



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.



Weed Control To The Interior Of Our Community

Last month we told you we were working with the city to identify some areas
along the inner circle that might qualify the city's consideration to spray for weeds.

The city has agreed to spray weeds along the inner circle of Mission
Viejo Parkway and Alicia Parkway on the side of street adjacent to
Mission Viejo Park. While the city will spray those weeds it is still
the homeowners responsibility to remove the weeds and trash from
those areas.

Pickleball

On Saturday, August 15th the HOA hosted a demonstration of this
increasingly popular sport at La Parquita Park. Thanks to all those
who came out to join the fun. There was plenty of room for more
folks to join in, so we hope that you will consider joining in on other
events in the future.

Volunteers Needed

Mission Viejo HOA Neighborhood Association offers opportunities for you
to volunteer to make the community a better place to live. Some examples are:

- 1) Newsletter delivery – current openings
- 2) Picking up trash along the exterior or interior of the community (The
HOA has bags to collect trash along the exterior of the community.)
- 3) Helping at a community event, like Dumpster Day

If you would like to volunteer, please send an email with your Name,
address, email, phone number and what area you would like to volunteer your
time for to volunteers@missionviejohoa.org. Our volunteer Coordinator will give
your information to the activity coordinator who will contact you. We appreciate your
willingness to make Mission Viejo a better place to live. We need your help to make
Mission Viejo a community we can all be proud of, so please consider volunteering.

Sign Up Today For The Mission Viejo Membership/Trash Program

Mission Viejo  and Waste Connection 

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



Waste Connection's service includes:

- * Bi-weekly recyclings *
- * Enhanced seasonal services *
- * Large item pickup *

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

A Note From The Board President

Mission Viejo HOA is a community board
that supports our community. We are not an HOA
that cites homeowners for violations to covenants.
Over the last 10 years or so the HOA has obtained
most of its funding through resident's participa-
tion in the trash program, along with city grants
and homeowner donations. The number of people
participating in the trash program has decreased
over the past 3 years and is in danger of losing
the quarterly checks from the trash program if
participation does not pick up. If you haven't
used Waste Connections recently, they are offering
\$17.00 per month trash collection, that also gives

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MISSION VIEJO TRASH PROGRAM

Waste Connections 303-288-2100

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COMMITTEES

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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!

Advertise in this Newsletter!

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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Note From The Board President,

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the HOA \$2. Per household per month within that pricing. If you had been part of the trash program in the past, we would appreciate your consideration in donating to the HOA via Zelle, or by sending a check to the HOA Mail Box: 4255 S. Buckley Road # 110, Aurora, CO 80013.

While we are doing alot of great work to make Mission a Great Place to Live, we need volunteers to help us. Please consider supporting your community with your time, talent and treasure.

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.

Subscriptions To Pay Dues via PayPal and Stripe – Action Is Needed If You Have These Set Up

The HOA has closed its accounts with these online payment vendors, and is not responsible for any annual payments you may have set up on these platforms that the HOA cannot see.

Paying by Zelle:

If you want to make a donation to the Mission Viejo HOA Neighborhood Association you can do so by using the QR Code, which can be found on the second page of the newsletter. It is very important when making payment you enter your address in the memo. This will allow us to record your name and address for accounting and records keeping. Activating your 2026 Active membership allows Mission Viejo HOA residents to utilize Dumpster Days and the Annual Hay Ride at no additional cost. To send money via Zelle, open your bank's mobile app or online banking platform and locate the Zelle feature. Next, register your email address or mobile number and select the option to send money. Enter treasurer@mission-viejohoa.org as the recipient's email address along with the donation amount. You should also email the treasurer, letting them know that a payment has been sent. The Treasurer will then know your payment has been processed and can obtain any other information it needs to ensure you are listed as an active member of the HOA and can participate in activities without any costs. Some residents have reported they had to enter the organization as Mission Viejo Homeowners Assn.

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Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (ages 0-2)
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-5)
Tues, Sep 29 at 10:30 a.m. Blocks & Play (ages 0-5)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, Sep 2 at 4:30 p.m. Perler Bead Club (ages 6-18)
Wed, Sep 9 at 4:30 p.m. Papercraft Club (ages 6-18)
Wed, Sep 16 at 4:30 p.m. Tin Heart Craft (ages 6-18)
Wed, Sep 23 at 4:30 p.m. Clay Club (ages 6-18)
Wed, Sep 30 at 4:30 p.m. Shrinky Dink Craft (ages 6-18)

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, Sep 3 at 4:30 p.m. Lego Build Challenge (ages 12-18)
Thu, Sep 10 at 4:30 p.m. Dinosaur Model Craft (ages 12-18)
Thu, Sep 17 at 4:30 p.m. How to Make Ramen (Better) (ages 12-18)
Thu, Sep 24 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Fri, Sep 4 at 11:00 a.m. Candle Making
Fri, Sep 11 & 25 at 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Coloring
Wed, Sep 16 at 11:00 a.m. Watercolor Landscapes
Fri, Sep 18 at 11:00 a.m. Book Page Butterflies
Wed, Sep 30 at 11:00 a.m. Acrylic Canvas Free Paint

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Fri, Sep 18 at 4:30 p.m. Library Resources for Students & Parents




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What Is the Harvest Moon?

