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Five cities strong

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Incorporated in 1988, the City of Mission Viejo is a Council/Manager form of government. Legislative power is held by the publicly elected five-member City Council. As the Legislative Branch of Municipal Government, the City Council adopts laws and makes policy decisions for the City. The Council appoints the City Manager to function as the City's chief executive. City Council meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month. Meetings are broadcast live on Mission Viejo Television and replayed the following Sunday at noon and Monday at 6 p.m. on Cox Channel 30, AT&T Uverse Channel 99, or through the City's Web site at www.cityofmissionviejo.org. Meetings are open to the public and held in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

With a population of more than 95,000, the City of Mission Viejo spans 17.4 square miles and is consistently recognized as one of America's safest communities. Mission Viejo is home to several award-winning schools, parks and offers a robust business environment for residents and visitors alike. A true hometown with family traditions, community events and organized sports, Mission Viejo features a mature evergreen landscape with more than 955 acres of parks, slopes and open space. The City also boasts the manmade Lake Mission Viejo, 44 parks and eight recreational facilities.

Saturday SEP 17

8:00 am – Noon
Inner Coastal Cleanup Day
Volunteers help collect trash and debris in and around the Oso Creek Trailhead on Marguerite Pkwy.
470-8458
FREE

Friday OCT 14

9:30 am – Registration for Golf
11:00 am – Shotgun Start
6th Annual Tee It Up For Marines Golf Tournament
Enjoy a great round of golf to help provide year-round support to Mission Viejo's adopted Marines and Sailors of the Headquarters Battalion of the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton Camp Pendleton Golf Course
Fee information:
www.teeitupforemarines.com
470-3061



Saturday OCT 15

8:00 am / Rally at MVHS stadium
9:00 am / Celebration Fair & Disaster Preparedness Expo
28th Annual Walk Against Drugs
MVHS stadium, 25025 Chrisanta Drive, and Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center on the Village Green
470-8433
cityofmissionviejo.org/policeservices
FREE

Saturday OCT 29

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Hometown Halloween
Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center
768-0981
FREE (minimal charge for some activities)



NOV 2-6

10:00 am – 2:00 pm and
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
UNIQLO Wheelchair Doubles Masters
Featuring the world's top eight men's pairs, top six women's pairs and top four quad pairs as they compete for titles and world rankings.
Marguerite Tennis Pavilion
27474 Casta Del Sol Road
www.itfwheelchairmasters.com
tennis@cityofmissionviejo.org
859-4348
FREE November 3-6, \$5 November 7

Friday NOV 11

2:00 pm
Veterans Day Observance
On this special day, we honor and remember the men and women of the Armed Forces.
Reception immediately follows.
Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center
470-3062
FREE

Saturday NOV 19

8:00 am – 5:00 pm
46th Annual Mission Viejo Activities Committee Gifts & Goodies Boutique
Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center
830-7066 / www.mvactivities.com
FREE Admission

Sunday NOV 27

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm / Festival
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm / Entertainment
6:00 pm / Santa Arrives
Santa's Arrival Celebration
Civic Center Plaza
830-7066 / www.mvactivities.com
FREE



NOV 30 to DEC 18

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesdays / Saturdays / Sundays
Santa's Workshop
Civic Center Plaza
830-7066 / www.mvactivities.com
FREE

Fri and Sat DEC 9 and 10

6:00 – 7:30 pm and 8:00 – 9:30 pm
The Holly Jolly Light Tour
This sells out fast so don't miss it! Enjoy a VIP reception and tour the Home Lighting Contest displays aboard deluxe transportation.
Civic Center Plaza
470-3062 / www.mvactivities.com
\$10 per person (tickets on sale Nov. 1)

Please visit cityofmissionviejo.org for more information and complete calendars from October 2016 to March 2017.

SERVICE

Mission Viejo will begin serving 5 South County cities January 1

When the clock strikes 12:01 a.m. on January 1, the City of Mission Viejo will officially begin providing animal services to five south Orange County cities – serving more than 300,000 people. The cities of Laguna Hills and Rancho Santa Margarita are the latest communities to cut ties with OC Animal Care and join the 22-year-old Mission Viejo Animal Services Center.

Flanked by rolling hillside, the City of Mission Viejo Animal Services Center at 28095 Hillcrest is a pro-humane facility served by a small staff and an army of dedicated volunteers.

