



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

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Call For Dedicated Neighbors!

The Mission Viejo HOA is in need of additional volunteers seeking to serve as Board Members. This is a great opportunity to get involved, meet your neighbors, and help improve the community. We are seeking a new President, Vice President, and potentially other roles. Please come to a future board meeting or contact the current HOA Board to find out about how to get involved.

Preparing For Winter Weather

Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups. Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Remember the needs of your pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.

—<https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

Being a family means you are a part of something very wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life.

—Lisa Weedn

Annual Board Meeting

Due to inclement weather, the Mission Viejo HOA Annual Meeting was postponed. The Annual Meeting will take place on **Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM** at the MV Library. Exciting speakers are planned and members will vote on the annual budget. Hope to see you there!



Mission Viejo School News

Dear Neighbors, I hope all of you have enjoyed a peaceful and joyous holiday season. Our staff at Mission Viejo is excited to be back in the building with the students ready to teach and learn! I would like to make you aware of a few things happening at your neighborhood school.

- Did you know that we have a fully stocked food pantry (non-perishable) at our school? The Mission Viejo food pantry is available for any family in our community who has a need. Please help us get the word out and encourage families to use it whenever there is a need. To get confidential access to our food pantry, please contact our family/community liaison, Sandy Zimmerman at szimmerman4@cherrycreekschools.org or 720-886-8038.
- Cherry Creek School District is offering free English classes to any and all parents in our district. If you have questions, please call or email 303-922-4683 or info@thelearningsource.org www.thelearningsource.org
- If you are interested in volunteering at Mission Viejo during the school day or for any PTCO events, please complete the online form at <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NzU0OmVuLVVT>. It takes less than five minutes to complete the form. Please contact the front office (720-886-8000) for available volunteer opportunities.

- 1/23/23 - 2/10/23 - Kids Heart Challenge (fundraiser)
- 2/2/23 - PASS Meeting - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- 2/10/23 - Valentine's Dance - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 2/16/23 - Family Literacy Night - 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- 2/28/23 - Skate City Night - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

If you would like to be our guest at any of these events, please contact the front office at 720-886-8000 for more information.

Your Neighbor,

— André Pearson, Principal

Dogs Process Speech Like Young Children

Dogs understand words at the level of a 14-month-old child, a recent study has found. According to the Science Focus website, scientists in Budapest studied brain activity in dogs using electroencephalography, playing recordings of words the dogs knew, along with similar-sounding words and nonsense words that sounded completely different.

The brain readings showed that the dogs could distinguish between words they knew and the nonsense words, but their brains didn't differentiate between familiar words and similar-sounding words—"sit" and "sut," for example. Dogs, like very young humans, don't pay attention to all the sounds of a word. In children, this short attention span disappears as they learn to process different words and expand their vocabulary, at 14–20 months of age. Dogs, however, never progress beyond this point, and learn only about 165 words during their lifetimes.

How Did It Start?

You cross your fingers for good luck, or to excuse yourself from lying, but do you ever wonder how customs like that originated? The Cracked website explains the beginnings of everyday behavior we take for granted:

- Painting fingernails. Babylonian warriors in 3200 BC would paint their nails before heading off to battle to signify their social class.
- Thumbs up. English archers in the Middle Ages would use the gesture, which was the correct brace height of a longbow, as a signal that they were ready to shoot.
- Encores. Baroque audiences would demand repeat performances of songs of they enjoyed, sometimes in the middle of the piece.
- Yawning. Covering your mouth while yawning developed from an ancient belief that evil spirits could enter your mouth during a yawn.
- Blowing out candles. Making a wish while blowing out birthday candles derives from cultures which thought that smoke delivered prayers to the heavens.
- High-fiving. The first recorded high-five occurred on Oct. 2, 1977, when Glenn Burke of the LA Dodgers reached up to slap the hand of teammate Dusty Baker, who had just hit a home run, and Baker slapped his hand in return.
- Crossing fingers. Crossing fingers to catch good luck originated in ancient pagan cultures. The practice for lying came from early Christians who wanted to absolve themselves from lies they told their persecutors.