In 2026, the brilliant Full Harvest Moon is on Saturday, the 26th of September, reaching full illumination at 12:49 p.m. It will appear full for 3 days so start looking early if the weather is clear!

For several evenings, the Moon rises very soon after the Sun sets, resulting in an abundance of bright moonlight early in the evening. Traditionally, this extra light aided farmers and crews in harvesting their summer-grown crops. Hence, it's called the "Harvest" Moon!

On average, there are just a little over 12 complete Moon cycles every year (about 29.53 days in a synodic month). The Harvest Moon isn't like the other Moons.

Usually, throughout the year, the Moon rises an average of about 50 minutes later each day.

However, for the few nights around the Harvest Moon, the Moon seems to rise at nearly the same time: just 25 to 30 minutes later across the northern U.S. and only 10 to 20 minutes later farther north in Canada and Europe.

Additionally, the Harvest Moon rises at sunset and will increase near sunset for several nights because the difference is at a yearly minimum. It may almost seem like there are Full Moons multiple nights in a row!

—<https://www.almanac.com/what-harvest-moon>



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Treasurer's Report 6/30/2026 to 7/31/2026

Beginning Balance	\$20,619
INCOME	
Zelle Deposits	\$250
Total Income	\$250
EXPENSES	
Storage June/July	\$274
Web network	\$4
Total Expenses	\$278
Ending Balance	\$20,591

*Note that all amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Fall Home Exterior Maintenance

ROOF & DRAINAGE

Clean the Gutters: Remove all pine needles and leaves to prevent heavy ice dams from forming in winter.

Inspect Roof Shingles: Look for loose, cracked, or missing shingles that could leak during heavy spring snowmelts.

Direct Downspouts Away: Extend downspouts at least 3 to 5 feet away from your foundation to prevent soil erosion and basement flooding.

FOUNDATION & EXTERIOR WALLS

Seal Structural Cracks: Use outdoor caulk to fill cracks in concrete foundations, siding, and stucco to keep moisture out.

Inspect Exterior Siding: Check for peeling paint or gaps in siding that expose wood to harsh winter sun and moisture.

Clear Foundation Beds: Remove dead vegetation and debris from the perimeter of your home to discourage pests from nesting.

WINDOWS, DOORS, & INSULATION

Replace Weatherstripping: Swap out worn seals around exterior doors and windows to block freezing winds and lower heating bills.

Caulk Window Frames: Apply exterior-grade caulk to gaps between window frames and siding to stop drafts.

Check Attic Ventilation: Ensure soffit and ridge vents are clear so moisture can escape, preventing mold growth.

OUTDOOR UTILITIES & SAFETY

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September Night Skies, A Changing Season Over Mission Viejo

September brings the transition from the familiar summer sky to the constellations of autumn. Look toward the **south and south-east after dark** for bright **Saturn**, which is approaching its October 4 opposition and will be visible for much of the night. A telescope will reveal its famous rings, although they appear unusually narrow this year. **Neptune** reaches opposition on September 25, making September an excellent time to hunt for this distant blue world with binoculars or a telescope, although it is far too faint to see with the unaided eye. In the early morning hours, **Jupiter** and **Mars** begin appearing in the eastern sky before sunrise, with Jupiter by far the brighter of the two.

The summer constellations remain prominent early in the evening. Look overhead for the **Summer Triangle**, formed by the bright stars Vega, Deneb, and Altair. From there, find **Cygnus the Swan**, whose stars form a large cross, and **Lyra**, a small parallelogram anchored by brilliant Vega. As the evening progresses, look toward the east for **Pegasus**, recognizable by its large square of four stars, and **Andromeda**, which stretches away from one corner of the square. Under reasonably dark skies, binoculars can reveal the faint **Andromeda Galaxy**, our nearest large neighboring galaxy. September also brings the **autumnal equinox on September 23**, when day and night are nearly equal in length. The **Harvest Moon arrives September 26**, traditionally named for the bright full Moon that historically helped farmers extend their working hours after sunset. For Mission Viejo stargazers, even a backyard or neighborhood park can provide a rewarding view, especially if you give your eyes 15–20 minutes to adjust to the darkness and turn off nearby outdoor lights when possible. Keep looking up!

— Submitted by: Ben Summers,

High School Astronomy Teacher and Mission Viejo Resident

If viewing the night sky and learning more about 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.

Hot Air Balloon Festivals

COLORADO SPRINGS LABOR DAY LIFT OFF

When: September 5–7, 2026

Where: Memorial Park

(1605 E Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs)

Details: Celebrate the 50th annual festival featuring over 70 hot air balloons taking flight each morning. Includes evening balloon glows, a Ninja Nation obstacle course, a massive beer garden, and live music. Entrance is free.

COLORFEST PAGOSA SPRINGS

When: September 19, 2026

Where: Yamaguchi Park

(684 S 5th St, Pagosa Springs)

Details: A classic autumn outdoor festival showcasing hot air balloon launches over the mountains, a wine and food festival, a craft beer tasting event, and a color run/walk.



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