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Annual Meeting Highlights

The HOA annual meeting held on January 19, 2010 was a great success. The evening started with many guest speakers. Colorado State Senator **Suzanne Williams** told us about her upcoming constituent meetings. Mission Viejo Elementary School Principal **André Pearson** told us about a new program for classroom instruction to take place on Saturdays and the need for community volunteers. City Councilman **Bob Broom** told us about his upcoming town meetings. Mr. **Dave Ball** from Pro Disposal Inc. answered questions about the HOA trash program. **Christopher Pfeiffer** and **Baylor Bland** of CR Architecture told us about the new Walgreens to be built in the Mission Viejo Shopping Center. PAR Officer **Gary Rivale** encouraged residents to attend neighborhood watch meetings and **Rich Duston** of the Aurora Symphony Orchestra told us about their programs and the neighborhood's music in the park event.

The membership also overwhelmingly approved of our voting items. The membership voted to continue to support our legal fight over the Library. After our injunction hearing, the Judge made it clear that all the rules of equability favored the plaintiffs (the HOA). The reason the Judge did not grant an injunction (stopping the closure) was because she interpreted past Colorado Court cases as deterring the Court (a judicial body) from interfering with the City's (a legislative body) actions. A likely outcome at

trial may find that the City, in breach of contract, may face severe monetary compensation damage awards to the HOA. The contract itself has at least fifteen years remaining of service at (at least \$680,000 (what the City said it costs to run the facility a year) x 15 years = over 10 million dollars). Additionally there may be immediate property devaluation harm, HOA hardship, loss of materials, building and land costs, and possible

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Abundance of Baby Birds in Your Backyard This Spring

What can the average homeowner do to provide a safe habitat for birds preparing for their spring babies? There are 4 steps involved in seeing baby birds in your backyard this spring. They include providing food, water, nesting sites and safety.

First, all living creatures require food. Many backyard birds are insect eaters, but will supplement their diets with nuts, seeds, fruits or nectar. Providing an array of foods will increase the diversity of birds you attract. Leaves, twigs and bark in your garden or under shrubs can provide foraging areas for ground-feeding birds.

FOOD TYPE: NUTS

Natural Source: Oak, hickory, chestnut, walnut

Birds Attracted: Woodpeckers, nest hatches, jays

FOOD TYPE: SEEDS

Natural Source: Pine, spruce, fir, maple, alder, sunflowers, cone flowers, asters, goldenrod and grasses

Birds Attracted: Woodpeckers, grosbeaks, finches, bobwhites, cardinals, pine siskins, chickadees, crossbills, jays, nuthatches, junco, sparrows, titmice, doves, blackbirds.

FOOD TYPE: FRUITS

Natural Source: Holly, serviceberry, cherry, elderberry, red mulberry, hackberry, bayberry, raspberry, blueberry, high-brush cranberry, pokeberry, grape, cactus.



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Holiday Hay Ride

Did you hear or see a musical hayride pass by your house on the evening of December 20? If you did, you saw one of the three hayrides that toured the neighborhood that evening. Ninety residents were treated to an evening ride that featured some of the beautifully decorated homes in the neighborhood. Other than being a little chilly, all of the riders said that they thoroughly enjoyed the ride. Some were amazed at the number of homes that were decorated for the holidays.

The neighborhood owes a big thank you to the staff at Holy Love Lutheran Church. They graciously let us use the building for the entire event at no charge. When asked what we owed them for the use of the building, we were told, "You are our neighbors and we are happy to have you use our building." It was a perfect place to share the cookies and treats brought by the riders and the hot chocolate and cider provided by the HOA!

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Next HOA Meeting

Third Tuesday

February 16th • 6:30 p.m.

Mission Viejo Elementary


Everyone is Welcome!

Annual Meeting Highlights, *continued from front page*
 punitive damages. If the Library reverts to the HOA, the HOA would like to see that the facility return to being a functioning library. The HOA has made initial inquiries with the Arapahoe Library District who have shown interest in serving our community. Ultimately, full service by the Arapahoe Library District may require a referendum vote but analyzing the results of the failed Aurora GID tax show geographically that there is probably enough support to extend the Arapahoe Library District tax mill northward from Centennial and the Piney Creek area. Our court date has been set for March 10, 2010 and we will keep you up to date with the latest via our web site and our e-mail newsletter.


