



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

Community Calendar

Dumpster Days: October 5

Holiday Hayride: December 14

2020 Annual Meeting:
January 13, 2020

Craft Beer Tour

Did you notice that the Aurora Library has organized another tour of Aurora Craft Breweries? Two of the local breweries participating are right in our neighborhood! Dry Dock and Pilothouse Brewing are easy walking distance from anywhere in Mission. 'Tis the season to enjoy some local brews on the patio and support our neighborhood businesses! Check out AuroraLibrary.org for more information.

Fireworks!

Just a reminder, all fireworks are illegal in Aurora. Please keep in mind to be courteous of our neighbors and the trauma experienced by our pets and neighbors who may be dealing with PTSD. Enjoy the legal, sanctioned displays in the city when available. The fireworks ordinance may be viewed at AuroraGov.org/Fire.



July Mission Viejo HOA Meeting Cancelled

Next HOA Meeting: August 5, 2019
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Mission Viejo Library

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June Board Meeting Notes

At the June meeting mayoral candidate Ryan Frazier shared with Board members and a dozen residents his vision for Aurora if elected Mayor. He spoke about his experience and of the issues he sees facing the city. Questions and answers continued for 45 minutes.

Following Ryan Frazier's presentation several residents stayed to offer suggestions and ideas. Nicole Wallace volunteered to help on the Garden Committee and others tentatively offered to help in future activities. Additionally, Twila Filipiak is going to look in to creating a Facebook page for Mission Viejo. If anyone has any suggestions for her, please send your thoughts to President@missionviejohoa.com.

In May the Welcome Committee introduced 12 new families to Mission Viejo. Each new family received information about the City of Aurora, the Mission Viejo neighborhood, the Aurora Public Library, the Pro Disposal trash program, cookies and other small gifts.

The Board has no additional information on the merger between Pro Disposal and Waste Connections. We are still planning to meet with representatives of the new company as soon as we can set up an appointment.

As of the time of the Board meeting, we had not heard anything about our application for a beautification grant. However, we are still planning to clean up the area on the east side of Chambers Way and Quincy Avenue on Saturday, June 15th. Anyone who is willing to help clean out trash, weeds and shrubs are welcome to join the volunteers who have agreed to help.

Our annual community garage sale weekend was held June 14-16. Signs will be placed throughout the community and two large banners were placed, one on Quincy Avenue and the other on Kalispell to promote the event. The garage sale information was also posted on Next Door.

Due to travel plans, a number of Board members will be out of town on July 1st. therefore, there will be no Board meeting in July, but the next meeting will be held on Monday, August 5th. All are welcome to attend.

Rats in Mission Viejo

We recently have had a report of at least two rat infestations in Mission Viejo. One was in a collection of foliage on Kent Drive and the second was in a yard near Hamden Avenue and Buckley Road. The rats were nesting in the foliage and after clearing out the nest three rats were spotted. Over the course of a week more than 20 rats were killed using snap traps (not mouse traps). The homeowner has asked us to post this information. If one searches the internet there are a number of suggestions on how to rid your property of rats, up to and including hiring a pest removal company to assist. Health officials say that rats are more a nuisance than a health risk. They don't pose as much a risk as do skunks and bats which can carry rabies. However, rats live in places where there is food, shelter and water.

The City of Aurora's Animal Control informs us that the city does not have jurisdiction over pests like mice and rats. It's totally up to the property owner. Poison is legal but it needs to be a poison that is specific for the type of pest targeted. The use of 'other' poisons like meat laced with anti-freeze or cyanide is not legal.

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Specifically, pellets intended for rat control is allowed. Great care when using poison is necessary in order to not harm other animals or people. Kill traps are preferred.

We also need to make sure that trash and food waste is properly disposed. Residents can file Code Violations through Access Aurora for businesses or properties that do not properly clean up and secure their trash hoppers. Clearing out nests may take a coordinated effort between neighbors to ensure they don't move from one property to another one nearby. The city believes the rats are migrating up from Cherry Creek State Park and they have gotten a lot further from the park than normal.

This is the first time in more than 30 years that these homeowners have seen any rats in Mission Viejo. However, we must all be vigilant. Be sure to clean out piles of branches, debris, trash or overgrowth to reduce the shelters that these critters may use. A neat, clean neighborhood does not encourage pests, including unwanted rodents or rats.

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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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News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email news articles to Mary at:

reporter@missionviejohoa.org

All letters or articles need to include your name and daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.

Advertising

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

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Newsletter Carriers Have Saved \$40,000

In 2009, the cost for delivery of the newsletter was \$300 a month for the HOA. At the annual meeting in 2009 20 people signed up to deliver the newsletter. The people who have helped deliver the newsletter since then have changed many times. However there are a few people who have continually delivered the newsletter since 2009. These people are: Lois and Jerry Kiefer, Clarence Fuhrer, Chris Hammeren, Dala Giffin, Christina Valdez-Lount and the Charlie and Dorcas Hunsucker family. A big thank you goes out to these people who have delivered newsletters about 130 times through snow and wind and sunshine.

