



MISSION VIEJO

Make Living Your Mission

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Dennis Wilberg, City Manager

“The Week That Was”

FIRST RESPONDERS AND NEW TARGET STORE TEAM UP TO SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER TO DESERVING STUDENTS

Twenty-five happy students from Mission Viejo schools were treated to holiday cheer and goodwill in Mission Viejo Police Services’ “Heroes and Helpers - Shop with a Cop” annual holiday program. Students who’ve overcome and persevered through challenging circumstances while continuing to exhibit good character and a positive attitude were selected by teachers and administrators for the program.



Each child received a \$130 gift card and small gift bag of school supplies purchased at the new Target store located off Crown Valley Parkway on Puerta Real. Students arrived at Target at 8 am this past Tuesday, received their gift card and were paired up to shop with Mission Viejo deputies and OCFA firefighters. The eager shoppers selected gifts for family members or themselves and dropped off the gifts to be wrapped by Santa’s elves (the City Manager’s management team).

Funds for the program were raised through a \$500 grant from Target; \$1,500 donation from the Mission Viejo Police Services Foundation; and \$1,400 raised through donations from City staff. Target store manager Erik Corona also provided a hot cocoa station, cookies and the wrapping supplies – much to the delight of the students. A special thanks to the Property Manager Kane Sawtelle for lending store space for the elves to wrap presents and a place for the cocoa and cookie station. 🏠

MOSAIC APARTMENT HOMES RENOVATION

Mosaic Apartment Homes, formerly Park Ridge Villas located at 27444 Camden, is a 250-unit apartment complex built in 1986 that is undergoing efforts to modernize the property and create a new branding image. Applications have been submitted to allow renovation of the community including conversion of a tennis court to an outdoor resident amenity area with lounging, seating, BBQ facility and activity areas; building upgrades including interior renovations to the common areas, new roofs, stone finishes, color scheme; branding monument signage; vehicular gates; and landscape improvements throughout. 🏠



WINTER RAINS ARE WELCOMED BUT NOT WITHOUT CHALLENGES

Mission Viejo received some much-needed rain this week that kept Public Services staff busy.

With the onset of another significant winter rain storm, the City continued its tradition of offering free sandbags for residents to protect their properties from possible flooding. Sandbags are available to residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through April on a first-come, first-served basis. Bags are pre-filled and are limited to 10 bags per resident. Residents can pick-up sandbags throughout the City at the following self-serve locations:

CityHall, NPM Center, Animal Services, Florence Joyner, Marty Russo (YAP), Gilleran and Craycraft Parks.

Crews were also busy cleaning drains and removing debris from the roadways throughout the City. To date, Mission Viejo experienced no significant damage. 🏠

WHAT SHOULD I READ NEXT?

The Mission Viejo Library this week hosted another great evening with Penguin Random House reps Steve Atinsky and Wade Lucas who offered great tips for new and upcoming reads and books to give for the holidays. Patrons were treated to refreshments and special giveaways of advanced reader copies of upcoming books. Our bookseller Mysterious Galaxy offered gift-wrapping for books purchased on site. It was another wonderful evening for finding great books and getting some holiday shopping done to boot! 🏠



BOOK CHAT WITH FERNANDO DEL ROSARIO

On Wednesday, December 5, we hosted a book chat in the Library Heritage Room with popular artist Fernando Del Rosario whose art has been exhibited at the library many times and is currently on display at the Potocki Center for the Arts. His work is popular with all ages. Fernando's art incorporates collage with the use of comic book pages and inspirational quotations. His book "Real Heroes" is a compilation of the quotations he uses in his art. Fernando shared some of his short stories, talked about his creative journey and the process that led to his book. 🧠

