



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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Speed Bump

E Kenyon Drive was just blessed by the City of Aurora with 2 sets of speed humps. Already the cars have slowed down significantly. An HOA member made the request last year and the City installed them within 15 months of the original application. This shows that we have a great city supporting us. Now let's all try to contribute to our local community to make other improvements.



If April showers should come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May.

—Buddy de Sylva

Mission Viejo HOA Monthly Meeting:

April 1st, 2024
6:30 p.m. Mission Viejo Library
All Mission Viejo residents are welcome to attend.

Mission Viejo Elementary News

Dear Neighbors, I hope everyone enjoyed the extended Spring Break and managed to dig out of the snow! Mission Viejo Elementary is celebrating our 50th anniversary with a community celebration on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 4:00 - 6:00pm. We are very excited about sharing this milestone with the community we serve.

We would like to hear from our former students. Please use the QRC to complete the brief questionnaire.

If you would like to join us for the celebration, please use the QRC to RSVP.



While Mission's 50th anniversary is definitely a highlight, there are many other events to look forward to as the school year begins to come to a close.

- **April 2nd -18th:** CMAS Testing
- **April 8th:** Solar Eclipse
- **April 12th:** PTCO Pizza and Painting Night
- **April 17th:** Family engagement Night, STEAM Night, 5:00 pm. This event is will be an activity center during the 50th anniversary celebration.
- **April 18th:** MIS PASS Meeting, 6:00 pm
- **April 20th:** "All Pro Dad" (APD) Chapter Meeting, 9:30 am (Library)
 - If you are a father (or father figure), please bring your child(ren) and join us!
 - Breakfast will be provided.
 - Please RSVP, via email, to MissionAPD@gmail.com.

I would like to close with a friendly reminder to follow the school zone speed limit and instructions from our dedicated crossing guards. Their jobs are crucial to the safety of our students and families.

I hope to see you at the many events we have planned for the last couple months of the school year. If you would like to be our guest at any of the events, please contact the front office at 720-886-8000.

— **Your Neighbor, André Pearson, Principal**

Presentation Before HOA Meetings

We would like our neighbors in Mission Viejo to share their hobbies and talents as well as career knowledge with those interested. Therefore we will be setting up 30 minutes prior to our monthly meetings to present these accomplishments. If you have something that you would like to share with our community, please send an email to Pat Kraft and we can put the dates and subjects on our calendar.

For Example: I have brought my love of pickleball to the community by getting the City of Aurora to install pickleball courts across from the kids park and getting the library to check out 16 contributed pickleball paddles to the community. I am sure that there are lots of ideas and abilities out there that you would like to share.

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Expenses this month included:

- Electronic Storefronts -- \$35.00
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- Cherry Creek School District (Hayride 12/09/2023: \$385.40 & Annual Meeting 01/22/2024: \$35.00) -- \$420.40

Deposits and other additions:

Voluntary Dues -- \$30.00

Expenses in coming months:

- Ironwood Earthcare (Balance due: \$7,395.75-\$5,000.00) -- \$2,395.75
- Travelers Insurance -- \$4,950.00
- Applying for 2024 Neighborhood Improvement Grant -- Last year HOA received \$3,300.

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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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Mission Viejo Library: April 2024 Programs

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Mon, Apr. 8, noon-1:00 Solar Eclipse Viewing
Sat, Apr. 13, 10:00-1:00 Block Printing Bookbags

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM Sensory Shenanigans (ages 0-5)
Thursdays at 10:30 AM Storytime (ages 0-6)

PROGRAMS FOR OLDER CHILDREN & PRE-TEENS:

Wed, Apr. 3 at 4:30 PM Perler Bead Club (ages 6-18)
Wed, Apr. 17 at 4:30 PM Shrinky Dinks (ages 8-18)
Thu, Apr. 11 at 4:30 PM Marbled Bookmarks (ages 8-18)
Sat, Apr. 20, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS:

Thu, Apr. 4 at 4:30 PM Dinosaur Tea Party (ages 11-18)
Sat, Mar. 28 at 4:30 PM Teen Advisory Group (ages 11-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Mondays at 10:30 AM Coffee and Coloring
Mon, Apr. 1 at 4:30 PM DIY Sourdough Starter
Sat, Apr. 13 at 4:00 PM Adult Art: Marbled Bookmarks
Sat, Apr. 27 at 11:00 AM Social Security for Disabilities

VIRTUAL/WEBEX PROGRAMS:

Fridays, 5:30 PM Library Game Night (Teens)
Fridays, 8:00 PM Library Game Night (Adults)

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

Fiery Pork Lettuce Wraps

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp. gochujang
- 1 tbsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1/2 tbsp. packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp. toasted sesame oil
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1 1-pound pork tenderloin, trimmed
- Gem or baby romaine lettuce leaves
- Cooked rice; sliced radishes, cucumber, scallions and chiles; and fresh cilantro and mint leaves, for serving

Directions

- **Step 1:** Heat oven to 400°F. In small bowl, combine gochujang, soy sauce, lime juice, sugar, and sesame oil.
- **Step 2:** Heat oil in large oven-safe skillet on medium-high. Season pork with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper and cook, turning occasionally, until browned on all sides, 6 to 8 minutes.
- **Step 3 :** Set aside half of gochujang mixture. Brush pork with remaining gochujang mixture and roast until internal temp reaches 145°F, 12 to 15 minutes.
- **Step 4 :** Transfer pork to cutting board. Using clean pastry brush, brush with remaining gochujang mixture and let rest 5 minutes before slicing. Serve with lettuce, rice, radishes, cucumber, scallions, chiles, cilantro, and mint.