Recently Kathy Bitzer took over the delivery of the newsletter to the carriers from the Hunsuckers, who had held this position for a number of years. The number of carriers is 24 at this time. Besides delivering the newsletters to all the carriers, Kathy also delivers 139 newsletters door to door. It's a big job and we thank Kathy for taking it over from the Hunsuckers.

The other people that we need to thank for delivering the newsletter month after month are: Pat Kraft, Dee Dee Carlstrom, Jacque Wolff, Taylor Bladlow, Dawn Magers, Courtney Dauer, Denise Hua, Brittany Taylor, Lenka Dostlova, Cindy Maddox, Eilene Fenick, Elaine Lay, Brenda Tompkins, Spices Simpson, Todd Mowbry, Samuel Lopez and Cindy Banks!!!!!!

And we can't forget to thank the HOA board for writing the articles that you read in your newsletter and the person who puts it all together and sends it to Colorado Lasertype, who prints it. Thanks, Mary Edet, for your wonderful job that you do each month for our neighborhood!!

Be sure to read your newsletter from cover to cover. All the people involved with the newsletter do their best to keep you informed about all the happenings in the neighborhood!

Aurora Interfaith Community Services

Do you know someone who needs food because their rent is too high or they have had a financial crisis? Do you know a student or adult who would like to volunteer or receive community service hours? Read on for information of how you can refer your family or neighbor to a nonprofit.

Aurora Interfaith Community Services (AICS) provides more than a week's worth of food, clothing for the whole family, utility assistance to prevent shut offs, and other emergency aid to residents of Aurora and the homeless. AICS's building at 1553 Clinton Street was recently renovated with HUD funding through the City of Aurora and Arapahoe County. AICS is the largest emergency agency in Aurora staffed by six persons and 30 volunteers, supported by 30 churches and local businesses. It is a pleasant place for families to volunteer and has expanded hours on the last Friday and Saturday of each month. Call 303 360-9938 to schedule a tour or volunteer time. Call 303 360-0260 to schedule an appointment for services.



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The covenants for Mission Viejo were established by the developer when the neighborhood was initially built. They were intended to create mutual restrictions for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value and high standards of maintenance that exist in the community. Some people think that since we do not have a mandatory HOA, we do not have covenants. That is not the case. The major provisions of the Protective Covenants are as follows:

- Landscaping shall at all times be maintained in good condition and repair. No weeds, rubbish, debris, objects or materials of any kind shall be permitted to accumulate on any portion of the property.
- No boat, truck, trailer, camper or inoperable vehicle shall be stored on any portion of any lot so as to be visible from adjacent streets. No automobile which is not in operating condition shall be left anywhere except in the garage. Boats and trailers or campers may be kept on a lot provided they are in a semi enclosed area and concealed from the street. The outdoor repair of automobiles is prohibited upon any portion of the property as well as any other activities which may become an annoyance to the neighborhood.

- The provisions of the covenants may be enforced by any owner of a lot within the neighborhood. This is called enforcement through equitable servitude which are specified for each of the filings within Mission Viejo. Covenants are private limitations on land use. These covenants are also stated to run-with-the-land and are perpetual.
- The Mission Viejo HOA has made copies of all of the covenants for all the neighborhood filings on their website. Click on the plat map on the website for your filing to retrieve a printable format of your covenants. The website address is www.missionviejohoa.org
- You can easily report code violations or other issues, and get information about the city in a few simple steps by using Access Aurora. The phone number is 303-739-7000 and email address is access@auroragov.org

Aurora: What's Your Story?

Hometown Pride

Spend the afternoon walking down memory lane with friends and family as you check out the Aurora History Museum's exhibit "Hometown Pride: Student Athletic and Extracurricular History in Aurora." Reminisce about high school adventures and enjoy activities for the whole family.

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Mission Viejo Discount Cards

If you have not yet picked up your 2019 discount card, please contact us by email (President@missionviejohoa.org) or come to an HOA Board meeting to pick one up. You don't have to stay for the whole meeting. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Mission Viejo Library.

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Some of the special activities in July for teens are:

- July 11- **Teen Book Club** at 4:30 p.m. discussing The Crossroads ,
 - July 25-**Teen Comic Book club** at 4:30 p.m. discussing Avengers, the Final Host,
 - July 10 & 24 **Anime Club**,
 - July 17-**Tabletop Gaming Club** at 4:30 p.m.,
 - July 3- **Dungeons and Dragons** at 4:30 p.m..
- Special activities for tweens (4th thru 8th) are
- July 16-**Code Club** at 5 pm, and
 - July 5-**Papercraft**.

Special Adult activities:

- July 6- 3 p.m. - **Amateur Art Class**(must register),
- July 10- 5 p.m. - **Art Appreciation**(must register),
- July 27-10 a.m. - **Genealogy round table**. TUESDAYS AT 5 AND 6 p.m. - **Computer** (One on One) help-Call 303-326-8600 to reserve a time.

Preschool story times stay the same!

Special summer Learning Program Craft

Fridays at 2 p.m.

- July 12 - Space Jewelry
- July 19 - Paper Spaceship Obstacle Course
- July 26 - Galaxy Slime

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- July 3 - 2 p.m. - 4th of July pinwheels (all ages)
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