From the onset, Mission Viejo's animal control program has provided exceptional services. It started small – serving just Mission Viejo residents – but grew with the additions of Laguna Niguel in 1995 and Aliso Viejo 14 years later. Today, the animal services center serves more than 210,000 residents with over 10,000 annual animal control calls. With the addition of two more cities, the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center will become the second largest animal shelter in the county.

The City facility is served by the nonprofit Dedicated Animal Welfare Group (DAWG), which raises money for the animals' medical expenses. Since its inception in 1994, the animal services center and DAWG have helped to save roughly 40,000 animals – many of those pets received medical care paid for by DAWG. In fact, DAWG has raised more than \$1.3 million in direct support and care for critical animal needs since 1995.

“From dental care to critical care, no pet has gone without life-saving medical care thanks to the generosity of our pet-loving community,” said Animal Services Manager Gail DeYoung.

The Mission Viejo Animal Services Center has also received nearly \$1.3 million in charitable bequests throughout the years, which has helped fund some of the cattery expansion and purchase a transport vehicle and shade structure.



To accommodate the additional cities, the City of Mission Viejo will add 5.75 full-time equivalent positions at the center. The facility is also undergoing a \$650,000 expansion, which will be offset by the capital buy-in from

Laguna Hills and Rancho Santa Margarita.

“I am proud of the work our animal services center does every day to benefit thousands of animals and residents,” said Assistant City Manager Keith Rattay. “We couldn't do what we do without dedicated volunteers, DAWG and successful partnerships with Laguna Niguel and Aliso Viejo. We look forward to also serving the cities of Laguna Hills and Rancho Santa Margarita.”

For more information, visit cmvas.org or call 949-470-3045. 🐾



ENVIRONMENT

Lake Mission Viejo will be the first fully sustainable man-made lake in the state

Since its creation in the 1970s, Lake Mission Viejo has become so ingrained in south Orange County's identity that it is the backdrop to Mission Viejo's city seal.



Now, after nearly four decades of potable (drinking) water used to maintain the 124-acre lake's water levels, Lake Mission Viejo will be filled with advanced purified water. The conversion to a safe and sustainable new water source comes during the endless drought and after the completion of an innovative water treatment facility and private-public partnership between the lake's association, Santa Margarita Water District and City.

The Advanced Purified Water Facility will eliminate up to 350 acre-feet of potable demand, more than 114 million gallons of drinking water, used to fill the lake and make that water available to Mission Viejo residents served by the district.

The water treatment method is akin to one used by the Orange County Water District's Groundwater Replenishment System facility in Fountain Valley. There, water is treated in a process that includes filtration tanks, reverse osmosis and ultraviolet, making it safe enough to supply underground drinking water in north and central Orange County. The process provides water that is safe for swimmers and the lake's fish population.

To fast-track construction of the facility, the City of Mission Viejo stepped in with an innovative financing program that included a \$1 million grant and \$3 million loan. Without the City's backing, the facility would have taken years to be constructed rather than a few short months.

In return for the funding, Santa Margarita Water District will provide the City of Mission Viejo with enough reclaimed water to irrigate about 80 percent of its parks, medians and slopes for the next 25 years.

"We are securing water for our residents and reducing the overall potable water demand during California's historic drought while at the same time maintaining the lake's ability to fulfill its recreational, fishing and fire suppression purposes," said City Manager Dennis Wilberg. "Lake Mission Viejo will become the first fully sustainable man-made lake in the state of California." ❁



Go on a high-tech treasure hunt in Mission Viejo

The City is offering residents a fun, free activity – geocaching – designed for individuals, couples and families to discover Mission Viejo’s great outdoors.



Geocaching is a modern-day treasure hunt, using a GPS or smartphone app. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache – container

– hidden at that location. Think high-tech scavenger hunt. Individuals and organizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations on the Internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find them.

In Mission Viejo, many are hidden in parks and on trails. Residents are invited to join the fun in locating the caches, signing the log book, swapping trade items and then placing them back in their hiding places for others to find.

“I’ve lived in Mission Viejo for over 30 years and this treasure-hunting activity has introduced me to places in Mission Viejo I never knew existed while also providing my family and I with endless adventures,” said Mark Nix, Director of Recreation and Community Services.

Since the City joined the geocaching craze this summer, residents (through screen names) have shared their excitement for the game.

“Holy cow (or should I say bear?) what a clever hide,” said Sk8pro. “Thank you Mission Viejo for this fun find and I loved reading about the cyclists from the 84 Olympics!”

