweek picks the best high schools in the country based on how hard school staffs work to challenge students with advanced-placement college-level courses and tests. Just over 1,600 schools – only 6 percent of all the public schools in the U.S. – made the list. Read more about America's best high schools at www.newsweek.com/feature/2010/americas-best-high-schools/list.html.

FASB FITNESS FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 11

Get ready for the 10th Annual First American State Bank Fitness Festival, coming up on Sat., Sept. 11, at Crescent Park, Bellevue and DTC Blvd., in Greenwood Village. Join Grand Marshal and former Denver Bronco Ed McCaffrey for a 5K Walk/Run and a fabulous after party featuring great activities and entertainment, delicious food from the area's finest restaurants, and a silent auction. There will be several special events in honor of the anniversary of September 11, including a military flyover and patriotic presentations by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Cherry Creek H.S. Meistersingers.

The Fitness Festival brings the whole community together to have fun and celebrate physical fitness and overall wellness. Proceeds benefit the Community Asset Project of the Cherry Creek School District, which positively impacts more than 50,000 students and their families through youth leadership training, Positive Behavior Supports, drug/alcohol prevention, suicide prevention and other important programs. For registration forms and additional information, visit <http://www.fasbfittnessfestival.com/>.

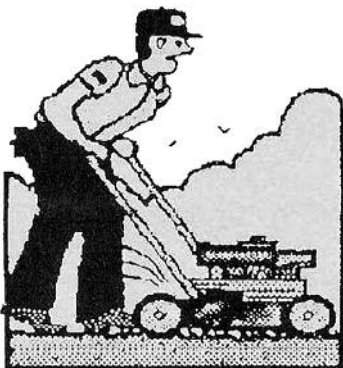
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