



# MISSION VIEJO

*Make Living Your Mission*

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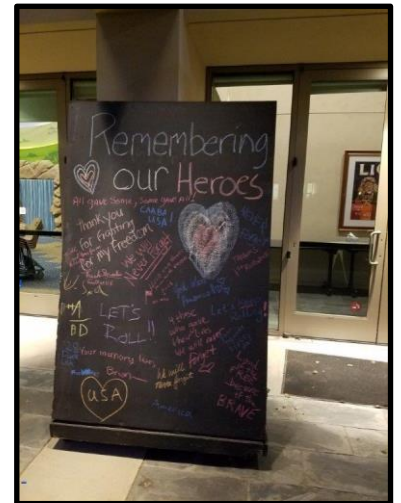
## "The Week That Was"

### 9/11 Remembrance



On Monday, September 11, the City remembered our fallen heroes and the horrific events of September 11, 2001. Approximately 100 community members gathered at the La Paz and Marguerite intersection to hear a welcome from Mayor Bucknum and an inspiring remembrance speech from OCFA Chief Abel. The event also

included the Pledge of Allegiance by Boy Scout Troop 1602 and the singing of God Bless America. Those gathered were given flags and candles before dispersing to the four corners of the intersection, which each had a large chalkboard for positive message chalking. The groups gathered on the corners and at 7:00p.m. candles were lit. Many passersby honked their horns and waved their hands from their cars in support of the event. 🇺🇸



### Newly elected ICC Board of Directors President Jay Elbettar

Earlier this week the City's Building Official, Jay Elbettar, was elected President of the International Code Council (ICC) for 2017-2018. The International Code Council is a building code writing association with over 64,000 members worldwide. The Code Council develops codes and standards that states and local jurisdictions use in the construction of safe homes and buildings to create resilient communities. The term of office is for one year and the election was by voting members.



Newly elected ICC Board of Directors President Jay Elbettar spoke on the importance of strong, updated codes to help create resilient communities, the ICC initiatives and programs that are supporting members, and the new enhanced services that ICC will offer its members, chapters and stakeholders in the coming year. 🇺🇸

## Safety Improvements for Fire Station 24

Vehicles exiting the Market Place Shopping Center (Pavilions) onto Marguerite Parkway at Via Angelina encounter special illuminated "No Right Turn" signs whenever the traffic signal is preempted by adjacent Fire Station 24. This is to prevent vehicles from inadvertently making right turns on red in conflict with emergency vehicles exiting the station in response to calls. The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) contacted Public Works regarding concerns that many motorists were not complying with the existing "No Right Turn" signs, thereby creating safety issues. Public Works staff investigated and found that the existing signs were fairly dated fluorescent text only signs which appeared somewhat dim, especially during daylight hours.



Public Works proposed and OCFA agreed that the existing signs be replaced with new LED signs with much greater visibility and universal symbols instead of text. Earlier this week, the City's traffic signal maintenance contractor, Computer Service Company (CSC), completed the installation. Shortly after the new signs were activated, Station 24 received a call, and as the fire truck exited the station, the CSC crew received "thumbs ups" from the firefighters on board. 🙌

## Writers Present: J.A. Jance



J.A. Jance presented "Proof of Life" at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center to a full house. Jance is a *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning mystery author with more than 20 million books in print. Her writing career has spanned three decades and includes more than 50 books in four different series.

She began with Q&A to warm-up the audience and build a rapport and that she did! The audience was in stitches laughing and at other times quite melancholy, when she shared personal life stories, which she used in developing her main characters.



The Friends of the Library hosted a wine bar. A book club which had chosen a J.A. Jance novel to read this month came early and had their monthly meeting right on the Orchard Terrace before the Writers Present program began. Everyone was very complimentary as they left and many books were sold by our partner bookseller, Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore. 🙌

## Grandparent's Day Dinner Dance



On Sunday, September 10, the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center celebrated Grandparents Day by hosting the 3rd annual Grandparents Day Dinner Dance. This year's theme was Mad Hatter Tea Party. Sixty grandparents and grandchildren arrived for an amazing night full of fun! Participants came dressed up in theme or wearing their favorite mad hatter hat for our hat competition later in the evening. Participants made their own edible teacups and took photos in the photo booth. Everyone danced to new and old favorite songs and participated in a variety of games, including dressing up like Alice using toilet paper and crepe paper, a sugar cube relay race with tea cups, a crazy dance contest and more. Participants expressed how much fun the event was and told staff they can't wait to come back next year. 🎉



## We Wanna Swim Wednesdays

On Wednesday, September 13, staff launched a new program called "We Wanna Swim Wednesdays" at the Sierra and Montanoso Recreation Centers. This new program provides children kindergarten age or younger the opportunity to swim for free between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. every Wednesday during non-summer months, ending on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. The Recreational Swim period will still end at the usual time of 3:30 p.m. 🏊