The membership also approved the a budget for 2010, the 2009 minutes and Bylaw changes which enables residents in the Quincy Creek sub filing to join our HOA. The Bylaw amendments also re-established that both residents and owners can vote and fully participate in the HOA. This coordinates with our Articles of Incorporation dating to 1975. If a property has more than one vote (from an owner and a renter) then that vote will be evenly split in two. The membership failed to find a volunteer candidate to fill our empty Board seat but the Board is willing to appoint someone at one of our future meetings. A big thank you goes to Prairie Ridge Community Church who provided us with the sound equipment and the LCD projector. All in all, it was a great meeting, which left the HOA with a good direction to go for the upcoming year.

— Todd McMahon, Mission Viejo HOA President

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MISSION VIEJO TRASH PROGRAM

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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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Please Make Mission Viejo Safe!

Drivers near our school need to create a safe environment. Please do the following:

- Watch for and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists near and around the school. We have heard a many near misses recently with our children crossing the streets around Mission.
- Obey speed limits for the school zone.
- Come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- Do not block pedestrian crosswalks.

Thank you – for the sake of our children – SLOW down and make Mission Viejo safe!

Holiday Hay Ride, *continued from front page*

Another big thank you goes to **Dave Broussard**, who drove the hay rack. Dave has done this for the Meadowood neighborhood the last few years and was happy to include Mission Viejo this year. He also provided the boom box for the Christmas music and the decorated hay rack. Nick's garden center provided the hay at no cost. The residents of Meadowood decorated the hay rack and left the lights on for our use. We also want to thank **Elaine Lay** for organizing the hay ride and **Clarence Fuhrer** for riding with Dave and guiding him around the neighborhood. We hope to make this wonderful event an annual happening in Mission Viejo.

— **Elaine Lay**, Mission Viejo HOA Secretary

Baby Birds, *continued from front page*

Birds Attracted: Thrushes, veery, robin, catbird, cedar wax-wing, mockingbird, bluebirds, sparrows, woodpeckers, tanagers, junco, thrashers, yellow-rumped warbler, hummingbird, orioles.

FOOD TYPE: NECTAR

Natural Source: Various flowers, especially red tubular flowers such as columbine, lobelia, penstemon, azalea, fuchsia, trumpet vine bee balm, native honeysuckle, yucca.

Birds Attracted: Hummingbirds, orioles.

Second, clean water is an important part of a backyard habitat. Offer several sources of water to attract different types of birds. A pedestal bird bath (2-3" deep), a shallow water dish placed at ground level, or a small pond will give the necessary water for drinking and bathing. Changing the water to keep it clean is important. To protect vulnerable bathing birds from lurking predators, place the water 15 feet away from places predators might hide, giving birds ample time to escape if attacked.

Third, different types of shelters will provide home to different species of birds and their young. Some nest in tree cavities, others in open nests on homemade ledges, tree branches, and some on the ground. Native trees and shrubs (such as evergreens or vines) provide good nesting areas for many species. Bird houses make a wonderful place to watch a family raise its young. Wrens, swallows, bluebirds, purple martins and chickadees all raise their babies in bird houses. Bird houses should be mounted on trees, fence posts or poles that are at least 5 feet tall. Ventilation and drainage holes are needed, as is rear access to the interior to allow periodic cleaning. Metal or plastic guards will help deter predators, such as cats or squirrels, and give birds some security. Finally, provide nesting materials, such as twigs, pine needles, string, yarn, batting, grass clippings, or hair brushed from a pet. Leave these materials in a tray or in a hanging mesh bag.

Fourth, birds will not nest if they don't feel safe. The most common neighborhood predator is the domestic cat. 100 million birds a year are killed by cats in the United States. Raccoons, skunks, rats and squirrels are also predators in your backyard. Eliminate outdoor sources of food for these predators (uncovered trash cans or bowls of pet food). Keep your cats indoors during bird breeding season (mid-March to August).

Enjoy those baby birds in your backyard! Visit the Plains Conservation Center for not only backyard birds, but raptors (eagles, hawks and owls) as well. The P.C.C. has free naturalist guided bird watches and bird counts. Access their website at: www.PlainsconservationCenter.org or call 303-693-3621 for times and days. The P.C.C. is located 10 minutes east (of Mission Viejo) on Hampden, between Tower and Gun Club roads (21901 Hampden Ave.).

