



# MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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## Mission Viejo HOA Community Calendar

**HOA Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 14 – 6:30 PM  
at Holy Love Lutheran Church

**Dumpster Day**  
May 20

**Community Garage Sale**  
Jun 2-4

**Volunteer Party**  
July 15

## Selection of HOA Board Positions

The Mission Viejo HOA Board of Directors selected board positions for the 2017 HOA Board members. The new positions are as follows: Alan Engels, President; Elaine Lay, Vice President; Tom Brandhorst, Treasurer; Brenda Tompkins, Secretary; Ini Edet, Andrew Guetzkow, and David Goss, Open Members at Large.



**HOA Board Meeting**  
Mar. 14th, 2017, 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Love Lutheran Church

## Welcome to our Newest Board Member!

Please welcome David Goss to the Mission Viejo HOA Board! Due to a technical error, his name never made it on to the ballot for voting at the Annual Meeting in January. At the February HOA meeting, current members voted to bring David on to the board to serve a one-year term. Upon completion of that year, he will be eligible to run for a 2 year term next voting cycle.

David and his wife have lived in Mission Viejo since 1993. He and his wife are now retired and making the most of their days serving in their community through their church and other clubs and organizations. Dave has a drive to see the HOA help the community of Mission Viejo remain a clean, safe, and desirable neighborhood for all who choose to live here. He is a proud resident of Mission Viejo and is excited for the opportunity to serve on the Board and be more involved in this community!

## HOA Volunteer Thank You Party

Thank you so much for all of you who attended the Volunteer Thank You Party at Dry Dock on February 12! The HOA Board was pleased to see around 40 volunteers and their families come to celebrate a year well spent with service to the neighborhood. Our volunteers are so important to making sure this community is clean and well kept; newsletters are written and delivered; new residents are welcomed; community flower gardens are maintained; work projects are completed; events are staffed and attended; and the HOA Board is attended. This neighborhood runs on the goodness and generosity of its residents who selflessly commit their time and energy toward its success. If you have not yet contributed to our neighborhood with your own talents and time, please consider getting involved in 2017! We would love to have you join the ranks of our VIP Volunteers! Contact any HOA Board Member if you are interested in getting plugged in.

## Note from the Editor

In February I walked in to the HOA Board Meeting expecting to be one of the only non-board attendees, as I tend to be. Much to my surprise, there were at least 12 other community members there – more attendees at this past monthly HOA Board Meeting than there have been in many years! I don't know if it's the pulse that seems to be running through our nation right now to encourage more civic engagement as a whole or if it was simply a random happening, but I will say this: it was completely refreshing and encouraging to see! After the meeting, as I was talking to Ini, member at large, he said it was very exciting to see people speaking up for their neighborhood and asking questions of the HOA Board. Without the community's input, the Board has to make plans and decisions on their own. Though they try to imagine what Mission Viejo residents need and want, they don't always know! Having fellow community members there not only inspires and encourages the board, but it also holds them accountable to making decisions on events and expenditures in a way that betters the community as a whole. I loved hearing people speak up and ask some real questions of the president and the rest of the board. I hope you'll consider attending meetings as you can throughout the year. Sometimes the greatest changes begin at home and in the very communities where we live and work. "No man is an island," it is said. And no person can operate to one's full potential without the

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## Editor's Note...., continued from front page

support and involvement from and within the community! Mark your calendar for the March HOA meeting on the 14th at 6:30 PM at Holy Love Lutheran Church. Come learn more about your HOA, voice your opinions or concerns, and support the men and women who are volunteering their time and talent to serving on the board. They are here to listen and to “work” for us and our neighborhood. Let’s not take it for granted!



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The *Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc.* is a state non-profit organization. The purpose of the Mission Viejo HOA is to unite the unit owners of the Mission Viejo subdivisions in Aurora, Colorado; to encourage civic improvements within said area, to encourage community activities including, but not by way of limitation, the beautification, maintenance, and general appearance of vacant and improved lots, streets, parkways, entrances, open and recreational areas situated within the area and used in common by its residents; enhance the safety of Mission Viejo; facilitate enforcement of any and all building restrictions, protective covenants, and to otherwise act in the interests of the members of the Association.

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 The deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email news articles to Mary at:  
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All letters or articles need to include your name and day-time phone number. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.