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

Mission Viejo HOA Board of Directors



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MISSION VIEJO TRASH PROGRAM

Waste Connections 303-288-2100

MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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COMMITTEES

Welcome Committee: TBD

Garden Committee: Jerry and Lois Kiefer, Betty Richards,
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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 Irma at igcreamer@yahoo.com. 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.

To place an ad, call **Colorado Lasertype, 303-979-7499**

Email: getinfo@coloradolaser.com

To find ad rates and discounts, go to

www.ColoradoLaser.com

and click on the "Advertising Rates" link.

Ask The Board

In the coming months we will be publishing answers to questions the Board receives about our community. If you have any questions or concerns that can have an impact on MV and its residents, please send them by email to president@missionviejohoa.org. Help us make MV an even better place to live!

Mission Viejo Library: February Programs

ALL AGES:

Feb. 14, 4:00 4-H Eggs-periments Embryology Lesson
 Feb. 18, 10:30-12 Read to a Therapy Dog
 Feb. 21, 4:00 4-H Egg Candling
 (baby chicks hatch Mar. 6th)
 Feb. 25, 2:00 Generational Split game & banana splits

AGES 3-6:

Tuesdays, 10:30 Tots Tunes
 Thursdays, 10:30 Storytime
 Feb. 16, 10:30 Tea-Rex Party
 Feb. 21 Stuffed Animal Sleepover –
 Last day to drop off stuffed animals
 Feb. 23, 10:30 Stuffed animal pickup
 and Pajama Storytime

KIDS 1ST-8TH GRADE:

Feb. 1, 4:30 Papercraft Club
 Feb. 8, 4:30 Perler Bead Club
 Feb. 15, 4:30 Clay Club
 Feb. 22, 4:30 Shrinky Dinks



TEENS:

Feb. 2, 4:30 Teen Tabletop Games
 Feb. 9, 4:30 Dungeons & Ducks
 Feb. 16, 4:30 Video Game Club
 Feb. 21, 5:30-7:00 Volunteer Opportunity: Stuffed
 Animal Sleepover Photography
 Feb. 23, 4:30 Teen Advisory Group

ADULTS:

Mondays, 10:30 BOAT: Bringing Older
 Adults Together
 Feb. 4 & 11, 4:00 Adult Art: Watercolors,
 groups A & B

VIRTUAL/WEBEX:

Fridays, 5:30 Library Game Night (Teens)
 Fridays, 8:00 Library Game Night (Adults)
 Feb. 18, 4:00 Short Story Book Club

For more information about library programs,
 call 303-326-8600 or visit auroralibrary.org.

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Remail a Valentine's Day Love Letter from Loveland

Have you heard about the Loveland's Sweetheart City Valentine Program? It has become a national sensation, with a wonderful cause. How about sending a cute Valentine to your loved one straight from Loveland?

Each year, more than a hundred thousand love letters are sent to Loveland. Then, they are sent to the intended recipients with the official Loveland Colorado cachet and stamp. Each year, more than 160,000 love letters will get to their final destination from Loveland.

This special tradition dates back to 1940 when the Loveland Chamber of Commerce President wanted to give people the opportunity to share the love. Soon it received nationwide exposure, and the Loveland Re-Mailing program was born.

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Postmaster

Attn: Valentine Re-mailing

446 E. 29th St

Loveland, CO 80538-9998

It's required that you add proper postage for your envelope or postcard. If you're sending to an international destination, make sure that your cards arrive in Loveland by February 1st. For destinations within the U.S. the deadline is February 7th. If sending your letter within the state of Colorado, the card should arrive as late as February 9th.



Some of the stores even have remailing boxes where you can drop off the letter. King Soopers & City Markets stores do it yearly, so make sure that you do this until February 1st.

