



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.
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Dumpster Days:

Cost: Active members free,
non-active members \$30,
non-MVHOA Residents \$40

October 3, 2026, 8am – 11am (or until
trucks are full, whichever comes first)
Holy Love Church Parking Lot
A metal recycler will also be on hand.

Hayride:

December 12, 2026 @ Mission Viejo
Elementary School. Online sign-up begins
November 27.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

October 5, 2026
December 7, 2026
January 4, 2027

All meetings are scheduled for 6:30pm at
the Mission Viejo Library Meeting Room.
Note: There will not be a board meeting on
the following dates:

September 7, 2026 (Labor Day)
November 2, 2026 (Election Day)

Annual Meeting:

Currently scheduled for **January 19, 2027**
at Mission Viejo Elementary School.

Happy Halloween



Weed Control In And Around Our Community

The city has agreed to spray weeds along the inner circle of Mission Viejo and along our exterior boundary, homeowners are reminded that they are still responsible to remove the weeds and trash from those areas. The city has begun to issue notices to residents. Not cleaning those areas could result in an assessment by the City of Aurora.

Serving On The HOA Board

One way you can make a difference in our community is serving on the board. The board can have up to seven members on the board. We are currently accepting self-nominations for our annual meeting on January 19, 2026. A normal board commitment is 2 years, with the board voting on positions, annually. If you would like to serve on the board, please send an email to president@missionviejohoa.org.

Halloween Is Fast Approaching!

All residents are reminded to watch your speed between the witching hours of 4-8 PM on Saturday, October 31, 2026. You will see many witches, goblins and other little creatures roaming around the neighborhood collecting candy. Little ones can easily be distracted and it may be hard to see them once it dark, so please take special care while driving on this magical night.

Parents are reminded that it might be a good idea to make sure your little ones have a flashlight and or reflective clothing on so that they can be seen by drivers.

How to tell if a house is participating in handing out candy: If the porch light is out it means that either they are not handing out candy or they are out of candy. Remember that many homes are on timers or homeowners leave the carriage light on to provide some lighting for people as they walk down the street.

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Animals Getting Into The Trash

With many natural food sources struggling this year due to the heat, we have had several reports of raccoons getting into trash cans. Bears have been sighted further east in the metro area this year as well. Please remember to keep a lid on your trash cans, bungee them closed if you can, and remember that city ordinance says that the only time the containers should be visible from the street is for the 24 hours allowed for trash pickup.

Getting Ready For Winter

I know we have had a very warm and dry summer. I for one am hoping for more moisture in the coming month, except for Halloween, in hopes that our water tables can recover. Denver already called for no watering after October 1, and Aurora has it on their agenda, as I write this article.

October is generally the month we will see the first frost, and that means airing out sprinkler systems and winterize your lawn. If your sprinkler lines are full of water and there is a freeze, it could damage the entire system and lead to costly repairs in the spring. I, personally, also put insulation around the bell of the water system and cover it with a bag, so that the insulation does not get wet and freeze.

But with all this talk about turning off the water for winter, remember that trees still need water during the winter months. With the hot / dry summer, trees are a little stressed and need sip of water during the winter. Months that end in "ber" are also a great time to trim trees without adding additional stress to them.

Teen Services

The HOA Board continues to update the list of teens who wish to be listed as providing the services noted below:

Parent Contact:

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Aamya C.	14	B/P	dlc1008@gmail.com
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Liahna D.	18	B	lduran310@gmail.com
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Auron S.	14	LY/S/P	Colorado.pho3nix@gmail.com
Olivia S.	15	B	osovde@cherrycreekschools.org
Lucas U	14	LY	Lhaugenlepire@outlook.com

Teens are available for Babysitting (B), Red Cross Cert for CPR (*), Pet and House Setting (P), Lawn and Yard Care (LY) or for Snow Removal (S). To add your teen's name, please email President@missionviejohoa.org and include the following information: Name, age, parent email address or phone number and the categories you'd like included.

The HOA provides this list of teens as a courtesy to residents only but does not endorse them specifically for any task. It is up to the resident and the teen to discuss fully the job, approximately how long it will take, when the resident wants the job completed and whatever compensation is involved, before securing the teen's services.

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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 president@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.

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!

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Look Up! The October 2026 Night Sky Over Mission Viejo

October is a fantastic month for stargazing in Colorado, with cooler evenings and several standout sights. The star of the month is Saturn, which reaches opposition on October 4. This means Earth will be positioned directly between Saturn and the Sun, making Saturn especially bright and visible essentially all night. Look toward the eastern sky after sunset, where Saturn will appear as a fairly bright, steady, yellowish point of light. If you have a telescope, October is an excellent time to see its famous rings, although they appear unusually narrow this year. Jupiter and Mars are also visible in the morning sky, with Jupiter appearing much brighter. Venus will be very low in the western sky shortly after sunset early in the month, but it quickly disappears into the twilight as October progresses.

