



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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2023 Neighborhood Improvement Grant: City of Aurora

The Neighborhood Improvement Grant is designed to improve the appearance and physical condition of Aurora's neighborhoods, enhance pride and identity, increase neighborhood communication, and strengthen the social fabric and organizational networks of the community. The city allocated \$60,000 for grants for 2023, with a maximum of \$5,000 per awarded project.

Last year Mission Viejo HOA received grant funds in the amount \$1,811.43 (of the total cost of \$1,856.33) for the rock clean-up and refresh along E Quincy Ave between S Nucla St and the ditch. Mission Viejo has applied for, and received grants, in past years: 2019--\$1,800; 2018--\$1,000; 2017--\$3,333

If you have any ideas for projects, let us know! -- more rock work along Quincy? Dumpster Day? Community gatherings -- National Night Out? Pickle Ball? Music in the park? Wrapping city/public service boxes with vinyl designs?

Deadlines -- 03/24/2023: meet with Scott Campbell (Community Engagement Coordinator); 04/21/2023: Submit grant application; 10/31/2023: Grant funds must be spent.

School News

Dear Neighbors, I would like to remind you to drive safely in the school zone and parking lot. We have many families that walk to and from school everyday. Safety for our staff and students is our number one priority. Please leave extra time in your morning commute to observe school zones (20 MPH) and crossing guards.

Thank you for taking the time to read about information and upcoming events 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@thelearningssource.org www.thelearningssource.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.
- Mar. 2nd: No School for Students (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- Mar. 3rd: No School for Students (Parent/Teacher Conferences)



- Mar. 9th: Mission Viejo PASS Meeting, 6:00 pm
- The March PASS meeting will be at Smoky Hill High School. Dinner & Child care will be provided
- Mar. 13th: Spring Individual/Class Pictures Grades
- Mar. 14th: Spring Pictures (Individual & Class)
- Mar. 16th: Hearing Re-Checks, all day
- Mar. 16th: ROCKStar Assembly (Grades K-2), 8:30 am
- Mar. 17th: ROCKStar Assembly (Grades 3-5), 8:30 am
- Mar. 20th-24th: Spring Break (No School for Staff and Students)

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

Sign Up Today For The Mission Viejo Membership/Trash Program

Mission Viejo  and Waste Connection 

Call 303-288-2100 for current pricing information

Be sure to mention that you are a Mission Viejo resident!



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Waste Connection's service includes:

- * Bi-weekly recyclings *
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- * Large item pickup *

* The MV HOA receives a quarterly rebate of \$2.00 per participating resident, helps to fund HOA events and beautification programs.

Treasurer's Report: Month Ending January 31, 2023

Beginning 1STBANK Balance: \$13,739.02
 Ending 1STBANK Balance: \$8,549.32
 PayPal Balance at 01/31/2023: \$199.72
 (3 Contributions of \$120, less fees of 5.66)

Expenses this month included:

Ironwood Earthcare: \$5000.00
 Electronic Storefronts: \$55.00
 monthly web hosting..... \$35
 plus \$20.00--remove Hayride from website)
 QuickBooks..... \$57.06
 Bank fees (VISA debit card)..... \$2.00
 No Deposits this Cycle

ICYMI

Our PAR (Police Area Representative – Area #24); Officer Sparks; ssparks@auroragov.org; 303-627-3175

Officer Sparks was at our rescheduled “Annual Meeting” on February 6th. She shared some interesting statistics about crime in Aurora, and the Neighborhood Watch program.

And also, some ways to Help Prevent Property Crime – Lock It; Light It; Hide It; Close It; Remove It; Report It! More information can be found at AuroraGov.org/Police – 303-627-3100

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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.

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Email: getinfo@coloradolaser.com

To find ad rates and discounts, go to

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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!

Spring Break Activities At Home

Have a campout in the yard. Pitch a tent and barbecue outside.

Have a spa day. Get nail polish, glitter and lotions from the drugstore and give each other manicures and make-overs.

Make bird feeders. For great, kid-friendly ideas visit: www.osweb.com.

Bring spring inside. Plant flowers in little pots that the kids have decorated.

Make some Top 10 lists. Give the kids some topics: 10 things to do before the end of spring break; 10 things that make them happy; 10 things that make them grumpy. 10 favorite songs or books? Have them write them down or dictate them to you, then bind all the lists into a book.

Plan an afternoon at a local park. Take a picnic lunch, kites, and balls & bats for a softball game. Let the kids invite several buddies and you've got a memorable spring day.

Make up a story together. Have your children illustrate it.

For a Spring learning adventure, take a hike in a nature area and learn to identify birds, trees, plants, and flowers. Spring is a natural time for kids to explore science and nature. The library offers lots of books to help!

Have a board game day. You can even invite some friends over.

Set up an obstacle course in the house or backyard.

Messy Fun. Set the kids up in the backyard with some inexpensive shaving cream and some food coloring. Let them go to town.

Let the kids use washable paint to create a masterpiece on your sidewalk or backyard fence!

PJ parties still rock! Get ready for popcorn, DVDs, pillow fights and lots of gossip. No matter what age, sleepovers are always a hit!

