



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

Community Calendar:

- **June HOA Board Meeting** –
June 2nd, 6:30 p.m. by Zoom
unless Library is open
- **Dumpster Day** –
June 6, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Holy Love Lutheran Church
- **Garage Sale Weekend** – not being
advertised this year due to COVID-19
- **National Night Out** – August 4th
- **October Dumpster Day** –
October 10 (tentative)
- **Winter Hayride** –
December 12 or 19 (tentative)

New Newsletter Feature:

What Do You Know About Your Neighborhood?

Sometimes we wonder how many residents actually read the newsletter. In an effort to increase the readership, we are adding this fun new feature to the newsletter: *What Do You Know About Your Neighborhood?* Each month we will ask a question about Mission Viejo and the person who sends the correct answer first to ElaineLay@missionviejohoa.org with their name and address will receive a \$10 reward.

Question: *How many new trees have been recently planted in Mission Viejo Park?*

Start Counting!!!

Mission Viejo HOA Meeting

June 2, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Zoom

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Mission Viejo HOA Board Meeting Highlights, May 2020

The HOA Board met by Zoom on Monday, May 4th. Five Board members and one guest from Waste Connections participated. Jacqueline, Waste Connections Colorado Territory Manager, described to us some of the changes that we should expect in the future. Since in-person meetings have not resumed at the company, discussions about a new trash program agreement between the HOA and Waste Connections have not been conducted. She explained that many factors would be considered when looking at setting up a new trash program. A few of the changes to be expected are discussed in a separate article in this issue.

The City of Aurora has postponed consideration of beatification grants until June. The application to designate Mission Viejo as Cultural Heritage Site is being submitted to the Aurora Historic Preservation Commission in June. The Board thanks several people who have recently become newsletter deliverers. We certainly appreciate their assistance.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions the Board decided not to promote a specific weekend in June for a community garage sale event. We will leave it up to residents to determine if they wish to hold and promote their own garage sales. We have not yet firmed up the October date for a second dumpster day and are still working with Blue Moon Carriages to arrange a date for the December hayride. Both events will be advertised when confirmed.

It is anticipated that the next Board meeting will also be a Zoom meeting, as we doubt the library will reopen before June 2nd.

Welcome to Mission Viejo

The Welcome Committee consists of 3 members: Connie Bays, Heather Tyrell and Elaine Lay. Every month Cheri Long, who is a Real Estate Agent and lived in Mission Viejo for 23 years gives us a monthly list of all of the houses that have been sold in Mission Viejo. Cheri has been doing this for us for years!

Each month we welcome about 8 new families to Mission Viejo. These families come from all corners of the globe. Recently we have welcomed new residents from Barcelona, Spain, Africa and Saudi Arabia. There are many families who have lived near here and have been anxious to move into our neighborhood. Some that we have met had actually lived here as children and are now moving back in as adults! Each new family receives a Mission Viejo bag and pens and information about the neighborhood and COOKIES! In May the average cost for the houses that were sold was \$390,726.

It is interesting to meet these newcomers and tell them what a wonderful neighborhood we have!

In May some of the people we met while handing out the bags gave us these reasons for moving to Mission Viejo. The family that moved here from Green Valley Ranch to East Mansfield Avenue moved here so their teens could go to

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Welcome, *continued from front page*

Smoky Hill High School. The couple that moved in on South Ouray Street moved here because they are expecting their first child and needed a bigger house. A veteran who was from Illinois moved in on East Mansfield circle and he and his wife live in Colorado because they love the Colorado weather! The couple who moved in on East Lehigh Avenue are here in Colorado because their grown children like living in Colorado. They had previously lived in New York and Missouri and out near Southlands for 12 years.

This is just one more volunteer activity that makes Mission Viejo a nicer place to live! If you are interested in joining the Welcoming Committee, contact Elaine Lay: elainelay@missionviejo.org.

Update on the Trash Program

Waste Connections

At the May HOA Board meeting, Waste Connections area representative, Jacqueline Satterwhite spoke to the Board about some upcoming changes to the Waste Connections services within Mission Viejo. The company will be discontinuing our tradition of unlimited waste acceptance that we had enjoyed with Pro Disposal. No trash company in the Denver metro area provides that option anymore. Eventually, all customers will be provided a single 96-gallon container for trash and a 96-gallon container for recycle. The use of individual trash containers will be discontinued as the trucks will be side-loading direct connect. This transition will occur over time. Due to the disruption of office hours because of the pandemic, Waste Connections has not yet been able to meet with us to discuss a partnership with the HOA. They will be evaluating options for varying levels of service (such as more than one container for a home), price points based on competition and number of members in the neighborhood who will be served as well as other factors yet to be identified. We ask residents to be patient as we proceed in our discussions and we will provide updates as they become available to us. Also watch for mailings from Waste Connections.