To learn more and get started on this free family adventure, visit cityofmissionviejo.org/geocache or call 949-470-3061. 🌳

City offers multitude of classes, programs to help seniors enjoy their golden years

The City of Mission Viejo offers a myriad of fun, health-promoting activities for seniors of all ages and abilities to help them make the most of their golden years.

For example, seniors may be eligible for the Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit or Prime wellness programs, which are subsidy programs most healthcare providers offer. In Mission Viejo, these programs provide seniors with free access to the Montanoso and Sierra Recreation Centers where they can swim, play tennis, lift weights and take advantage of classes like yoga, Jazzercise, aqua aerobics, Zumba, boot camp and others.

Over at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, seniors can opt for an array of classes through the Saddleback College Emeritus program that are meant to keep them active – aerobics, balance and mobility, stretching and chair exercise. There are also specialized exercise classes for people with arthritis as well as Tai Chi courses; chair yoga; brain health; ballroom dance; guided trail walks on the Oso Creek Trail; and a new “Longevity Stick” class. Created in 1981, the “Longevity Stick” regimen incorporates a series of 12 movements designed to improve balance, flexibility, strength, mental focus, breathing capacity and vitality.



In addition to fitness programs, the community center also offers older residents congregate meal programs and nutritious home-delivered meals for housebound seniors.

For more information, call 949-470-3062. 🌳

Anyone can be a VIP in AYSO Region 84

In AYSO Region 84, every player is important and can play soccer, regardless of ability and skill. That’s why AYSO developed its Very Important Player (VIP) program. It was designed to give kids with physical or mental challenges the chance to experience soccer, just like other kids. VIP is open to children 6 and older, who – without the program – would be unable to participate on a typical soccer team.

“VIP brings together a diverse group of individuals with special needs two times per week as a team where they can see other kids, play and enjoy all of the benefits of physical exercise as a ‘micro’ community,” said Coach Maarten Voogd, whose daughter plays in the program. “Many kids with special needs spend their week alone – other kids do not come to play and most of their activity is related to school and family functions. VIP is something special to look forward to which is only for them – something to be part of – and something which is pure fun.”



Kids learn the basics of the game along with teamwork and fair play. They participate in regional activities like opening day festivities, picture day and an end-of-the-season tournament. After games, they enjoy barbecue lunches donated by local businesses and are handed trophies by their coaches. The program also benefits mainstream players who can “buddy” up with players.

“This program gives the ‘buddies’ a chance to get to know our players as individuals and friends,” said program manager Thomas Findlay. “It’s a positive experience for all involved.”

For more information, visit ayso84.org. 🌳

Pick up a Community Resource and Hotline Guide Today

In an effort to benefit the community, the City of Mission Viejo created a new Community Resource and Hotline Guide featuring an array of resources, services and programs for people of all ages and needs.

With information about elder, veteran and military services, family support, emergency preparedness and shelters as well as crisis hotlines, the Community Resource and Hotline Guide provides basic resources and information to help people with personal or family crisis.

This “Connection to Caring” guide is updated quarterly with information about services for domestic abuse and prevention; mental and behavioral health; and substance abuse. Local food pantries and housing services are listed to help people get back on their feet. In addition to resources, the guide also contains information about the City’s Marine & Sailors Adoption Committee and how to get involved and give back.

The Community Resource and Hotline Guide is available at the public counters of City facilities and online at cityofmissionviejo.org.