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**Mission Viejo HOA Budget Dec. 31, 2015**

Beginning Balance 1/1/16	\$8,553.16		
	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income - Dues	\$ 500.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 380.00
YTD Income - Non Budgeted	\$ 0.00	\$ 491.50	(\$ 491.50)
YTD Income - Trash Program	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 13,891.00	(\$ 1,391.00)
YTD Budget Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 1,490.00
YTD Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 306.63	(\$ 306.63)
<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$ 19,239.03</b>	

## Neighborhood Beautification Grant

The HOA is in the process of applying for a neighborhood beautification grant from the City of Aurora. If awarded, this would be the second such grant Mission Viejo will have received. Mission Viejo plans to use the funds to continue the work that was started in the summer of 2015 of cleaning up rocks, dead and dying trees and shrubs, adding new ground cover, and making some of our more widely-visible public spaces cleaner, safer, and more lovely. The work will be completed by volunteers in the neighborhood (Yes, I'm looking at YOU!) during two Saturdays in June, the 10th and the 24th with a volunteer thank you celebration to be held at the Mission Viejo Park on July 15. Stay tuned for more details like how you can get involved. I'll keep you posted as they come!

## Mission Viejo NextDoor

Are you interested in hearing about current conversations happening among your neighbors about the community? A wonderful resource that might interest you is a neighborhood social networking site called NextDoor. Their aim is to bring back a sense of community within area neighborhoods. To sign up, go to <https://missionviejoco.nextdoor.com/login/> and create your free membership today!

## Technology Changing Our TV Habits

The days of the whole family sitting around the TV watching the same show are over. We're still watching programming, but the options have boomed. According to The New York Times, the average American adult watches five hours and four minutes of TV per day, most of it live programming—about four and a half hours, with another 30 minutes coming from DVRs. That sounds like a lot, but it's actually down by 19 minutes from two years ago.

Most live programming is watched by people over 50. People 24 and under view about two fewer hours of live TV and DVR programming per week than they did in 2015. Millennials (25- to 34-year-olds) watch an hour less per week than that, down from 27.5 hours to 26.5. Viewers between 35 and 49 now mostly watch about 22 minutes less live programming per week.

Approximately 50 percent of U.S. households have subscriptions to online streaming services like Netflix or Hulu. With tablets increasingly common—58 percent of U.S. homes have at least one—time spent consuming media on them has risen 63 percent from 2015.



## Music In Our Schools Month

An annual celebration of music educators, students, and communities nationwide, all promoting the benefits of high-quality music education programs in schools. Music In Our Schools Month began as a single statewide event in New York in 1973 and grew to become a month long celebration of school music in 1985.

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## Fresh or Frozen? The Choice is Yours

Mom may tell you over and over again to eat fruits and vegetables that are fresh, but nutrition experts say that frozen produce isn't necessarily inferior. According to *The New York Times*, most nutrients are surprisingly hardy: Iron, for example, stands up to freezing quite well, and fiber does its job whether it's frozen or fresh.



Scientists at the University of California-Davis analyzed the vitamin content in several different varieties of fresh and frozen produce, including blueberries, broccoli, carrots, spinach, and strawberries. They found no significant differences between fresh and frozen items, and even discovered that frozen broccoli contains more riboflavin—a B vitamin—than the fresh selection. Similarly, frozen blueberries have more vitamin C than fresh.

Experts recommend looking for produce frozen using the IQF process—individually quick frozen—for the highest quality.

If we are creating ourselves all the time, then it is never too late to begin creating the bodies we want instead of the ones we mistakenly assume we are stuck with.

—Deepak Chopra



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- Stop
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- Announce yourself. Tell the animal loudly and firmly to “Leave me alone!” or “Get out of here!”
- Repeat or Reinforce. The coyote might stop after a distance and look back at you. DO NOT STOP the hazing activity until the coyote completely leaves the area. If the coyote does not react initially, you may need to reinforce your hazing with more noise, stomping, lunging or exaggeration.
- Teach a neighbor or friend how to haze. Hazing works best when the whole community participates.

Expect results to improve as you continue to haze:

If it is the first time a coyote has ever been hazed, it may be slow to respond. Expect to use more exaggerated, aggressive and consistent hazing the first couple of times you try it. Individual response will be faster as the coyote experiences multiple hazings from multiple people.

Need help? Request a hazing clinic for your community by calling 303-326-8435 or emailing [nature@auroragov.org](mailto:nature@auroragov.org).

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## Wildlife Trouble?

The city of Aurora does not remove or relocate wildlife from private property. For human and animal health and welfare reasons, the state restricts the relocation of most wildlife species.

If you are experiencing conflict with wildlife on your property and you wish to have it removed, please contact a private pest management specialist. You can find a list of providers in your phone book or by searching online. If you are experiencing conflict with wildlife on your property and seek advice on how to deter animals from your property, please call our Wildlife Hotline at 303.326.8435.

For other non-emergency wildlife related questions or concerns, please contact:

- Aurora Park Rangers, 303.326.8430 (Seven days a week, regular business hours)
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- In describing poet Emily Dickinson for an 1892 review in the *Atlantic Monthly*, Thomas Bailey Aldrich stated that “an eccentric, half-educated recluse in an out-of-the-way New England village—or anywhere else—cannot with impunity set at defiance the laws of gravitation and grammar.”
- *The New Yorker*'s Clifton Fadiman didn't mince words in his 1936 review of William Faulkner's novel *Absalom, Absalom!* Fadiman declared it “the final blowup of what was once a remarkable, if minor, talent.”
- In the mid-1960s H. L. Mencken came down hard on novelist Henry James, calling him “an idiot, and a Boston idiot, to boot, than which there is nothing lower in the world.”
- And in 1859, the *Saturday Review* made this bold prediction of Charles Dickens, author of *Great Expectations*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Oliver Twist*, and other great books: “We do not believe in the permanence of his reputation.”

