



Mission Viejo Means Business Newsletter

City of Mission Viejo

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Macy's to Blanket its Roof with Solar Panels

Macy's is preparing to use solar power at 30 department stores – including the Macy's women's store at The Shops at Mission Viejo. The proposed photovoltaic system includes 1,920 roof-mounted panels and other components along with 2,000 feet of cable connecting it. When finished, the new system will generate more than 900 megawatt hours of energy to power the 225,000-square-foot building.



"The SunPower roof solar-power systems at these department stores will help to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 195 million pounds over 30 years, which is equivalent to planting 27,400 acres of trees or removing 19,500 cars from our roads," said Marc Gordon, vice president of operations at Macy's West. The \$2 million investment in the Mission Viejo store comes at a time when the Irvine Spectrum Macy's is slated to be demolished, and company executives recently announced the closure of 40 Macy's stores across the country.

New Stores, Restaurants at The Shops at Mission Viejo

The new year is bringing new restaurants and shops to The Shops at Mission Viejo. Madewell, a smaller sister brand of J.Crew, will open a retail store January 25 on the mall's upper level across from J.Crew. Grilled-cheese fans will rejoice when The Melt opens late January near the Cheesecake Factory. This 2,505-square-foot restaurant will also include a large outdoor dining area.



More shops and restaurants will celebrate their grand openings at The Shops later this year. Soma is working on a 2,234-square-foot space on the upper level between Pottery Barn Kids and Express. Soma sells lingerie, sleepwear, clothing, bathing suits and perfume. The store's grand opening is slated for March. In addition, Pea in the Pod has secured a 1,773-square-foot space on the mall's lower level. Rounding out the restaurant news is a move by Island's into the 6,316-square-foot space that used to house Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor near PF Chang's. The eatery is expected to open this summer.

Mission Viejo Chamber Mixer on Tap Thursday

The Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce will host its next monthly mixer at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21 at High Park Tap House, 23641 Via Linda. The February 18 mixer will be held at BallPark Pizza, 28813 Los Alisos Boulevard. During the mixers, guests can enjoy complimentary refreshments and the chance to network with local business leaders and elected officials. Mixers are free for chamber members; \$10 general admission. Visit <http://www.missionviejochamber.com> to RSVP or call 949-470-8409 for more information.



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Register Now for Business Workshops in Mission Viejo

Registration for business workshops is available in Mission Viejo through a partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), SCORE, Employment Development Department (EDD), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), OC Small Business Development Center (OC SBDC) and the California Board of Equalization (BOE). The free or low-cost business workshops scheduled for February include:

- “The Secrets of Selling” (SCORE) on Wednesday, February 10 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (\$35 with online registration in advance or \$45 at the door). The workshop takes place in the Saddleback Room at Mission Viejo City Hall, 200 Civic Center. Register at <http://www.score114.org> or call 714-550-7369.



Business workshop at MV City Hall

- “Federal/State Reporting & Depositing Requirements” (EDD) on Thursday, February 25 from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The free workshop takes place in the Saddleback Room at Mission Viejo City Hall, 200 Civic Center. Reservations are recommended. Register at <http://www.edd.ca.gov> or call 888-745-3886

Colleagues Select Tim Martin as Employee of the Year

Tim Martin, a 14-year Mission Viejo employee, has been named the 2015 Employee of the Year. This outstanding employee will be recognized by the City Council for his efforts in February. A longtime planner, Tim has gained the respect of community members and co-workers alike. He is responsible for helping the public with zoning, permitted uses, development code standards, design criteria and other processes. Tim processes permits through the Planning and Transportation Commission and Zoning Administrator and spends time researching current planning trends and legislation.

He is known for always providing citizens with excellent customer service and as a team player who volunteers to manage the most complex and challenging projects. "Tim accepts responsibility for all of his actions, which are guided by his motivation to always do the right thing," said his supervisor Larry Longenecker. "Tim's integrity isn't a choice, it is ingrained in him." Tim is the first Community Development employee to win the Employee of the Year award since the program's inception in 1993. "The City of Mission Viejo values all of Tim's contributions as an employee and with this award, employees express their sincere appreciation for Tim's dedication to the residents of the City of Mission Viejo," said Senior Human Resources Analyst Monique Goetz.