For more information, call 949-470-8412. 🌳



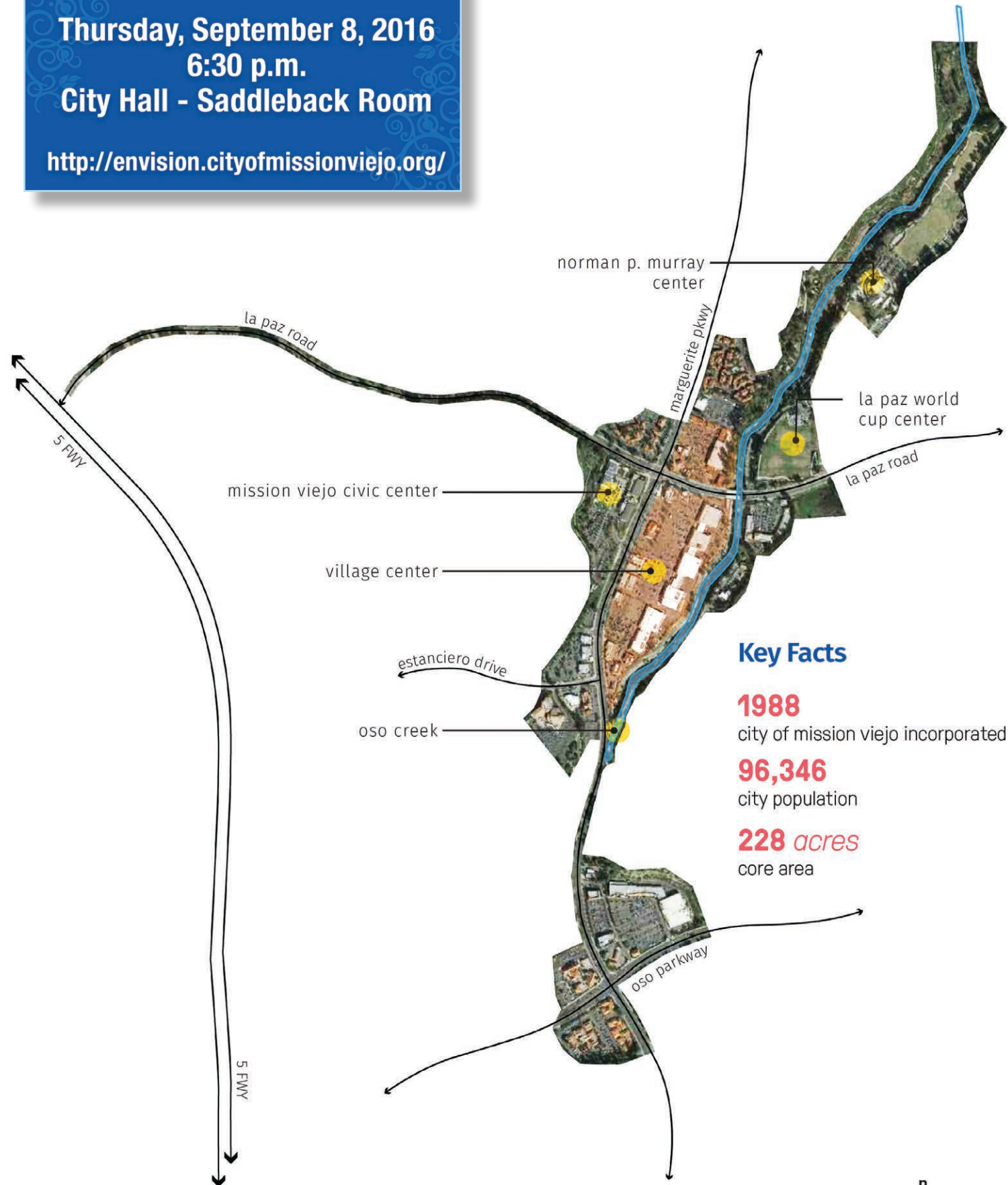
NEXT COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Thursday, September 8, 2016

6:30 p.m.

City Hall - Saddleback Room

<http://envision.cityofmissionviejo.org/>



Make Business Your Mission

BUSINESS

Residents are asked to envision the heart of Mission Viejo

What do you foresee the core of Mission Viejo to be? Whether it contains more high-end restaurants, recreational amenities or revamped shopping centers, the City wants to know. The City of Mission Viejo is undergoing a public outreach and exploration effort to create a Vision Plan to enhance its core area.

The Vision Plan is a process to envision future potential for the City's 228-acre core along Marguerite Parkway between La Paz Road and Oso Parkway and also stretches along Oso Creek to include the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center and the La Paz World Cup Center. The City Council identified economic development as among the City's top priorities and retained consultant firm SWA Group to conduct the Vision Plan process. The core area contains a mix of shopping, office, civic and educational facilities, recreation, churches and the Oso Creek and trail system. It was selected by the Council for the visioning process because of its central location and function as a center for community activity.

folks will have the chance to work on design concepts and plot ideas for enhancing, changing or maintaining this area, taking into consideration how people move from place to place, natural features like the creek and topography and activity centers and development. A third workshop will be held in October/early November.

The Vision Plan is an important first step of a comprehensive strategy to address the potential for revitalization and reuse of older commercial areas in the core.

This includes assessment of the comparative and competitive advantages which the community now offers or could create to support future economic diversification and vitality.

