



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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- **June HOA Board Meeting** – June 2nd, 6:30 p.m. by Zoom unless Library is open
- **National Night Out** – August 4th
- **October Dumpster Day** – Oct. 10th (tentative)
- **Winter Hayride** – December 5th or 19th (tentative)

Six New Neighbors Welcomed

On June 6th Connie Bays welcomed 6 new homeowners to our neighborhood. These homes were on the market for an average of 51 days and sold for an average price of \$367,583. The new family on South Ouray Way had lived in several places in Aurora and decided to settle here. This is the first home for the couple who moved in on South Laredo Way from the University Hills neighborhood in Denver. The family on South Nucla Street had been renting a place on Iliff and decided to settle permanently in Mission Viejo. East Kenyon Avenue welcomes a family from Lakewood with a little boy and girl. Sometimes when no one answers we just leave the welcome bag with information about the neighborhood and cookies on the door, especially during the corona virus situation, which happened with two of the new residents. Typically we return again and again until we find someone home! We are happy to welcome all of these families to our neighborhood and hope that they like it here as much as we do!

Mission Viejo HOA Meeting

July 6th, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Zoom

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June 6 HOA Board Zoom Meeting Notes

The Board was very pleased to receive a verbal report from Jacqueline Satterwhite, our liaison to Waste Connections. Jacqueline explained that upper management was drafting a proposed trash program agreement, like that we had with Pro Disposal. **Please see the details in a separate article in this newsletter.** She explained that she hoped we could finalize the agreement to go into effect on July 1 of this year.

Our application to be designated as an Aurora Cultural Heritage site by the Aurora Historic Preservation Commission was reviewed at the June 9th meeting of the commissioners. It was approved, and we will receive a plaque with that designation on it to be displayed here in the community!

The City of Aurora has decided not to have a beautification grant program this year. We may consider doing some other smaller projects within Mission Viejo on our own.

Kathy Bitzer explained that we need one or two backup deliverers for the newsletter. One person, after many years of volunteering, is taking a break from delivering. Several people have expressed an interest to help and will be contacted. If anyone does not receive the printed newsletter, it is posted on the Mission Viejo website by the 15th of each month. (See <http://www.missionviejohoa.org/newsletter.html>). Currently newsletters are available on the website as far back as 2007.

The Board is going to add a link to both the newest Mission Viejo HOA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/448363365762307>) and the website <http://www.missionviejohoa.org/> to the monthly community calendar. This

may help people look for upcoming events or updates to neighborhood happenings. We are going to try to take down an older Facebook page that was set up more than five years ago and is not current. We are also looking in to updating our website and changing to a secure server for better control over the content.



NEW Mission Viejo Trash Program

The Mission Viejo HOA is pleased to announce that we have signed an agreement with Waste Connections to offer residents a special trash program similar to what we had in the past with Pro Disposal.

Previous Pro Disposal customers who maintain their service with Waste Connections will be charged a monthly base rate of \$20.06 for weekly trash service, and bi-weekly recycle services. This service will allow for each customer to place out four 32-gallon cans or four bags or a mixture of both not to exceed the allotment of four. Seasonal service will allow all residents to place out three additional bags or bundles of yard waste from June



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to November at no additional cost. If you currently have a 96-gallon trash container, you can leave one additional bag each week for pick up. Waste Connections will also offer discounted rates for additional bags or bundles at \$3 per bag or bundle, \$15 per bulk item, and \$5 rental fees for each requested additional cart paid for by residents with a \$25 delivery fee. Current Pro Disposal accounts in this program will be changed to this new program at the new rate per month of \$20.06 as of July 1, 2020.

Any current Waste Connections resident in Mission Viejo can call customer service to change to the new rates and program as of 7/1/2020. Other residents who have service with another company can also participate in this program by calling Waste Connections Customer Service 303-288-2100.

If current Waste Connections customers do not call in for extras or bulk items and the drivers service, these residents will be billed at the higher standard rates. Annual increases will not exceed 5%. Prices are all inclusive, including the fuel surcharge with a standard signed agreement.

Residents will provide their own cans and bags for trash and recycle and need to label their recycle can. Waste Connections will not be liable for any customer owned cans if damaged.

Waste Connections will provide a quarterly rebate to the HOA of \$2.00 per month provided at least 800 customers are participating in the program. We will also continue our dumpster day special collections normally twice a year for all Waste Connections customers enrolled in the trash program. This three-year agreement will begin effective July 1, 2020. We encourage you all to participate, automatically giving you membership in the HOA as well as competitive trash services and the ability to dispose of larger volumes weekly than many other companies.

What Do You Know About Your Neighborhood?