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Recycling Event Success

The HOA's first ever recycling event was a definite success. More than 110 residents were able to dispose of items ranging from corded VHS rewinders to large screen TVs and desktop computers. A four-person team from Data Destruction accepted items and collected fees for the disposal of cathode ray tube screens and monitors. The last resident left at 11:00 a.m. and a completely full trailer closed its doors. Based on the feedback we received that day, we will plan a similar event for next year. The date of the May 2 recycling event was inadvertently omitted from the May newsletter, but it had been advertised in the April newsletter, on our website and on Next Door. *We apologize for any inconvenience that might have caused you.*

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MISSION VIEJO TRASH PROGRAM

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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 provide any professional service or opinion through this publication.**

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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Email: getinfo@coloradolaser.com. To find ad rates and discounts, go to www.ColoradoLaser.com and click on the "Advertising Rates" link.

Oral Health Month

Don't neglect your oral health during the pandemic. Leading by example—especially when it comes to salubrious habits like brushing and flossing—can make a big difference in the health and happiness of your entire family. This year's theme: Share More Time, Share More Smiles.

June 6 Dumpster Day

The HOA has again set our first 2020 Dumpster Day for Saturday, June 6th, at Holy Love Church, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. HOA members with proof of membership (a 2020 discount card, paid dues or currently listed under the Pro Disposal/Waste Connections customer listing) can bring their unwanted items for disposal into two trash trucks that morning. Waste Connections has provided the following list of items that **cannot be accepted**:

- Electronics
- Tires/auto parts/oil/gas
- Wet paint
- Medical waste
- Anything with freon or gases (refrigerators/freezers)
- Florescent tubes or compact florescent light bulbs
- Hazardous, toxic, or biohazardous waste
- Batteries
- Propane tanks or containers
- Hot ashes
- Septage or other chemicals
- Dirt and rocks
- Nothing longer or wider than 4 feet by 4 feet, but will accept mattresses

This list is different from what Pro Disposal used to take so be aware that the drivers will determine what can be disposed of, not the HOA. The event will only be three hours long this year.

Flower Garden in Mission Viejo Park

Have you noticed the flower garden in the park that is close to the walking path and the bench dedicated to Mary Ann Lewis? Mary Ann died in 2007 from ovarian cancer. She and her husband, Ed, Peg Alt, and other members of the garden club cared for the garden and Mission Viejo streets for many years before 2007. Ed Lewis lived on East Milan Drive up until about a year ago and had the most beautiful flower garden in Mission Viejo. The tradition of volunteers caring for the garden and Mission Viejo still continues today.

If you happened to be walking in the park on May 9, you would have seen 3 of these wonderful volunteers weeding and beautifying that flower garden. Jerry and Lois Kiefer and Betty Richards have given countless hours to that task. Tom Evans, Elaine Lay, and Barry Rogers, who could not help that day, can also be seen taking care of the garden throughout the year. A little known fact is that most of these people in the garden group are from IOWA!!

If you happen to be walking by when these people are caring for the garden, be sure to stop and say "Thank You".

Garage Sale Weekend

Normally, each June the HOA promotes a neighborhood-wide garage sale weekend. However, due to concerns with the COVID-9 situation, we will not be advertising this community event. Individual residents are more than welcome to hold their own garage sales, but we will not be placing signage out to advertise a specific weekend this year.

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Tomatoes

There is nothing like a home-grown tomato! The flavor and quality are hard to beat. If you are an experienced gardener you probably know all this already, but this year many of our neighbors may want to try their hand at growing some vegetables for the first time. One does not need a large garden plot to grow some deliciousness.



Containers such as whiskey barrels, large flowerpots, or even an old wheelbarrow could be used. I have gotten some galvanized stock water tanks, filled with soil and plant away.

Plan on getting some sort of supports to take care of the growing plants. Tomato cages are inexpensive and easy to find.