The community's ideas will all be put in for consideration by a market analyst with the SWA project team, who will analyze ideas to determine economic feasibility. Working together with the community is important in answering key questions including which activities and programs are needed and how the vision can celebrate Mission Viejo's rich heritage while keeping pace with changing conditions and trends. The Vision Plan is expected to be finished by winter 2017.

For more information about the process and how to get involved, visit envision.cityofmissionviejo.org. To receive notice about the upcoming workshops and other related meetings, send your email address to the Community Development Department at cd@cityofmissionviejo.org.



The vision process began in May and a public workshop was held in June to garner input from the community on Mission Viejo's unique qualities and needs related to the core area. The next community workshop is September 8, where



COMMUNITY

Marguerite Aquatics Complex to undergo major renovation

After more than four decades, the Marguerite Aquatics Center will undergo an extensive renovation beginning this fall.

Built in 1972, the City of Mission Viejo facility has long been in need of repair and displays signs of deterioration. The center is home to the world-renowned Nadadores swimming and diving organization that has produced countless Olympians including diving great Greg Louganis. The renovation project will include a new dive tower with 12-foot-wide platforms, which will make it the only center on the West Coast capable of hosting synchronized diving competitions.

Boasting an eight-lane 50-meter pool, a 25-meter pool with a 10-meter dive tower and a shallow training pool for children, the complex was one of the leading aquatic facilities in the country when it opened. A few short years later, the Nadadores women team put the facility and Mission Viejo on the map by winning the club's first National Swimming Championship title. Since then, Nadadores swimmers have won a record 47 National Team Championships, 22 Olympic medals (12 gold, seven silver and three bronze), 47 world championship medals and 148 individual national championships. The Nadadores have broken 91 American records, 38 world records and have produced many collegiate All-Americans. The Nadadores diving program, which came on the scene in 1977, has produced eight Olympians with six Olympic gold medals and 48 National Championship titles.

When the Mission Viejo Company designed this master-planned community around sports and recreation in the early '60s, the Marguerite Aquatics Center was the embodiment of the company's vision.

Fast forward more than a century later, and roughly 7,000 swimmers, 500 divers and thousands of fans visit the Marguerite Aquatics Complex each year. The Aquatics Complex is also flanked by the City's Tennis Pavilion and the Mission Viejo Family YMCA. The renovation will not only benefit the Nadadores but the general public as well with more programming planned to cater to residents.

Construction of the renovation project is expected to take about 1 ½ years to complete. 🌿





LEARNING

Free online learning, entertainment resources available at Mission Viejo Library

As part of an ongoing effort to benefit the community by offering a host of diverse educational and entertainment resources, the Mission Viejo Library has launched two new online platforms – Hoopla Digital and Lynda.com – with broad appeal for patrons.

Hoopla Digital is the perfect source for digital movies, TV shows, music, eBooks, audiobooks and comics – all available for free through the library. Since titles are streaming, you don't have to wait for long downloads. Simply hit "play" and you are instantly there. No need to place holds either; every item you see can be instantly checked out. View content on your computer or use an app for iOS or Android devices.



Hoopla offers a wide range of content including hot new bestsellers as well as hard-to-find titles. Library patrons can access up to 10 items per month from Hoopla's selection of hundreds of thousands of titles. Movie and TV content can be

checked out for 3 days, music albums for 7 days and eBooks, audiobooks and comics are available for 21 days from checkout. If you cannot make it to the library, don't fret. All of this amazing content is available online 24/7 so you can browse and check out at your convenience.

Lynda.com is an online learning platform with courses on business, software, technology and creative topics to help you achieve your goals. Whether it's learning about using mobile marketing for your business or how to snap better photos, you'll find a bevy of helpful video courses at Lynda.com.



This innovative program is an ideal resource for workforce development, especially for small businesses. If you want high-quality training for your staff and can't afford expensive classes, Lynda.com is a convenient and free tool designed to meet your goals. It offers certificates of completion for most courses, so that employers can track their staff's progress. Since the courses can be viewed at any time, you can work around your or your employees' busy schedules to fit in training when it's convenient. There's also an app available for learning on the go.

The Mission Viejo Library has a cornucopia of resources for desired learning and entertainment, so grab your library card and visit cmvl.org to get started with Lynda.com or Hoopla today.

Friendly librarians are also available to provide quick tutorials and answer questions.

For more information, call 949-830-7100. ☎



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Mission Viejo's 1st Film Festival



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The people of our community are what make it special. Thanks to your participation, our spring and summer events created memories and enriched our lives, our families and our community.

Make Living Your Mission