– <https://www.visitlovelandco.org/sweetheartfestival/>

Loveland's 32nd Annual Mountaintop Matrimony

MARRY ME & SKI FREE

Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14, 2023

The 32nd Annual Marry Me & Ski for Free Valentine's Day Mountaintop Matrimony ceremony and reception is a Loveland tradition where new couples are joined in matrimony and married couples renew their vows in a mass wedding at 12:00 pm sharp in Forest Meadow. The Mountaintop Matrimony is one of Loveland's most popular events of the year and we look forward to your participation. The ceremony is done for all couples at the same time and lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Couples are encouraged to dress in appropriate "ski-wedding" attire as there will be great photos opportunities to create memories that will last a lifetime. Please keep in mind that Forest Meadow is located just under 12,000 feet and that dressing warmly is important even on a sunny day. The wedding will not be rescheduled because of snow or cold weather, so be prepared!

For more information visit <https://www.visitlovelandco.org/sweetheartfestival/>.

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Into The Lake

A golfer was playing a round of golf with his buddies. On the sixth hole, shooting over water, he managed to flub nine shots, sending all his balls into the lake. Frustrated, he hurled his golf bag into the water and began to walk off the course.

Then he turned around and leaped into the lake. His buddies thought he was going to retrieve his clubs and his balls and start playing again.

When he came out of the water without his clubs, he again started to walk off the course.

One of his buddies asked, "Why did you jump into the lake?"

He said, "I left my car keys in the bag."

National Entrepreneurship Week, February 13–20

A week celebrating entrepreneurship across the country, and dedicated to empowering entrepreneurship across the United States. This annual initiative brings together a network of partners from Maui to Miami to educate, engage, and build equitable access to America's entrepreneurship ecosystem.

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The Two Brothers

Once upon a time two brothers were venturing from town to town. Along the way they saw an old man with white beard carrying a heavy sack over his shoulder.

The old man stopped and asked the boys where they were headed. When he found out, he told them, "I want to help you." He put a hand in his pocket and pulled out a handful of golden coins. "Which one of you wants these?" he asked.

"I want them," replied the big brother immediately. The old man put a hand in his other pocket and pulled out a precious gem, shining like the sun, and asked again, "Which one of you wants to have this gem?"

"I want it," the big brother answered hastily. The old man gave him the gem.

Then the old man put down his sack and said, "Now who is going to help me carry this sack to the village?"

The big brother said nothing. But the little brother pulled up his sleeves and bended down to help him.

The old man smiled and said, "Take it with you, my boy, along with everything that is inside."

"No," said the boy. "It's not mine."

"Take it, take it," said the old man. "It's my gift to you."

The little brother opened the sack. And what did he see? The bag was filled with gold coins and precious gemstones. He stood up to thank the old man, but he was nowhere to be found.

An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.

—Henry David Thoreau

Treasurer's Report:

Month Ending December 31, 2022

Beginning 1STBANK Balance.....	\$16,800.89
Ending 1STBANK Balance.....	\$13,739.02
PayPal Balance at 12/31/2022	\$85.38
(2 Contributions of \$30.00, less fees of \$3.08)	

Expenses this month included:

Security Self Storage	\$205.00
Electronic Storefronts	\$115.00
(monthly web hosting \$35, plus hayride sign-up--\$80)	
QuickBooks.....	\$57.06
Bank fees (VISA debit card).....	\$2.00
Waste Connections.....	\$1,200.00
(Dumpster Day 10/29/2022)	
Dumpster Day Driver Tips	\$20.00
(\$100 expensed in October)	
Blue Moon Carriages.....	\$995.00
(Hayride 12/10/2022)	
Gift Cards.....	\$625.00
Hayride crafts.....	\$112.81

Deposits this month:

Dues (contributions at Dumpster Day and Hayride).....	\$270
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Items not cleared:

Jim Donald.....	\$800
Ironwood Earthcare.....	\$5,000
Cherry Creek School District	\$280
Deb Kirschbaum (hayride refreshments).....	\$75.64



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