Build a fort. Hide the breakables and let the kids use every pillow, blanket and piece of furniture in the living or family room to create a giant fort. Let them eat lunch or dinner in it.

Spring is the perfect time for a tea party. Bake some cookies or brownies together and line up the stuffed animals!

Have an outside work day to get the yard in shape. Gather the materials needed for a special outdoor project with your kids, such as a kid-sized garden or building a birdhouse. Plan a special treat afterwards for everyone's hard work.

Do nothing. Yes, that's right. In today's time of over-scheduled kids, a day or two of totally unscheduled time, when your kids can sleep late, play creatively, or work on a hobby, and generally relax, may be just what the doctor ordered.

—<https://familyguide.com/>

Music in Our Schools Month

The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community, and to display the benefits that school music brings to students of all ages.



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AGES 0-6:

Tuesdays, 10:30 Tots Tunes
 Wednesdays, 10:30 Baby Storytime
 Thursdays, 10:30 Storytime
 Mar. 16, 10:30 St. Patrick's Day Party: Special Storytime

KIDS 1ST-8TH GRADE:

Mar. 8, 4:30 Baby Chick Clay Craft
 Mar. 15, 4:30 Perler Bead Craft
 Mar. 22, 4:30 Silly Putty Craft
 Mar. 29, 4:30 Shrinky Dink Craft

TEENS 6TH-12th GRADE:

Mar. 8, 4:30 Mario Kart Tournament
 Mar. 16, 4:30 Dungeons & Ducks
 Mar. 23, 3:00 Build an RC Car Obstacle Course
 Mar. 30, 4:30 Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

ADULTS:

Mondays, 10:30 BOAT: Bringing Older Adults Together
 Mar. 11 & 18, 4:00 Adult Art: Gold Foil Craft

VIRTUAL/WEBEX:

Fridays, 5:30 Library Game Night (Teens)
 Fridays, 8:00 Library Game Night (Adults)
 Mar. 25, 4:00 Short Story Book Club

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Brain Awareness Week

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Which Plant is a True Shamrock?

Which plant St. Patrick chose as the shamrock has been debated for some time. There are several strong candidates among the members of the pea family:

White clovers are a natural choice for the original shamrock. These ground-hugging plants are native to Europe and naturalized in this country. They grow in pastureland, to the delight of dairy herds, and in lawns, to the dismay of gardeners.

A rose-flowered variety of white clover (*trifolium repens minus*) is listed in some seed catalogs as the "true Irish shamrock."

Yet, there are those who opt for hop or yellow clover (*T. procumbens*.)

Some claim another member of the pea family as the real shamrock. *Oxalis acetosella*, also known as wood sorrel and shamrock, has large clover shaped green leaves, much bigger than the unrelated clover you see growing in a lawn or hayfield. There are many varieties of *Oxalis*, but the one most commonly sold as houseplants have lovely tiny, fragrant, white flowers.

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Unless you've been living under the Blarney Stone you already know that March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. Also affectionately known as St. Paddy's Day or St. Patty's Day, it's the one day each year that everyone and anyone can call themselves Irish – if not by birthright, then in spirit. If you have been living under the Blarney Stone, lucky you! We bet you can share a thing or two about how a religious feast day commemorating the famed Irish patron saint who brought Christianity to Ireland ended up being a day celebrated almost globally, usually involving copious amounts of green beer and whisky shooters.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries around the world than any other single-day national festival, largely due to America's enthusiasm for what many consider a holiday, although it is not an official holiday in America.

Parades are the heartbeat of St. Patrick Day festivities in America. This is not surprising, since the first parade held in St. Patrick's honor took place in America, not Ireland, in 1601 in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. And the first actual St. Patrick's Day parade also took place in America, in 1737, although it was pretty much just a stroll down the middle of a street in Boston by a few Irish Protestants to honor the patron saint of their motherland. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City was held in 1762, 14 years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and was organized by Irish troops serving in British colonies. Today the world's biggest St. Patrick's Day celebration is the annual parade in New York City, where more than two million spectators line the parade route, all claiming to be Irish, at least for the day.

Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 11th, 2023

Denver's St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of the largest in the country, and it's a great place to toast your favorite saint. Running for over 60 years, nearly half a million people are expected to attend the downtown parade.

During the parade, you can expect to see floats, dancing, live bands, charities, and local celebrities. Attendees can easily find some green beer to drink at one of downtown Denver's many bars.



Denver Restaurant Week

VISIT DENVER's Denver Restaurant Week was initially designed to showcase Denver's growing culinary offerings to local residents during a traditionally slow time of year; over the past 18 years, it has evolved to highlight what is now an award-winning, nationally recognized dining scene.

Denver Restaurant Week will be held for 10 days March 3-12, 2023. The program will showcase the creative, exciting menus that diners have come to expect - with both to-go and in-person options. Once again, Denver Restaurant Week will include three price points: \$25, \$35, and \$45 for a three-course meal. The program will also focus on advocacy for the industry while keeping the health and safety of the community top of mind.

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