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NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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- September HOA Board Meeting:
September 8, 6:30 p.m.
by Zoom until further notice
- September 26: Community Cleanup Part 1
- October 3: Community Cleanup Part 2
- October Dumpster Day:
October 10 (tentative)
- Winter Hayride: Dec 12 or 19 (tentative)

Financial Update

The year is half over and the HOA has approximately \$12,400 in the bank. Normally at this time of the year, we'd have nearly \$24,000 but with the change from Pro Disposal to Waste Connections, we are not receiving two quarterly checks from the trash program as we had in the past. The new trash program agreement resumes the rebate checks for the second two quarters of this year. Our year to date expenses have not been as much as we had anticipated when we prepared out 2020 budget. We have continued weed control with Ironwood Earthcare, paid for the May electronics recycling day, the June 6 dumpster day and have renewed our insurance premiums, our mailbox rental and storage location rental. We are also paying to remove two dead trees at the southwest corner of Hampden and Buckley. We will not have any significant beautification grant expenditures and our remaining expenses will mainly be a second dumpster day in October and the winter hayride. We should end the year in a solid financial condition. Our thanks to all of you who continue to be part of or have joined our trash program as the rebates from this program fund nearly 90% of the HOA's total expenses each year. If you haven't joined the program yet, please call Waste Connections at 303-288-2100 and ask to sign up for the Mission Viejo trash program and its discounted rates.

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August Board Highlights

The HOA Board again met by Zoom this month, since the library community rooms are closed until further notice. We welcomed a new appointed member of the Board, Colette Bowdish, who will fill in for Brenda Tompkins remaining term. Since there had been no July meeting, the Board viewed the plaque awarded to the Mission Viejo Neighborhood recognizing us as Aurora's newest Cultural Heritage Site. The plaque will be mounted at the library at a future celebration. The June dumpster day was a success with more than 60 residents participating and the collection of two full trash trucks of waste materials. Our thanks to Tia Davis-Burns and Logan Goss for helping that day. Three new members joined the HOA as a result of this event. The Board retroactively formally approved the new trash program agreement with Waste Connections and the purchase of flowers for the HOA garden in Mission Viejo Park. The Board made a few minor changes to the Teen Services program (coordination on tasks and added phone numbers) in this newsletter. This listing will be updated whenever there is a change in teen availability. With Brenda Tompkins' resignation and because Twila Filipaik is moving at the end of August, we will have another Board vacancy soon. If you are interested in helping the HOA by serving, please contact anyone of the Board members listed on Page 2.

The HOA's website has been transferred to a local hosting company. In so doing we upgraded the website to an SSL security certificate to better protect our data. Over the next few months, we will make changes to the website to streamline the content and refresh information as needed. Our thanks to Rich Ferris for his assistance in this process. Since the City has cancelled the Beautification Grants this year, we are planning a



half day event on September 26 to pick up trash, weed, and trim shrubs along Hampden Avenue between the Fire Station and Kalispell. Volunteers and residents whose homes back on Hampden along this section will be asked to participate. Lastly, the Board is evaluating a proposal from Ironwood Earthcare to remove two dead trees at the corner of Buckley Road and Hampden Avenue.

Save the Date:

September 26 & October 3

Because the city of Aurora cancelled the Beautification Grant program this year due to the financial crisis from Covid-19, the plans that the HOA had for cleaning up and placing rock along Hampden will not be happening this year. Although we will not be receiving funds from the city, we can still clean up the area now and place the rock next year.

In last month's newsletter, the date of September 26 was listed as the day to clean up all of Hampden. It was decided at our HOA meeting that this was too big of an area for one day. So the one date has been changed to two dates: September 26 and (tentatively) October 3. On September 26, volunteers will be working from the fire station to Kalispell. They will be trimming bushes, raking, picking

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Save The Date, *continued from front page*
up trash, and digging up weeds. On October 3, volunteers will clean the area from the Seville Townhomes to Buckley Road.

Only adult volunteers are requested since we will not be closing the street. **Notes will be placed on the doors of the residents that back up to that area asking for their help on that day. However all residents of Mission Viejo are welcome to help.** If you are willing to help one or both of the days, please notify ElaineLay@missionviejohoa.org.

Please consider helping! We have some brightly colored vests and ask that you wear brightly colored clothing that day for safety reasons. We will begin at 7:30 and would like to be finished by noon. Come for any part or all of that time. Water and refreshments will be provided. Every time you drive down Hampden Avenue, you will feel proud that you helped make that an attractive part of our neighborhood!

Mission Viejo Library is Open!!!!

Have you noticed the cars in the library parking lot? Mission Viejo Library is now open **Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Residents can come into the building and stay for an hour or so and browse through books, use the computers, and check out books. Residents also can check out books on week days without stepping inside the library from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** using the curbside pickup.

On Saturday and Sunday the curbside pick up for returns is from noon until 4. When people return their books they need to return their books to the Book Return. These books will not be put onto circulation for 4 or 5 days. The books will be held until 3 or 4 days have passed and the books will be cleaned and repaired before they are put back into circulation. If you return your books and they are not checked in right away, the reason is because of the Covid Virus.