— **Steve Weiner**, Mission Viejo Resident



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Volunteer Thank You Party

The Homeowner's Association would like to thank all of the volunteers who have so generously given their time to the neighborhood in 2009. On Sunday, February 21, a pizza party will be held at the Dry Dock Brewing Company at 15120 East Hampden Avenue. Volunteers can drop in any time between 5 and 8 o'clock. Pizza and soda will be provided by the HOA. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased at a reduced price. Please RSVP to **Elaine Lay at 303-699-0657 or elainelay@comcast.net** if you are able to attend. Volunteers will be receiving an invitation, but if they would like to RSVP after reading this article, it would save some phone calls. It also might be possible that we may miss some of the people who have helped out! Give us a call if you are able to attend. We hope to see you there!

Join the Snow Busters Team

The City of Aurora receives numerous requests for assistance from Aurora residents who are not capable of shoveling their sidewalk after a snowfall. In order to provide support to those in need, the City has implemented a volunteer program called Snow Busters. Snow Busters matches volunteers with residents who are elderly or have disabilities, have limited financial resources and are not capable of shoveling their sidewalk. The volunteer is matched by the Aurora Volunteer Center with a resident who meets program guidelines and lives close to them. Please consider helping your neighbor this winter. Volunteers may register online to help, call **303-739-7759** or email **severett@auroragov.org** for more information.

It's Easy to See:

Join the HOA and Support Your Community

Enroll In The Mission Viejo Trash Program!

Here is a comparison of the monthly fees charged by Waste Management and Pro Disposal Inc.:

COMPANY: WASTE MANAGEMENT

Monthly Rate: \$15.5 plus fuel charges and environmental fees around \$8

Recycling Fees: Must purchase 18 gal. or 96 gal.

Container \$23 or \$127. Monthly fee \$4

HOA Contribution: None

COMPANY: PRO DISPOSAL INC.

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Recycling Fees: Use your own containers. No extra fees

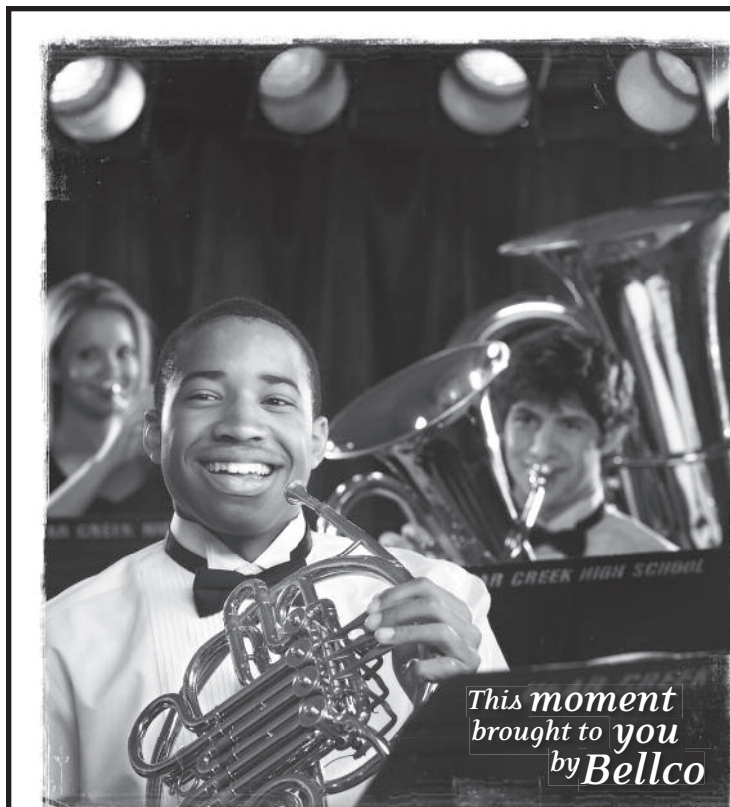
HOA Contribution: \$2 a month from each household

every month (once there are at least 775 paid participants)

As you can see, the HOA-sponsored trash program is an excellent value. The Homeowners' Association provides valuable services to the Mission Viejo community that benefits each and every homeowner. Now is a great time to join. Sign up today via the web at <http://www.missionviejohoa.org/trash.htm> or fill out the sign-up coupon in this newsletter and mail it out today. So, come on, save some money, and help your association protect and promote your most precious assets – YOUR home and YOUR community!

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Winter and snow are synonymous in Colorado and present a challenge to all of us. As we back from our home or drive out of the Mission Viejo sub-division after a fresh snowfall, we often grumble about the streets not being plowed and making our drive slippery and difficult. There are times when we slide and almost bang into a fence or another vehicle. Luckily, we do not have more accidents than we do.

