



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

Community Calendar:

April 6: Teleconference HOA Meeting. Please check www.missionviejohoa.org for more details.

Aurora's Cultural Heritage Program

At the March HOA Board meeting we had a presentation by the City of Aurora's Historic Preservation Commission. Because of Mission Viejo's unique example of a planned community within Aurora, we have been encouraged to submit an application to be designated a "Cultural Heritage Site." Presently, there is only one other cultural heritage site within the city, that being the Victory Grange on Tower Road. Being designated a cultural heritage site in no way places limits on our residents and their property. This is NOT an historic landmark status but rather simply a recognition by the City that Mission Viejo is special. When Mission Viejo was first planned and construction began in 1972, a conscience effort was made in the design of streets, parkways, open space, incorporation of a school, library and recreation center and special treatment of entrances and perimeter walls. There are few other areas in the city with these special characteristics as well defined as in Mission Viejo. The requirements to be considered as a cultural heritage site include: reflects a broad cultural, political, economic or social history; has significance to local history; embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type; representative of the work of a master builder or architect; and/or has the possibility to yield important archaeological

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Mission Viejo HOA Meeting

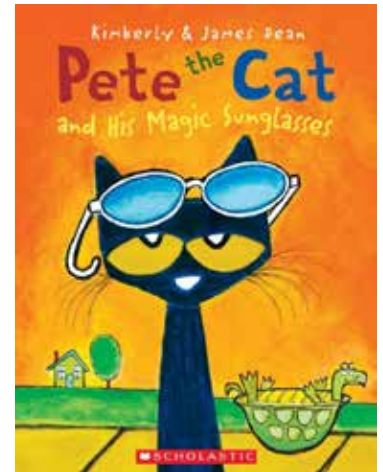
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A Note from the Editor

My kids and I have a favorite book we like to read called *Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses* by Kimberly and James Dean. It's a story about Pete, a cool cat, who is having an off day until Grumpy Toad comes along wearing some magic sunglasses. Grumpy Toad lets Pete try them on, and his whole perspective changes! He starts singing, "The birds are singing! The sky is bright! The sun is shining! I'm feeling alright!" Pete goes around to his other friends and shares the sunglasses with his friends, shifting their perspectives, too! When a skateboard accident causes the sunglasses to break, Pete and his friends all discover that it's not actually the sunglasses that hold the magic, rather their mindsets are controlled by their own attitudes. Their good moods were inside of them all along! In light of these unprecedented times in which we are living, socially distancing ourselves and even quarantining in some cases, things can begin to look bleak. Being cooped up in the same house for more hours in the day than we're used to or being completely isolated from those people and places we love has an effect on our mood, and it's not always a good effect! I'm finding that taking the day moment by moment and limiting my news-media intake has greatly helped in my own outlook of the situation. Getting outside for a walk around Mission Viejo Park or just sitting in the sunshine in my backyard for a few minutes helps keep the stir-crazy feelings at bay. Mostly, I am trying to guide my



Happy Easter!



Pete the Cat's song: *The birds are singing! The sky is bright! The sun is shining! I'm feeling alright!* Our mindset determines a lot. We are all in this together, and we will all get through this together, too!

family in understanding that though things don't look or feel completely normal right now, we are all safe and doing our part to keep our community healthy and safe, too! Feeling all the feels (fear, disappointment, loneliness, boredom, sadness, worry, etc.) as they come and knowing they will pass is a healthy practice, too.

As you and your loved ones navigate these next weeks to months of change and uncertainty and maybe even illness, embrace

HOA Board Highlights March 2020

At the March Board meeting, we had three resident guests and a presentation by the Aurora Historic Preservation Commission. The commission representatives suggested that the Board consider nominating the Mission Viejo neighborhood for designation as a cultural heritage site. Information about this suggestion is found in a separate article in this newsletter.

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Board Highlights,

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Treasurer Jonathan Taylor reported that both the third quarter and fourth quarter rebate checks for 2019 from Waste Connections (formerly Pro Disposal) have been received and the approximate bank balance is \$17,000.

The first electronic recycling event will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at Holy Love Lutheran Church's east parking lot. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end by 11:00 a.m. or sooner if the truck is filled. There is also a separate article about this event in this issue.

We have received several updates for teen services which are published in this issue.

Aurora will again be awarding beautification grants this year. The Board is exploring at least three possible projects: 1) the beginning of a fitness trail in Mission Viejo Park; 2) painting electrical utility boxes pending guidance from Xcel Energy and, 3) possibly placing rock along Hampden Avenue as has been done along Chambers Road. If anyone has other ideas, please contact a Board member and give them your suggestions. You can also email your ideas to President@missionviejohoa.org.