Fill in the blanks to this statement:

The Smoky Hill Trail crossed valuable _____ grounds of both the _____ and the _____ tribes.

The first person to email the correct answer will win a \$10 gift card!

If you know the answer, email it to ElaineLay@missionviejohoa.org and include your name and address! Good Luck!

Last month's question: *How many trees did the city plant in Mission Viejo Park last month?* The answer was **63 trees**. They planted two kinds of maple trees: Tatarian maple and Crimson Sunset maple. Other varieties are Elm and Greenspire Linden.

The first person to answer the question correctly was Tia Woods. Tia actually asked the city workers how many trees when they were being planted. It pays to be curious! Congratulations on winning the \$10, Tia! Eight residents tried to answer the question last month, but there can be only one winner. Be sure to answer this month's question ASAP!!

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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.

Discount Program

This year the HOA Board is continuing to make a concerted effort to increase the number of merchants participating in our Discount Program. Please check our website <http://www.missionviejohoa.org/discounts.html> for more information about each business and the discount they offer. 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!

Nextdoor And Newsletter Deliveries

The Nextdoor app is a great resource for neighborhood information -- city notices, business referrals, neighborhood announcements, lost dogs, items for sale, etc.

Recently there was a post from a Mission Viejo resident who was concerned that the Mission Viejo Reporter delivery person had walked across her grass. The many conversations (on and off-topic) that ensued were almost more than could be followed! In an effort to address some of the main concerns and ideas regarding the Mission Viejo newsletter, we are highlighting them and providing some responses here. If we missed something else vital in the 85 or more replies, please forgive us!

1. Why aren't the deliverers told to stay on the sidewalks?

The volunteer deliverers are asked to stay on the sidewalks. On the flip side, if there is snow or ice on the sidewalks, or threatening animals, they can choose not to come to the door.

2. Why can't the newsletters be put in or around the mailbox?

Federal Law prohibits putting anything in or around a mail box without proper postage paid. A savings of approximately \$500 per month is realized by the HOA, due to the great volunteers who deliver these newsletters to all 2070 homes in the neighborhood. If you are finding your newsletters on or near the mailboxes, please contact the Newsletter Coordinator, Kathy Bitzer at: kathybitz@aol.com. During these non-contact days,

most newsletters are delivered to the front door porch.

3. Why isn't the newsletter on-line?

The newsletter is online. It can be found at www.missionviejohoa.org. The Board is also considering e-mailing these newsletters, but only have a few residences e-mail addresses at this time.

4. People don't respect other people's property.

The deliverer apologized for walking on the grass. She has a lawn she takes pride in and appreciates the fact that others do too. She took the shortcut because she picked up an additional route to deliver to this month. The MV HOA Board and other volunteers take this very seriously, as this is our neighborhood, too!

5. The newsletter should be available to read in Spanish.

Newsletter Editor Mary Edet commented, "That would be lovely, however we don't have the resources for that. If anyone would like to donate their time and expertise to translate, I'm sure the board would be grateful."

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter with lots of helpful information about the neighborhood. If you'd like to volunteer to deliver newsletters, please e-mail the Newsletter Coordinator, Kathy Bitzer: kathybitz@aol.com. If you have other suggestions or would like to contribute articles, please contact the Newsletter Editor Mary Edet: reporter@missionviejohoa.org.

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Thanks for Your Time

Delivering the newsletters once a month does have its rewards: exercise, the glow that comes from volunteering, and meeting some new people along the way. Other times, especially in the winter when it is snowing or icy, it is easy to forget the benefits. However, the volunteers still follow through with their commitments and do their best to get the newsletters out on time.

Two people in our neighborhood know very well about all those feelings. After 12 years, being one of the first volunteers, Clarence Fuhrer has decided it is time for someone younger to take over his route. Thanks so much for your dedication, Clarence!

DeeDee Carlstrom started in 2013 delivering 113 newsletters on her route. Her son was in Middle School at the time and helped her until his junior year in high school. This year he is graduating, so DeeDee has been delivering alone for the last couple of years. Thank you, DeeDee and son for all of your time and dedication helping get the news out to the residents of Mission Viejo.

Presently all positions are filled but volunteers are always welcome, so if you are interested in delivering newsletters, contact Kathy Bitzer at Kathybitz@aol.com.

Mission Viejo Receives Heritage Site Designation



On June 9th, the Aurora Historic Preservation Commission approved an application from the Mission Viejo HOA Board to designate the Mission Viejo neighborhood (bounded by Chambers Road, Buckley Road, Hampden Avenue and Quincy Avenue) as a Cultural Heritage Site. Mission Viejo is one of only two such sites, the other being the Victory Grange on Tower Road.