The same can be said for our own property, whether we are buying or renting. People may be walking past our property or coming to our front door. Perhaps they are a friend, a neighbor or a relative that has stopped by. No matter whom may visit, we should clear our driveways and sidewalks from the snow or ice that could cause someone to fall or possibly injured.

Perhaps some of our neighbors could use our help. Age, disability or any physical limitation can hinder anyone's ability to clear the snow and ice. Helping our neighbors is conducive to not only meeting and getting to know a neighbor but also to feeling good about ourselves, and the exercise is a plus.

Please look around the street you live on. Consider knocking on a door to inquire if someone would accept your assistance. Help neighbors and thereby increase our community spirit while helping to keep the Mission Viejo sidewalks as clear as possible and safer for all.

Problematic properties, such as vacant homes, can be addressed by a referral to the City of Aurora Code Enforcement. The City has a webpage at: http://www.auroragov.org/AuroraGov/Departments/Neighborhood_Services/Code_Enforcement/Snow_Removal/index.htm that outlines the process. All they require is the address of the property.

— A Mission Viejo Neighbor

Cherry Creek Schools News – February 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.

CCSD NEWS DELIVERED TO YOUR EMAIL BOX

Sign up for the monthly Cherry Creek Schools Community eNewsletter for the latest news. Subscribers will also receive occasional 'eBlasts' containing breaking news and emergency information. Go to www.cherrycreekschools.org and click on "eNewsletter" at the bottom of the page.

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break: Mar 29 - Apr 2, 2010

Fall Break: Oct 25-29, 2010

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

Spring Break: Mar 28-Apr 1, 2011

The district's 09-10 and 10-11 traditional, transitional and 4-track calendars are available on the district's website at www.cherrycreekschools.org.

CCSD TOPS IN TOP TEACHERS

The Cherry Creek School District has 70 National Board Certified teachers, more than any other district in the state, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), which administers the National Board Certification program.

In 2009, 22 Cherry Creek Schools' teachers earned

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Mission Viejo HOA Financial Report
Alan Engels – Mission Viejo HOA Treasurer and Vice President

Beginning Balance 1/1/09			\$ 2,813.09
	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income - Dues	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 3,849.22	\$ 2,029.22
YTD Income - Corp. Contrb.	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,144.35	\$ 2,144.35
YTD Budget Expenses	\$ 9,820.00	\$ 5,210.72	(\$ 4,609.28)
YTD Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,226.62	\$ 4,226.62
YTD Income Library Defense Fund	\$ 5,056.37	\$ 2,905.00	(\$ 2,151.37)
YTD Library Defense Expenses	\$ 5,056.37	\$ 2,256.37	\$ 2,800.00
Balance as of 12/31/09		\$ 8,017.95	
Beginning Balance 1/1/10			\$ 8,017.95
	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income - Dues	\$ 0.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 355.00
YTD Income - Corp. Contrb.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
YTD Budget Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 152.45	\$ 152.45
YTD Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
YTD Income Library Defense Fund	\$ 2,151.37	\$ 125.00	(\$ 2,026.37)
YTD Library Defense Expenses	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,800.00
Balance as of 01/15/10		\$ 8,345.50	

Cherry Creek Schools News, *continued from page 5*

National Board Certification, which is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete. You read more about National Board Certification and see who the district's newly-certified teachers are at:
<http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/News/NationalBoardCertification/>.

HEALTHY STEPS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches are not what they used to be – and that's a good thing! Walk into a Cherry Creek School District elementary school cafeteria and you'll find a minimum of five choices of fruits and vegetables (seven options are offered in secondary schools); more whole grains, pizza made with low-fat cheese; items that are baked instead of fried; and different varieties of flavor and fat-content for milk.

Scott Siegfried, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Support Services, gave an overview of Student Nutrition Services at a recent Board of Education meeting. "Student achievement is directly tied to good nutrition," he said. Learn more about how school meals benefit students at:
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- Carbon monoxide poisoning can often be mistaken for the flu – achiness, headache and nausea. The gas is odorless and colorless and can affect children before it affects adults. Check your furnace and other gas, coal, oil, or wood-burning appliances to make sure they aren't threatening your safety.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing when outside, and be careful when walking near snow piles and drifts that may obscure

your view of a vehicle. Sliding and skidding vehicles may not be able to avoid hitting someone.

- Frostbite can strike in a very short time, especially with children. That's because they lose body heat quickly, sometimes in as little as 20 minutes. Dress kids warmly, but don't overbundle. That can cause sweating, which speeds the loss of body heat. Also, discourage kids from eating snow, because it lowers body temperature – which can decrease resistance to frostbite.

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