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Prepare For The Full Pink Moon!

You can see the full Moon in April on Tuesday, April 23. It reaches its brightest point at 7:49 p.m. Traditionally, we call this Moon the Pink Moon, and it symbolizes the beginning of spring. Here's everything you should know about the April Full Moon, including facts, folklore, and Moon phase dates.

When to See the Full Moon in April 2024:

Venture outside on the night of Tuesday, April 23, to catch a glimpse of April's full Pink Moon. This full Moon reaches peak illumination at 7:49 p.m. For the best view of this lovely spring Moon, find an open area and watch as the Moon rises just above the horizon, at which point it will appear its biggest and take on a golden hue!

Why Is It Called the Pink Moon?

The full Moon names used by The Old Farmer's Almanac come from a number of places, including Native American, Colonial American, and European sources. Traditionally, each full Moon name was applied to the entire lunar month in which it occurred, not only to the full Moon.

Is The Pink Moon Really Pink?

Although we wish this name had to do with the color of the Moon, the reality is not quite as mystical or awe-inspiring. In truth, April's full Moon often corresponded with the early springtime blooms of a certain wildflower native to eastern North America: Phlox subulata—commonly called creeping phlox or moss phlox—which also went by the name "moss pink."

—<https://www.almanac.com/content/full-moon-april>

5 Things To Do For Earth Day

Earth Day is a global celebration of planet Earth, the place we all call home. All month long, there are opportunities to connect with nature, get outdoors, and protect the planet for future generations to come.

Get The Whole Family Outside

One mom shares why treks with tykes are worth it - how it teaches children the value of nature and, eventually, why to defend it. Whether it's a short walk or a challenging hike, here are our pro tips for getting outside with young kids.

Donate to Protect Public Lands

Public lands provide a home for wildlife, protect against climate change, and give us a way to enjoy nature. Yet we are losing precious public lands to fossil fuel exploitation and unchecked development.

Connect With The Next Generation

Share your love for National Parks with our free coloring pages. Children can bring their own perspective to Carlsbad Caverns, Yosemite, Acadia, and more. Get creative, unwind and play, and bring America's natural treasures to life in a whole new way.

Attend a Local Earth Day Event

Celebrate Earth Day with your community. All throughout Earth Month, you'll find Sierra Club events across the country - and even online. Join a local hike, volunteer in a neighborhood clean-up, or attend a rally.

Take Action to Fight Climate Change

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Taste Test Colorado Wine

Wineries have proven to be a prime spot to enjoy the spring weather while supporting locally-owned businesses. Colorado has a plethora of options to explore and wine events throughout the warmer months, and April kicks off the festivities.

TASTE OF VAIL

Expect to eat well at the resort's early spring get-together, Taste Of Vail. Combine a day of fine food and wine, and even skiing or snowboarding if you can manage. Sounds terrific! Thirty or so of the top chefs from the Vail Valley showcase their stellar fare. Wash it down with choices from over 50 winemakers from around the country. Make sure your palate is ready for the annual Taste of Vail happening this April. The festival is dubbed one of the best spring food and wine-tasting events in the country, which is why you shouldn't skip this exciting gathering.

Where: Vail Village

When: Wednesday - Saturday, April 3rd - 6th, 2024

BARREL INTO SPRING

Barrel Into Spring is the perfect way to welcome the warm weather and enjoy local wineries, held in late April and early May. Participants will pick up a tasting glass and event "passport" to guide them through the weekend. This is a self-paced tour, so you can explore the 7 wineries throughout Grand Valley at your leisure.

Where: Palisade

When: April 19-20 and May 10-11, 2024

DURANGO WINE EXPERIENCE

End the month with the Durango Wine Experience, held on the last weekend in April. Friday features a "walk-about" style of tasting, with multiple locations in downtown Durango offering their selections of wine. Saturday is the grand tasting where you'll find numerous wineries and hundreds of unique wines lining the streets to showcase their craft. There will also be seminars held all weekend so you can channel your inner sommelier.

Where: Durango

When: Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, 2024

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Teach The Children To Save Day

Each year on the fourth Thursday in April, National Teach Children to Save Day encourages children to develop good saving habits. Bankers across the country volunteer every year to teach children to save. Developing these habits at a young age creates a foundation for a lifetime of saving. Involving our children with a savings plan, and money management skills prepare them for a solid future. Parents should teach children about financial matters so that when they head out into the world they avoid pitfalls that can be financially devastating. With an early start on saving and an understanding of budgeting their money, children will have solid habits as they head into adulthood.