The delivery of newsletters continues to be a challenge. We have had several regular carriers drop out due to upcoming surgery or conflicts with time. We are still trying to create a list of back-up deliverers. If you are willing to help deliver newsletters in a pinch, please contact President@missionviejohoa.org or Kathy Bitzer at Kathybiz@aol.com. If we can't find additional carriers, we may have to discontinue door-to-door deliveries!

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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. **Appearance of an advertisement in this publication does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by the Association of the goods or services offered. The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the individual authors and not the Board of your Association. Neither the Board, publisher, nor the authors intend to** de any professional service or opinion through this publication.

News Articles

deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month before the month's issue. Please email news articles to Mary at reporter@missionviejohoa.org. All letters or articles need to include your name daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the editor publication, or as space permits.

Advertising

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

To place an ad, call **Colorado Lasertype, 303-979-7499**.
mail: getinfo@coloradolaser.com. To find ad rates and discounts, go to www.ColoradoLaser.com and click on the "Advertising Rates" link.

Earth Day, April 22

Keep the car in the garage and ride your bike today. Visit your local farmer's market, plant a native tree, limit your reliance on single-use plastics, recycle, repurpose, and do something to honor and protect our planet.

Cultural Heritage Program,

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information. While Mission Viejo does not include all these attributes, certainly many apply, making us worthy of consideration. The Board plans to make a submittal to the historic preservation commission in the next few weeks for this designation and would encourage anyone with questions or feedback to contact a member of the Board.

Discount Program

This year the HOA Board is going to make a concerted effort to increase the number of merchants participating in our Discount Program. The following is a list of those participating as of February 2020:

- 4S Fence Repair (303-668-1323)
- Action Computers (2890 S. Colorado Blvd)
- Cold Stone Creamery (Buckley & Quincy)
- D & D Tires (Hampden & Chambers)
- Deby's Gluten Free Bakery (2369 S. Trenton Way)
- Jump O Line Family Fun Center (Hampden & Chambers)
- Trails Recreation Center (Orchard & Buckley)

Please check our website <http://www.missionviejohoa.org/discounts.html> for more information about each discount. If you are interested or know of a merchant who might like to be asked to join the program, please contact any of the Board members or send an email to President@missionviejohoa.org. We'll take it from there!

Recycling Review # 2

On this list there are 4 items that cannot be recycled. Do you know what they are? Test your Knowledge. Answers below...

- catalogs
- paper juice cartons
- mirrors
- drinking glasses
- loose metal jar lids
- empty aerosol cans
- tissues
- clean aluminum foil pans
- paperback books
- frozen food containers
- open greeting cards

Articles that cannot be recycled:

- mirrors
- drinking glasses
- tissues
- frozen food containers

National Card and Letter Writing Month

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E-Recycle Event

HOA members will be given an opportunity to recycle their no-longer-wanted electronics at our first electronic recycling event. It will be held at the Holy Love Lutheran Church east parking lot on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. or until the truck is full. The following items can be accepted: Desktops and laptops, LCD monitors, CRT monitors, LED monitors, TVs, computer peripherals and accessories, keyboards, copiers, printers, digital cameras, cell phones and game consoles. Some items such as cathode ray tube (CRT) monitors (\$20) and TVs (\$40) are subject to the fees noted in parentheses. Console and projection TVs are \$60 each.

Membership will be confirmed by volunteers at the event (evidence of paid dues, participation in the trash program or current designated volunteers). If you are not a member of the HOA, one can join that day for an annual payment of \$30.

Global Astronomy Month

With a motto of "One People, One Sky," the group Astronomers Without Borders encourages people everywhere to behold the night sky and the wonders of the universe. Look for Venus near the Pleiades star cluster, this year's largest supermoon, and maybe a meteor shower.

How To Stay Busy at Home During The Coronavirus Outbreak & Also Support Small Businesses

The coronavirus outbreak has created a lot of problems. One major negative effect of the pandemic is that small businesses are suffering. As more people are staying in, these establishments are losing customers and money, which is a big deal for small stores. Another (admittedly less pressing) issue that has arisen as a result of COVID-19 is that many of us suddenly have a lot more free time on our hands, and we don't know what to do with it. It turns out, there are several ways to tackle both these problems at once.

If you're stuck inside going stir crazy, there are several activities you can do to pass the time and keep yourself grounded, and many of those activities can be done with the help of local businesses. Below, you'll find our suggestions for how to stay busy during the coronavirus outbreak while also supporting small businesses in your area.

