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Property Owners Association

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Fire District News

The Hanover Fire Department celebrated the addition of fire protection coverage for MRPOA community on September 26th with an open house. The open house was a complete success with over 120 visitors from the Rancho Colorado / Midway community. In addition to all the Hanover Fire apparatus on display, we had the Fountain Fire Department visit us with a ladder truck. The Memorial Star helicopter also paid us a visit. All the children, not to mention the adults, were very impressed with the volunteers and equipment available to protect the community.



It did not take long for the first call to 9-1-1 to be called in from our area. It happened on Sunday September 27th. Thankfully, it was a false alarm.

We are moving right along with our mission to create our own fire district. The Service Plan has been filed with the Pueblo County Clerk, the first step required to make the document available to the community. The Board's next step once the Service Plan is sent back, is to request a hearing from the Pueblo County Board of County Commissioners. As you may be aware, Commissioner Chostner is a great advocate for our cause and with his continued support, the district is sure to become a reality.

School News

Prairie Heights Elementary School is having a fund raiser. A variety of cookbooks will be for sale at \$6.00 each. Half of the proceeds will go to the school's Activity Fund. Flyers will be sent home with details. Contact Cynthia at 382-9529 for more details. The sale begins November 3rd and ends November 13th.

The School is collecting non-perishable food items to put in the Rancho Colorado / Midway Thanksgiving baskets. For more details call Aimee at Prairie Heights Elementary School at 382-1260. Aimee will also be the contact for confidential requests for families who would like to request a Thanksgiving basket.



A tribute to Veterans will be celebrated on November 11th at the School. Please come and see the Veteran's Wall of Fame.

Thanksgiving break is scheduled for November 24th to the 27th. Have a happy Thanksgiving.

Community

A big thanks to everyone in our community that participated in trash clean up day. It really makes our community look nicer when the roads are clean. Please everyone do your part by not littering our roads.

The Harvest Festival at Prairie Heights Elementary School was a huge success. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made it possible. There were games & prizes for the children all at no cost. There were lots of people in attendance with smiling faces. Hope to see you next year.

Happy Thanksgiving

Your editors,

Cynthia Aldecocea & Melissa Mathies

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*Autumn leaves float gently down
The air is crisp all over town
Children have returned to school
and the weather turns from warm to cool.*

*The scent of fall is on the wind
And from green to brown the grass has thinned
To warmer places some birds will fly
And our gentle winter will mystify.*

-Melissa Mathies-

School News

Welcome back to school! School is in full swing now at the Hanover campus & Prairie Heights Elementary.

September 9th is the first day of the pre-school program at Hanover Elementary School.

We Welcome the new Prairie Heights Principal Rebecca Dunn.

September 11, no school as there will be Parent / Teacher conferences 10 am to 6 pm.

September 16, will be an early dismissal day. The school day will end at 12:25 pm for Teachers in Service meetings.

October 24th is the October Harvest Costume Carnival held at Prairie Heights Elementary gymnasium from 5:30p-8:00p. There will be no admission charge – free games – minimal charge for food. Come join the fun, play games and meet your neighbors! Costume parade will also be held. For further information, please contact Cathie Wolff at 382-5714 or Cynthia Aldecocea at 382-9529. Volunteers are needed to help with the food, games, and decorating. Thank you.

ABC News Warns Massive Swine Flu Spread

Vaccine may be available next month

By fall half of the American population could be infected with H1N1 Swine Flu. 60-120 million will get sick, 30 million infected with no symptoms, 1-8 million hospitalized & 90,000 possible deaths. More deaths will occur among children. It has been tested in laboratory animals that the Swine Flu is spread more easily through direct contact since animals in adjacent cages did not spread the flu, but animals in cages together infected one another. There is a vaccine under development & it could be released as early as next month. The vaccine will consist of 2 shots separated by 3 weeks; the patient will be protected only after the 2nd shot.

Help prevent the spread of the swine flu by washing your hands & staying away from other people if you feel ill. Children sick with Swine Flu sent to school can spread this flu easily.

This outlook is a worse case scenario from the CDC, ABC News & Yahoo Video.

Helpful Contacts & Phone Numbers:

ICE-Immigration & Customs Enforcement: 1-866-347-2423
<http://www.ice.gov>

Crime Stoppers: 719-544-7867

Pueblo County Sheriff Department.: 719-583-6250

Kenny Burke-Brand Inspector: 719-382-5016

Denver Brand Inspector HQ: 1-800-886-7683

Pueblo Animal Services: Domestic Animal Control-719-544-3005 ONLINE-www.puebloanimalservices.com

Pueblo Regional Building—JD Potter:719-543-0002, online permit searches <http://www.prbd.com>, enter address

Pueblo Cty Planning & Development—Merv Terrill: Illegal land-use-living in campers/shacks, junk vehicles, 719-583-6100

Pueblo County Health Dept.: Dumping/burying trash, etc.-719-583-4300 Environmental Health: Raw sewage, etc. 719-583-4323, online - www.pueblohealthdept.org

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