There are no fines on materials checked out. People have to wear masks when they are in the library. No foods or drinks are allowed in the building. Also, no donations of books or puzzles or anything else will be accepted at this time.

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!

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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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Baby Safety Month

Parents and caregivers have many responsibilities, but keeping their baby safe and healthy is a No. 1 priority. Whether you are expecting your first baby, adding to your growing family, or are a grandparent, this is an ideal time to put into action some simple steps to keep baby safe.

Does Your Property Back Up To A Main Thoroughfare Such As East Quincy Avenue, South Chambers Road, South Buckley Road Or East Hampden Avenue, Alicia Parkway Or Mission Parkway?

Many people do not realize that the area between the fence or wall and sidewalk are part of their property. Neither the city of Aurora or the HOA are responsible for this area, Individual homeowners are responsible for weed control, trimming bushes, shrubs or trees and trash cleanup. They are also responsible for snow removal during the winter.

In the last 10 years the HOA has cleaned up all of Chambers Road. The HOA pays for weed control on Chambers, Hampden and portions of Alicia and Mission Parkways. The HOA procures the slump blocks for the walls along Hampden and Chambers and stores them so as to supply replacement blocks at a reduced cost to HOA members if their wall is hit by a vehicle. If the trees die, the HOA helps arrange for their removal. Presently there are 2 dead trees on the corner of Hampden and Buckley that are dead and the HOA is planning to have them removed.

Periodically a few volunteers in the neighborhood will walk along those streets and pick up trash. During specific clean up events, the HOA and other volunteers will sometimes trim bushes, rake leaves and spread mulch.

If you are one of these homes who back the above streets, please don't hesitate to reach out to the HOA board with your questions and concerns about how you can keep your property clean and neat. If you need extra assistance in making this happen, the board can help you figure that out.

Covid-19 Won't Curtail Holiday Gift Shopping

The holiday shopping season is fast approaching, but will the pandemic curtail consumer spending on gifts and other festive products? The Supply Chain Quarterly website, citing a study of 1,000 consumers by the omnichannel technology provider Radial, reports that most Americans don't expect to cut their holiday spending significantly in 2020 compared to last year, although 66% expect to do more of their shopping online.

Overall, 60% of consumers say they plan to do less in-store shopping in 2020 due to fear of coronavirus exposure. Although a rise in delivery times is a concern, 41% don't plan to start shopping for holiday gifts earlier, meaning that retailers won't experience any break between normal online orders (already increased by the pandemic) and the rush of orders during the holiday season. Thirty-nine percent of shoppers expect to start their holiday shopping in October and early November, and 30% won't start until the Black Friday/Cyber Monday sales after Thanksgiving.

Most consumers in the survey say they expect to spend about the same on gifts this year as last year. As far as in-store shopping goes, 63% of consumers say they are slightly to very much more likely to frequent retailers who are following COVID-19 safety guidelines in their stores.



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Ten New Homeowners in July!

Ten homes in Mission Viejo were purchased by new residents in July 2020. The cost of the homes sold ranged from \$360,000 to \$496,500. The new residents were welcomed to the neighborhood with a welcome bag from the HOA.

The couple that moved into the house on South Idalia are from Argentina and have lived in the U.S. for 20 years. They previously lived in Heather Ridge and are doing extensive remodeling of their new home. The new family on Kent Drive is happy to have a house after living in a town home and remodeled the kitchen before they moved in. The family that moved into the home on Purdue Drive also is very happy to be in a house rather than an apartment and the lady in the home found a childhood friend living here on the same street!! The couple that moved into the house on South Helena Way likes traditional homes and is excited to live in a home similar to the one that he grew up in in Pennsylvania. The new family that moved in on East Lehigh Circle previously lived overseas and she taught school there. Connie Bays, one of our welcoming volunteers, met someone who had come from Woodbridge, VA, where Connie also had lived. They have a 6 month old puppy and a beautiful baby and live on E. Mercer Drive. Another couple on East Mercer Drive came to Colorado from Atlanta and like it so much they bought this house.

All of the new residents were so happy to be in such a wonderful neighborhood, and we are so glad that they chose Mission Viejo for their new home!



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What Do You Know About Your Neighborhood?

The question for this month deals with a historical question concerning our neighborhood. It will require some use of the computer, unless you have a very good memory.

In what year did the HOA file suit against the city of Aurora because the city was in breach of a 1973 agreement Aurora made with the Mission Viejo Company to furnish library service for 50 years at this location?

This was the agreement that saved the library from being closed down by the city. We are so lucky to have a voluntary HOA in our neighborhood that dealt with the city and saved our library!

The answer to last month's question about the location of the 2 homes that have pink mailboxes and beautiful flowers was answered correctly by 6 people in the neighborhood. The answer was Milan Drive right before it turns into Nassau. The winning name drawn was Leslie Brochman. Leslie said that she and her daughter walk by that house all the time. Her daughter thinks fairies live there. Congratulations, Leslie!!