The constellations of autumn are also taking center stage. Look high in the eastern and southeastern sky for Pegasus, recognizable by its large "Great Square" of four stars. Nearby, Andromeda stretches away from one corner of the square, and under darker skies you may even spot the faint Andromeda Galaxy with binoculars. Cassiopeia, shaped like a large letter "W," is easy to find in the northeast and is a great starting point for exploring the Milky Way. Later in the evening, look toward

the east for Orion, whose three evenly spaced belt stars make it one of the easiest constellations to recognize. October also brings the Orionid meteor shower, which peaks around October 21-22. These meteors are tiny pieces of debris left behind by Halley's Comet and can produce up to about 20 meteors per hour under ideal dark-sky conditions. Finally, the Hunter's Moon, the October full Moon, occurs October 26 and will provide a beautiful bright target for binoculars or even just the naked eye. Keep looking up!

— Submitted by: **Ben Summers, High School Astronomy Teacher and Mission Viejo Resident**

If viewing the night sky and learning more about it, please send an email to president@missionviejohoa.org, so that we can work with Ben Summers to set up a date and time in the upcoming months to meet at Mission Viejo Park. We look forward to the next monthly article, Ben.

The Leaves Will Soon Be Falling

As the leaves begin to fall, our trash cans quickly fill up. Most trash services only pick up what is in the container. So, if you have bags that you have to place next to your trash, contact your trash company and let them know. They will likely charge you extra, but they will pick them up. I bag, and then add what I can each week to the trash can and hold what doesn't fit for the following weeks. This can save you the extra charges for picking up leaves. If you have Waste Connections, October and November have been designated as discount months for additional trash pickup, but you must call for them to pick it up.

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Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-5)
Tues, Oct 20 at 10:30 a.m. Blocks & Play (ages 0-5)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, Oct 7 at 4:30 p.m. Perler Bead Club (ages 6-18)
Wed, Oct 14 at 4:30 p.m. Candy Skeleton Craft (ages 6-18)
Wed, Oct 21 at 4:30 p.m. Mask Decorating (ages 6-18)

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, Oct 1 at 4:30 p.m. Apocalypse Survival Class (ages 12-18)
Thu, Oct 8 at 4:30 p.m. Horror Hangout (ages 12-18)
Thu, Oct 15 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Murder Mystery (ages 12-18)
Thu, Oct 22 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Fri, Oct 2 & 16 at 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Coloring
Wed, Oct 7 at 11:00 a.m. Genre Deep Dive: Horror
Wed, Oct 14 at 11:00 a.m. Mini Pumpkin Painting
Wed, Oct 21 at 11:00 a.m. Sherlock Holmes Board Game
Fri, Oct 23 at 11:00 a.m. Roaring '20s Murder Mystery

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I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.

—L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.

—F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*.

*I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself,
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Mystical Mayhem

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Halloween is one of the most exciting nights of the year for our community's children, but it also brings unique safety challenges. According to the National Safety Council (NSC), children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year. To make sure our neighborhood stays safe and fun, keep these essential tips from organizations like the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the CDC in mind.

COSTUME SAFETY: See and Be Seen. Add Reflection: Fasten reflective tape to dark costumes and treat bags, or have children carry glow sticks and flashlights. Ditch the Masks: Opt for non-toxic face paint instead of masks, which can easily block a child's peripheral vision. Watch the Length: Ensure costumes are short enough to prevent tripping hazards on sidewalks and stairs. Check the Label: Look for fabrics labeled "flame resistant" like nylon or polyester when buying wigs and outfits.

FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS: Smart Street Habits. Stick to Sidewalks: Walk only on sidewalks. If our street lacks them, walk on the far edge of the road facing traffic. Cross at Corners: Always cross streets at designated crosswalks or intersections. Never dart out from between parked cars.

USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM: Children under 12 should always have adult supervision. Older kids should stay in a trusted group and follow a pre-planned route.



CHECK THE STASH: Instruct kids not to eat any treats until they get home, allowing parents to inspect wrappers for tampering or food allergens.

FOR DRIVERS: Slow Down and Stay Alert. Drop Your Speed: Drive at least 5 mph below the posted speed limit through residential streets to give yourself extra stopping time.

WATCH THE DRIVEWAYS: Take extreme care when backing out of driveways or turning into alleys, as excited children can appear out of nowhere. Eliminate Distractions: Keep your phone completely put away while driving. Turn your headlights all the way on—not just daytime running lights—to improve visibility.

FOR HOMEOWNERS: Prep Your Porch. Light the Way: Keep your porch lights on and make sure walkways are brightly lit for visitors. Clear the Path: Remove tripping hazards like garden hoses, lawn decorations, or wet leaves from your front steps and yard.

PROTECT YOUR PETS: Keep dogs and cats in a quiet room inside. Constant doorbells and costumes can stress animals, increasing the risk of bites or escapes.

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