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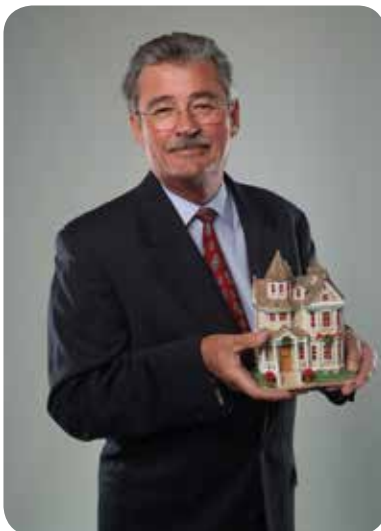
—*Eliza Gaynor Minden*

## Be ready for These Uncomfortable Situations at Work

You'll face some awkward moments in your career, but your success depends on your ability to overcome your weaknesses. Be prepared for uncomfortable moments like these:

- **Accepting a compliment.** Criticism is hard to take, but for some people, accepting a compliment can be almost as nerve-wracking. Don't shrug compliments off or explain your actions at great length. Listen, thank the person sincerely, and then move on.
- **Misunderstanding data.** Even if your job doesn't involve analyzing numbers, learn some basics, like how to read a spreadsheet, understand a budget, recognize trends, and play with data to see what happens when you change a variable.
- **Admitting your mistakes.** We all make mistakes. Trying to hide them, or blaming them on forces beyond your control, makes you look unreliable and unprofessional. Own up to your errors honestly and then do your best to fix them.
- **Receiving criticism.** Everyone likes praise, but we usually learn more from criticism. Learn to listen with an open mind and without becoming defensive. If the criticism is accurate, do your best to change. If you think it's wrong, remain calm as you explain your point of view—and remember that you can't win every battle. Sometimes you'll have to take the criticism and keep going.

## The November Homeowner's Report



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Starting a family is a big decision. To prepare for this life-changing step, consider these helpful tips:

- Know your rights. Check your employer's policies, as well as state and local laws, so you know what you're entitled to in terms of parental leave and other benefits.
- Calculate costs. The cost of child care for the first few years can be substantial, so figure out what you can afford and what your best options are. In some cases, one parent staying at home may be more economical, even with the loss in income. Remember that expenses will go down once children start school.
- Find the right balance. Don't choose between your family and your career. Talk to your spouse and your employer about finding a schedule that suits both your family responsibilities and your duties on the job.
- Remain flexible. Remember that at times, one role will outweigh the other. Be ready to devote extra time to your family when necessary, and more hours to your work as required.
- Keep an eye on your career goals. You may have to delay career plans, but don't lose sight of them. In the long run, your family will be better off if you continue to advance professionally.
- Don't obsess about mistakes. You'll never do it absolutely "right," but you probably won't do everything wrong either. Find the approach that works best for you, deal with setbacks as they happen, and remember that most families flourish as long as everyone shares the same priorities.

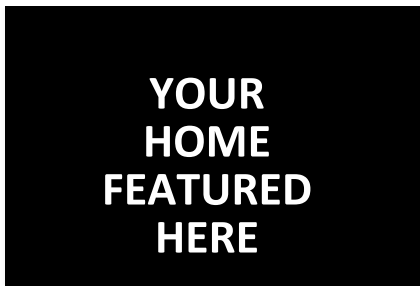


## Reduce Anxiety In Your Children

Many people think of childhood as an innocent time free of worries, but today's kids face all kinds of stress that parents may not be aware of. To reduce their anxiety levels, follow this advice:

- **Limit screen time.** TV and the internet can send lots of disturbing messages to your kids every day. Monitor what they're watching, and enforce a reasonable limit so they're not overwhelmed by negative news.
- **Keep kids busy.** Children won't have time to worry when their minds and bodies are active. Play games, do exercises, take them to the park or a museum—just keep them occupied as much as possible throughout the day.
- **Make sure they get enough sleep.** Fatigue exacerbates anxiety, so get children to bed on time and help them get the sleep they need. Start the process early enough that they're relaxed and ready for sleep at bedtime.
- **Eat a healthy diet.** Soda and snacks filled with sugar and caffeine can get children (and adults, for that matter) hyped up, making calm thought and relaxation more difficult. Stick to fruits, vegetables, low-fat foods, and drinks that aren't loaded with sugar or stimulants.

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