Tomatoes come in all sizes and shapes. They are described as determinate or indeterminate. A determinate tomato is one that will have all fruit ripen about the same time. This is desirable if your goal is to make salsa or tomato sauce. An indeterminate tomato will stagger the ripening dates throughout the season. When purchasing a tomato plant check on the time estimated to get ripe fruit. Some varieties take as little as 55 days while others may estimate up to 80 days. Just thinking about those yummy fresh BLTs makes me happy. All it takes is some good soil, sunshine, water, and some love and care, and you will have a special treat all throughout the summer!

Hummingbirds!!!

I have good news! Hummingbirds are back in Aurora! I was pleased to have a busy little hummer show up at my feeder last week. Hummingbirds migrate and travel through Colorado. One source reports a small number starting in mid-April and increasing numbers through June.



To draw these little jewels of nature you can make your own nectar for a hummingbird feeder. The formula is remarkably simple 1 part of sugar to 4 parts of water. I usually heat the solution to make sure all the sugar is completely

dissolved. It's important to change frequently as the birds will not visit or can be poisoned if the nectar is spoiled. Sometimes people add red dye to their hummingbird solution, but that is not necessary and, in fact, discouraged, as those tiny birds do not need added color to find the nectar.

Hummingbirds favor bright "deep throated" flowers such as Salvia, Vermillionaire, Cuphea, or Hollyhocks. I had a beautiful purple Salvia that was a big favorite last summer. Variety is good for a healthy showing of Hummingbirds. You might hear them and their high-pitched "humming" before you see them, so as you spend your time outside this month, look out for our happy little visitors and enjoy the beauty they bring!

World Rainforest Day, June 22

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Thousands Volunteer For Space Missions

Feel like getting off the world for a while? You've got company. As the *U.S. News & World Report* states, some 12,000 people have applied to become astronauts following a call from NASA for volunteers. It's the second - largest group of would-be spacefarers in the agency's history.

The hopefuls come from all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories. Those selected will probably travel to the International Space Station and pave the way for exploration of the moon and Mars.

The previous call for recruits drew a record 18,300 candidates, of which 12 were ultimately chosen. This time around NASA tightened its qualifications, requiring a master's degree in science, technology, engineering, or math. The current active astronaut corps numbers 48.

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

Discount Program

New HOA Discount Program Partner

The Mission Viejo HOA is pleased to welcome Martial Science Academy to our discount program. The academy is located at 16330 East Quincy Avenue (Quincy Avenue and Memphis). HOA members are eligible for a 10% discount on fees and programs by providing evidence of your membership. Their programs are for children, youth and adults beginning as early as age three. For more information, check out their website: <https://martialscienceacademy1.com/> We thank Marlena Salgado for contacting us to become a partner.

This year the HOA Board is continuing 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!

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Keep Kids Creative Under Lockdown With These Tactics

Children at home during the COVID-19 crisis are always looking for something to do. The Lifelong Kindergarten group at the MIT Media Lab has identified some guiding principles for cultivating creativity that can be adapted to life under lockdown:

- **Projects.** Assign kids projects using everyday household materials—Legos, building blocks, Play-Doh, paper and pens, and more. Challenge them to build a tower of the future or draw a picture of what life will look like once they can go outside again.
- **Passion.** Make sure your suggested projects tap into children's interests. Encourage them to develop their own ideas for projects that will use their talents and hold their attention.
- **Peers.** Creativity flourishes with help from others. Even if they can't visit, kids can use Skype and Zoom to interact with their friends, cooperate, and support each other as they explore their mutual interests.

Seismic Noise Drops In Wake Of Worldwide Lockdowns

COVID-19 has made an impact on people all over the world, but curiously, it's reduced their impact on the planet. *The New York Times* reports that self-quarantining has had an observable effect on seismic activity beneath city streets.

Thomas Lecocq, a seismologist at the Royal Observatory of Belgium in Brussels, measured the seismic noise beneath the city after Brussels established a lockdown in mid-March. He found that it had diminished quickly and significantly once Belgians and their cars were off the streets.

Other scientists around the world have followed his lead and detected similar declines. In Great Britain, one seismologist tracking activity from her suburban house observed a 20–25% reduction in average weekly noise one week after the British commenced their lockdown. In the center of London, another seismometer recorded a 30% drop. Similarly, noise levels in Los Angeles have declined more than 50% of normal, and the Paris Institute of Earth Physics has detected a 38% drop in average daytime seismic noise in the city.

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