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Welcome Back! Aurora Public Library is OPEN

What to Expect When You Visit

Welcome back to the Aurora Public Library, we've missed you! We've made some changes to make your library experience safer and more enjoyable for you and your family; please take a moment to go over our new procedures:



- For the safety of our staff and customers, we are asking that everyone over the age of 2 wears a mask inside the library, fully covering their mouth and nose.
- Please remember to maintain a distance of 6' from your fellow customers, for the health of yourself and others.
- Our staff cares about your well-being, and in adherence with current Public Health Orders we are limiting the number of people within the building to 50% capacity.
- While we adhere to Public Health Orders, we also want as many people as possible to have access to library resources. We ask that you limit your library visit to 1 hour, so others have a chance to use the library.
- Please stay with your family groups at all times and keep your children with you as you browse.
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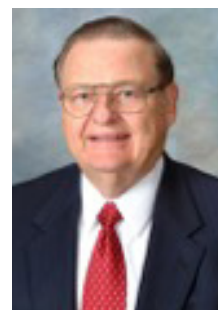


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The History Of Labor Day

Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement, a yearly celebration of the American worker, and a national tribute to the laborer's contribution to the social and economic achievements of the United States.

There is some uncertainty about the origins of Labor Day. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first to suggest a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold." Other research suggests that machinist Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected as the official holiday.

The first governmental recognition of Labor Day came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886.

The state of Oregon passed the first law recognizing the Labor Day holiday on Feb. 21, 1887. Four more states—Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York—followed suit that same year.

On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in all the states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories.

3 Questions To Boost Your Child's Confidence

- What makes you feel proud of yourself? When you know what makes them feel great, you can build on it with more questions about where they want to go in their lives.
- What family memories do you think about? When you hear how they view the family, you can ask them where they see themselves in the mix.
- Were you ever surprised by someone? Knowing what surprises them can give you hints for future reference.

Age-Appropriate Chores For Children

Assigning chores to children is about more than making them work. It teaches them that in a family, everyone works together. Yahoo Life suggests these tasks for specific age groups:

- Age 2–5: Sequencing. Have kids put their laundry in a hamper, clean up their toys, and put dishes in the sink after meals.
- Age 6–7: Helping. They can feed your pets, assist with meal preparation, and set the table.
- Age 8–9: Placement. At this age children should be responsible for managing their sports and athletic equipment, emptying the dishwasher, and folding and putting away their own laundry.
- Age 10–11: Independence. Have kids this age make their own breakfast and lunch, take the trash out and bring empty cans back in, and vacuum their bedroom.
- Age 12–15: Priorities. They should take on their own laundry, wash the car, do yard work, and clean their own bedroom.
- Age 16+: Life. Prepare kids for grownup life by teaching them how to iron, sew buttons on clothes, cook meals, and take care of car maintenance.

Parrot Beats Humans At Shell Game

Parrots can do more than mimic words. At least one of them can beat humans in a classic memory game. The LiveScience website reports that an African gray parrot named Griffin defeated 21 Harvard students in the so-called shell game. In the game, an object is placed underneath one of three plastic cups, which are then moved quickly around. The goal is to keep track of which cup the object is under.

In the experiment, Griffin beat the 21 undergraduates in 12 of 14 games. Researchers note that he may not be average for a parrot, though. He's 22 years old, and has been the subject of numerous cognitive and communication studies since the age of seven and a half weeks. His owner, a Harvard psychologist, has also taught him how to pronounce about 30 words and understand at least 40, including the names of colors.

Emergency Alerts

Citizens and businesses can sign up for emergency alert messages using the links below, and receive alerts about emergencies on their voice and text devices.

How it Works

In Arapahoe County, this service is provided by the Arapahoe County E-911 Authority. In Aurora, this service is provided by the City of Aurora Citizen Alert System. When there is need to notify citizens about an emergency or potential safety concern, messages will be sent to all standard voice and text communication devices (land line, mobile, email, text messaging, pager, fax, etc.) that you have registered in the system.

Please note that residents and businesses with land line phones are already listed in Arapahoe County and Aurora's 9-1-1 databases and do not need to be registered.

This system will not be used for weather alerts because it cannot be guaranteed as to the timeliness or accuracy of such alerts. There are a variety of other media outlets (TV and radio stations, and weather-related Web sites and alerts) that can provide this service in a timelier manner.

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

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Volunteer Connections from Arapahoe County Gov

A Special Message during COVID-19

We in Volunteer Connections know that many people want to help during COVID-19, but may not know how to do so safely. There are people in need, but at the same time, we're asked to social distance.



We do know that acts of kindness go a long way in uncertain times. And if you're healthy and able, it's still possible to make a difference.

We've compiled a number of resources, volunteer opportunities, and "feel good" ideas to help support those in need and the community at large. View our How to Help during the COVID-19 suggestions.

And for more Resources and Assistance please visit our web page at arapahoegov.com/covidresources.

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