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April Garden Calendar

April is a pivotal month in your garden. While we may still see weather variability between winter and spring, the trend is definitely toward warming. As the ground warms the garden awakens.

Garden cleanup is the first priority.

- Rake leaves and debris from around trees, shrubs and other garden areas.
- If you haven't done so yet, cut back ornamental grasses.
- Prune summer blooming shrubs such as butterfly bush, blue mist spirea, potentilla, and some hydrangeas.
- Remove any broken or damaged branches from trees.

What we've been waiting for – Planting season begins now!

- Plant container or balled and burlapped trees and shrubs from now throughout spring.
- Now is the time to plant bare root roses. Soak roots in water for 12 hours before planting. Vegetables – Early April Outdoors
- Soak parsley seeds 24 hours before planting ¼" deep.
- Dill seeds should be pressed lightly into the soil.
- Peas can be sown as late as mid-April.
- Indoors- Start warm season vegetables from seed like tomatoes and peppers.
- Mid April Outdoors: Plant lettuce, chard, spinach, kale, beets, carrots, radishes and onion sets.
- Indoors - Start seeds of flowers like zinnias and celosia that need four weeks before planting outside. It's not too late to plant Cardinal Seed Vine and Hyacinth Bean Vine indoors; two annual vines that put on a beautiful show mid to late summer.

Other Garden Chores:

- Transplant: When soil has thawed, divide and transplant summer and fall blooming perennials such as sedum Autumn Joy, garden Phlox paniculata, Asters, perennial Dianthus, and Shasta Daisies.
- Roses – Once new growth starts, usually mid-April, slowly remove mulch from around the plants. Prune dead or damaged canes first, then prune all other canes to approximately 1 to 2 feet above ground. As active growth appears, fertilize with a rose food formulation of 9-14-9 which is higher in phosphorus to encourage blooms and strong roots. Do not prune live canes of climbing roses. However, cutting out dead canes is recommended.

Lawn care:

- Core aeration is one of the most beneficial things you can do to maintain a healthy lawn. This is also a good time to do an irrigation audit to make sure your system is working properly.

Weeding:

- As you see weeds pull them out. They are generally small this early and easy to remove.

Wasp control:

- Hang pheromone traps out to capture early emerging yellow-jackets. If you trap a queen early, you prevent a nest. These bright yellow traps are available at both garden centers and big box stores. They will not harm other insects just yellow-jacket wasps.

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Watch the Rockies at Coors Field

Nothing says warm weather like baseball on a sunny day. What better place to watch a game than Coors Field in downtown Denver with a grand view of the mountains in the distance? The Rockies season runs from early April through early October, and maybe longer, pending a playoff run. Opening day for the Colorado Rockies will be held on Friday, April 5th, 2024 as they take on the Tampa Bay Rays. There are plenty of festivities to celebrate the return of baseball. Coors Light will be set up in McGregor Square with activities for the whole family, the Broncos quarterback will throw a ceremonial first pitch, and there will be a flyover by the Air National Guard. Don't miss this exciting day!

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Siblings Day

National Siblings Day (also referred to as Sibling Day) on April 10th each year honors our brothers and sisters. Siblings. They are our best friends or our worst enemies. At times, siblings will provide us with our biggest competition, strongest encouragement and remind us of our most embarrassing moments.

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Over the next couple of years, the city will examine how to better connect our residents, employees and visitors to various destinations in Aurora. The plan will propose improvements throughout our city that offer safer and more sustainable and convenient transportation options for everyone who walks, rolls, bikes, takes transit or drives to work, shopping, school, and parks, etc.

There will be several online and in-person opportunities for the community to engage and provide input throughout the planning process. The first phase of public engagement will take place this April, with a self-guided online meeting and in-person community events. Check out the Key Dates section on this page for more information. Food trucks will be present at each open house to provide a meal on a first-come, first-served basis.

Click on the Subscribe button to the right to receive periodic project updates and opportunities to provide feedback. Tell your friends and neighbors about this project and encourage them to get involved.

Stay tuned for upcoming community events and input opportunities!

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Top Decluttering Tips For Inside Your Home

One of the most essential facets of spring cleaning is decluttering. Over the winter, most families neglect decluttering because it's cold, wet, or otherwise unpleasant outside. For many, however, clutter is as bad, or worse, than an unclean home. Below are some excellent tips to declutter and keep your home clutter-free.

- Start small. Choose a single bedroom or other room in the house rather than trying to declutter your entire home all at once.
- Sort things into 3 piles; "Keep", "Donate", and "Throw Away". Then, use those piles accordingly.
- Use a timer. That way, you don't waste a day trying to declutter a single area.
- Use the "one in, one out" rule. For each new item you bring into your home, eliminate an old one.
- Digitize your essential files, documents, and paperwork. Use a scanner to store them digitally on a device you keep in a safe place. (It takes up much less space than tons of paper.)

Remember that decluttering is about getting rid of things and keeping your home as organized and clutter-free as possible.

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