Cultural heritage sites are so designated based on their unique characteristics and/or their contributions to the educational, cultural and economic benefits to the city. Partly because of the master planning that went into the development of Mission Viejo, our neighborhood has been recognized as a notable part of Aurora. The library, elementary school, design of our homes and parks, open space, decorative walls and entrances, walking trails and even our bell-shaped streetlights make Mission Viejo a special place to live.

We are honored by this designation and look forward to a ceremony later this summer commemorating the designation. A special plaque will be presented to Mission Viejo and will most likely be displayed at the Mission Viejo Library to mark this award.

Drinking While Working At Home

If you're still working from home, the temptation to drink on the job to alleviate worries or boredom may be irresistible. And many people aren't fighting it. A Fishbowl survey, reported on The *Meadville Tribune* website, found that 42% of workers admit to drinking while working at home. Another study of 3,000 employees across the U.S. found that one in three say they're more likely to drink alcohol during quarantine, with one-fifth of responders saying they've been hoarding alcohol, according to Alcohol.org.

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Independence Day Facts

Here are some fun facts to share with your family and friends on the Fourth of July while waiting for the hot dogs to cook on the grill:

- Three presidents died on July 4: Thomas Jefferson and John Adams in 1826, and James Monroe, in 1831. Calvin Coolidge was the only president born on July 4, in 1872
- Massachusetts was the first state legislature to recognize July 4th as a state celebration, in 1781.
- The first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred in 1791.
- The U.S. Congress established Independence Day as an unpaid holiday for federal employees in 1870. It became a federal paid holiday in 1931.

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

Dog Days of Summer Courtesies

There is nothing better than enjoying summer evenings outside or having windows wide open at night to let in the fresh night air. We are so fortunate to live in a neighborhood with spacious yards, walking trails, parks, and friendly neighborhood pets. Just as we like to be outside, so do our pets, especially those lively dogs! Here are a few things to remember and practice as we strive to be responsible pet owners and good neighbors.

Excessive barking (not just the casual bark at a passerby) can be very annoying to listen to, particularly late at night or early in the morning. If you know you have a barking dog, do your best to help manage that when it's outside.

When dogs are out on walks, it is your responsibility to have your pet on a leash at all times in public areas. Even if you believe your pup is the best behaved and most friendly one, there are others out who might not be comfortable with an unrestrained dog, especially children or other pets out on walks. Practice courtesy for those around you, and leash your pet.

Finally, picking up after our pets on sidewalks, in the park, and especially in other's yards is *vital*. There is nothing worse than coming upon doggy doo and having to avoid stepping on it *when it shouldn't have been there in the first place!* Take your plastic bags with you on your walk and then dispose of them in a proper disposal container. Don't make your dog's mess your neighbor's responsibility.

Please do your best to be a good member of this community and an excellent pet owner by making sure you are responsible for your dogs' behavior. Thank you for your help in keeping our neighborhood safe, clean, and pleasant to be a part of!

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The 20 winners of the 2020 Arapahoe County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards (ACMCYA) have been announced. These annual scholarships recognize local high school seniors who have overcome personal adversity and have created positive change in their lives. The program is unique because it encompasses youth in both traditional and non-traditional classroom settings.

Each winner will receive \$1000 to put toward post-secondary educational opportunities at vocational, two- or four-year schools. The candidates were nominated by non-related teachers, counselors or other educators, and they had to complete an essay describing the challenges they've faced and what they hope to achieve in post-secondary school.

The winners were selected by a committee of elected officials. These honors are usually awarded at a ceremony in late-April, but Arapahoe County was forced to cancel this year's event because of COVID-related restrictions and concerns.

For more information, visit our 2020 Youth Awards page.

—<https://www.arapahoegov.com/265/Youth-Awards-ACMCYA>

How The Outbreak Affects Spending

The COVID-19 outbreak has changed how we spend money, according to PR Newswire. A survey of 4,859 consumers across the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, France, and Germany, conducted by the EY Future Consumer Index, has identified four distinct groups of shoppers during the time of the pandemic:

- **Save and stockpile.** In the largest category, 35.1% feel pessimistic about the future and are conserving funds and stocking up on supplies.
- **Cut deep.** In this group, 27.3% are spending less across all categories as the pandemic affects employment.
- **Stay calm, carry on.** This is 26.2%—people who are continuing to spend as they normally have.
- **Hibernate and spend.** This group—11.4%—are actually spending more in every expense category.

Forty-two percent expect their shopping and spending habits to change fundamentally due to the outbreak. Still, 34% say they would pay more for local products, 25% for trusted brands, and 23% for ethical products.

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