The Week That Was

Glowfest 22

The City of Mission Viejo hosted its first Glowfest November 19 at the North Paseo. Roughly 800 to 1,000 people took part in the fun that included a colorful glow environment with games and food trucks.

Over at the Oso Creek Golf Course, the City held a second Glowfest of golf. A sold-out crowd enjoyed the all-aglow golf course complete with lighted balls and tees.
Medicare Open Enrollment at the Norman P. Murray Center

The Norman P. Murray Center offered free Medicare open enrollment appointments provided by Heath Insurance Counseling (HICAP) on November 16 and 30. Both open enrollment appointment dates were offered to patrons currently on Medicare and interested in changing plans to best fit their needs. Sixty-one people took advantage of the service and learned how they could collectively save (potentially) $25,753.

Age Well Thanksgiving Party!

Age Well hosted a Thanksgiving party on November 17 at the Norman P. Murray Center. The festive luncheon included a special meal of honey-glazed ham, candy-roasted yams, Hawaiian rolls, orange slices, cookies, and milk. Eighty-seven participants attended the lunch party with live entertainment by Roy Southerland. Age Well is hosting a holiday party with an “Elvis is in the Building” performance by Mark Anthony on Friday, December 2 and a “Happy New Year!” party with counting-down entertainment from Dan Ratzman on Friday, December 30. Both parties are scheduled during regular lunch hours from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The suggested donation for folks 60 and older is $5.50. Cost for people under 60 is $7.50.
2nd Annual Turkey Tennis Tourney

Thirty-two tennis players gathered on November 27 for the 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Tourney at the Marguerite Tennis Pavilion. After two hours of fun and social play on the courts, participants enjoyed lunch that included delicious holiday pies.

Thanksgiving Sponsor a Senior – Senior Grocery

The City of Mission Viejo partnered with Oak House Church to provide 80 Thanksgiving meals to low- and fixed-income senior families in the community. The City continues to support low- and fixed-income seniors weekly with the senior grocery food distribution. With the support of Oak House Church and monetary donations from the community, the City was able to provide a full Thanksgiving meal to folks in need this holiday season. The meal included a frozen turkey, fresh produce, sparkling apple cider, pie, tea, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, broth, corn, cornbread, rolls, and the fixings for a green bean casserole.
Santa’s Arrival

Santa’s arrival ushered in the beginning of the holiday season. The City decked out the Civic Center and North Paseo with colorful lights and decorations with the centerpiece being Santa’s Workshop. Roughly 2,000 people attended the event and were treated to live music, games and food.

Mission Viejo Animal Services staff and volunteers hosted a booth at the event. Children visiting the booth read about some available pets at the center and wrote letters to those awaiting their “furever” homes. Visitors also helped make enrichment crafts to keep center pets busy and entertained throughout the day. Staff collected numerous letters filled with sweet messages and words of encouragement along with many enrichment crafts.
Safety enhancements installed near De Portola Elementary

During a Traffic Committee meeting, residents expressed their concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety in the vicinity of De Portola Elementary. In response to public comments, Public Works staff conducted a safety evaluation along the roadways bordering the school site. Based on field observations and design guidelines, staff recommendations included installing ADA-pedestrian ramps and high-visibility crosswalks, limit lines, and “Stop Sign Ahead” signage. The Traffic Committee unanimously approved the improvements, which were recently installed. These improvements will further increase both motorist and pedestrian safety around De Portola Elementary.