"The Week That Was"

CITY’S BUSIEST BUS STOP EXPANDED

The bus stop at the southeast corner of Los Alisos Boulevard and Santa Margarita Parkway is one of the 100 busiest stops in the County, making it eligible for 100% Measure M2 grant-funded improvements through OCTA’s Project W. Public Works successfully procured the grant funds and worked in cooperation with Public Services to add a second bus-staging area. Improvements included a second bus shelter, solar-powered lighting for both shelters, new waste receptacles and refurbished benches. 🍎
On September 28, the City’s Building Services Division issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to allow full operation of the new Amazon fulfillment center located at 25725 Jeronimo Road. The 300,000-square-foot facility was originally built for Unisys in 1969 and was most recently occupied by RV Storage Depot. The Amazon fulfillment center creates more than 300 new jobs in the City of Mission Viejo.

The fulfillment center will enhance Amazon’s last-mile delivery capabilities with faster deliveries to customers in the Orange County area and enable Amazon Logistics to supplement capacity and flexibility to support the growing volume of customer orders. The fulfilment center will receive a Final Certificate of Occupancy pending completion of some remaining site and building details not related to the health and safety of facility operations.

Front (West) Elevation
FOOD DRIVE

The Recreation and Community Services Department partnered with Families Forward last Saturday and collected 3,000 pounds of food. Our partners were grateful and thanked us for connecting the community to help provide much-needed food to folks living in Mission Viejo. Staff counted 80 cars that drove through and dropped off food, and we received a full bin of dry goods staples for the Park It Market (not included with food poundage) making it a successful day! Mission Viejo Community of Character Committee members helped sort and collect food.

The next Food Drive takes place Saturday, October 24 from 9-11 am at the Norman P. Murray Center. 🥗
Aqua Aerobics at Sierra Recreation Center

Aqua aerobics registration for the month of October opened last Saturday and sold out once again! That’s the second straight month we have filled all four classes of Aqua Aerobics at the Sierra Recreation Center. Each class is spread out among three lanes, with lane lines creating a spaced-out grid that provides a safe, socially distant space for each participant. The aqua mermaids and mermen (as they like to be called) are following all program policies and procedures, so they can continue to do what they love. Participants have said they are happy to have their program back and greatly missed getting their aqua fitness groove on. Staff continue to work hard to ensure social distancing and sanitizing standards before and after classes. It has been great to have the music and fun back on the pool deck. 🥰
A TEAM EFFORT

Our Mission Viejo Animal Services volunteer team members returned on Sunday from their deployment to assist with the emergency response for the North Complex Fire in Butte County. Initially our teams were working out in the field checking burnt and evacuated areas for missing and injured animals. Our teams later split up with one team continuing to work in the field and the other working with the sheltering needs of the animals impacted by the fire. We were one of the few teams with a veterinarian, and we were able to set up a field hospital to tend to the animals suffering from burns and dehydration. We are so happy we can help our neighbors to the north and provide our exceptional Mission Viejo animal care to creatures in crisis. It was a wonderful team effort. Staff that remained here rearranged schedules while other staff was away to continue providing excellent service to the public and animals housed at the shelter. 🐶
Golf Course Shut Down for Fall Maintenance

With the scheduled shutdown of the golf course October 5-6, Public Services crews will be busy performing various maintenance tasks and improvements including the following:

- Aeration and topdressing of all putting greens
- Installation of new bunker sand
- Construction of concrete bench pads
- Trenching and conduit installation for security cameras and ethernet
- Trenching and replacement of irrigation wiring in several fairways
- Installation of additional lighting at clubhouse patio
- Installation of a pond aerator at the 10th tee
- Tree maintenance on Golf course slopes
- Staff training
- Relocating shade structure for golf check-in 🏌️‍♂️
COMPLETION OF FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL REPAIR

Public Services crews completed the flood control channel repairs at the Oso Creek Golf Course this week.

Boulders ranging in size from ¼ ton up to 2 tons were strategically placed in the channel and grouted with concrete. With the completion repairs, the flood channel is now ready for the winter storm season.