Take A Virtual Class

- While gathering in a classroom might not be advisable right now, thanks to the power of the internet, classes of all kinds are still available. Learning something new and thinking critically are great ways to stave off cabin fever. Since many small language schools in the U.S. and abroad have been forced to shut down in-person sessions, look into how you can support them by signing up for virtual language classes.

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- If it's your body that needs exercising right now and not just your mind, check to see if local fitness studios are streaming sessions with instructors. It's tempting to sit in one spot all day when you have nowhere to be, but exercise is known to help with anxiety, and right now, many of us could use all the help we can get in that department.

Start A Craft Project

- In the past, have you bristled at the "what are your hobbies" question simply because you don't have time to do anything just for its own sake? Well, now you might actually have the bandwidth to pick up a hobby, and

why not look to the arts and crafts arena? Find a small arts and crafts supply store in your area and purchase everything you'll need to create a masterpiece: think yarn and needles for knitting, needlepoint kits, or paints and canvases. If you're nervous about starting a new creative project, use the store as a resource — one of the best things about small businesses is that those who work at them are almost always extremely passionate about their area of expertise. They'll likely have advice on where you should start.

Do Puzzles & Play Games

- Another great way to put your brain to work is by doing a puzzle. Whether it's a traditional jigsaw or a book of Sudoku, puzzles are extremely stimulating, and they can be purchased at local game shops.
- If you're looking to compete against someone other than yourself, get some board or card games from that small business. Ask the shopkeepers for their suggestions for the most invigorating and entertaining games that can include all your roommates.

Bake Or Cook Something Special

- Instead of going straight to AmazonFresh for grocery deliveries, take the extra time — we know you have it or else you wouldn't be reading this article — to see if independent grocers or farmer's markets in your area are offering delivery. If so, order ingredients to cook something that's outside of your regular quick-dinner rotation.
- Small specialty food stores might also carry baking kits that can help you whip up a treat you'd usually only ever buy at a fancy bakery. Instead of binging Great British Bake Off for the umpteenth time, get off the couch and make something spectacular yourself.

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic. Go to the CDC website for the latest information on symptoms, prevention, and other resources.

Unlawful Robocalls Are Going Away

Good news! As of this year, phone companies now have the authority to legally stop fraudulent robocalls from being forwarded on to customers. This follows the creation of SHAKEN/STIR – multi-verification technology recently developed by the phone industry that can now accurately distinguish misleading robocall phone numbers from legitimate numbers associated with school closure notifications, medical appointment reminders, etc. This level of verification was necessary to assure the industry that vitally important calls which might otherwise be mistaken as scams would still go through to customers.

To further aid in the reduction of illegal calls, the federal TRACED Act was signed into law late last year to expand the detection of such perpetrators operating within the U.S. and from around the globe. Since the initiation of auto dialers, i.e., devices that send out thousands of calls simultaneously, illegal robocalls have been difficult to control, especially those originating overseas, and which comprise the bulk of scam calls coming in to the U.S. Penalties upwards of \$10,000 can now be imposed on those who are caught. Another big take-away as a result of these efforts will likely be a reduction in spoofing, i.e., fake numbers that show up on caller ID's for the purpose of tricking consumers into picking up their phones.

Other Important Points:

- SHAKEN/STIR technology only interacts with digital communication devices, e.g., cell and internet-connected phones (VOIP). Unfortunately, older analog landline phones, considered outdated by today's standards, cannot interface with wireless or digital phone systems. However, land-line users who also have cell phones should explore cell phone apps that can connect with and block unwanted calls left on their landlines at a distance. For more information, go: <https://andrasuhaka.cmail19.com/t/d-l-myukiit-jkoddudb-td/>, or contact your phone company.
- By law, phone companies cannot charge a fee to customers for this call-blocking service.
- Consumers are still encouraged to add their cell and landline numbers to the Federal & Colorado Do Not Call registries. Unlike typical scam calls that are deliberately placed to fool consumers into forking over money, legitimate businesses are still allowed to solicit consumers over the phone if the business has had dealings with that consumer within the past 18 months, and/or the consumer has given his/her expressed permission allowing such calls. Pollsters, political organizations and non-profit agencies are also allowed to call. Legitimate agencies who violate this law by not checking consumers' numbers against the Do Not Call registry should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission at 1-888-382-1222; (TTY): 1-866-290-4236. Such agencies can face significant fines if they violate consumers by calling to solicit them. A word of caution: Don't expect a major reduction in robocalls overnight. It will take time.

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