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### **Make plans for Mission Viejo's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Walk Against Drugs, Community Faire Saturday**

The public is invited on Saturday, Oct. 18 to take part in Mission Viejo's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk Against Drugs – an event designed to discourage drug, alcohol and tobacco use. The walk, which kicks off at 8 a.m. at Mission Viejo High School, ends with a "Community Faire" that promises fun for folks of all ages.

The City's Walk Against Drugs and Community Faire event has long played a leading role in bringing local schools, parents and youth together with law enforcement to fight against drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.

Beginning at 7 a.m., free T-shirts will be distributed to the first 5,000 participants, and schools with the most participants to sign in will receive the City of Mission Viejo's new 20th Anniversary banner. All schools and groups are encouraged to carry banners during the walk.

The walk begins as a rally at Mission Viejo High School, 25025 Chrisanta Drive, with messages from Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens and keynote speaker, Kent Healy, co-author of "Cool Stuff They Should Teach In School."

The Orange County Sheriff's Department's horse-mounted unit and a special Humvee will lead the walk that will take participants from the high school football stadium to the Community Faire at Village on the Green at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center located at 24932 Veterans Way. The faire will feature food, music, inflatables, crafts, game booths and impressive vehicle displays by the Sheriff's department and Orange County Fire Authority. Orange County Supervisor Pat Bates will also be on hand hosting an informative South County Disaster Preparedness Expo.

Capistrano Unified School District will provide shuttle-bus service beginning at 7 a.m. from Newhart Middle School at 25001 Veterans Way to Mission Viejo High School. Buses will transport attendees parked at Newhart to and from the high school until festivities end at 2 p.m.

For more information about street closures and a food drive during the event, visit the City's Web site at [www.cityofmissionviejo.org](http://www.cityofmissionviejo.org). The direct link to the information page is <http://cityofmissionviejo.org/DepartmentPage.aspx?id=3560>

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