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Dumpster Days:

June 6, 2026

8 AM – 11 AM (or until trucks are full, whichever comes first)
Holy Love Church Parking Lot

October 3, 2026

8 AM – 11 AM (or until trucks are full, whichever comes first)
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April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks, 'Go!'

–*Christopher Morley*



Newly Installed Board Members Hit the Ground Running

Within 2 days of accepting a position on the board in February, members of the board began a review of costs and contracts with the Association. The board made sure contracts and contacts with the city, bank, and other contracts were updated to reflect the new board members. The contract for our storage area was reviewed, and it was determined that we could downsize to a smaller storage unit reducing costs significantly, and will result in a \$3,120 savings in 2026. Thanks to Alan, Farzan, and Pat for moving the Association's materials to the new unit the same day the contract was signed.

Let's Talk Trash

The Association has been working with Waste Connections and renewed its agreement in which Waste Connections will provide \$2.00 per household / per month for all households in Mission Viejo that use Waste Connections when the total number of homes is 800 or more. Over the past several years we have all noticed the price of trash going up, and we have seen the number of residents using Waste Connections decrease. The number of residents using Waste Connections has dropped below 800. Waste Connections is offering special pricing to new customers and returning customers who left the program. Waste Connections has agreed to lower the threshold from 800 to 725 through November 2026 in hope that we will be able to increase the number of people in the program.

Existing customers are encouraged to call Waste Connections at 303-288-2100 and negotiate
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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!



SCAN ME

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.*

Mission Viejo HOA Monthly Meetings:

April 6, 2026

May 4, 2026

July 6, 2026

August 3, 2026

October, 5, 2026

December 7, 2026

*All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 PM at the Mission Viejo Library Meeting Room.

**Note there will not be aboard meeting on the following Dates:

June 1, 2026 (Board agreed on)

September 7, 2026 (Labor Day)

November 2, 2026 (Election Day)

Waste Connections Using New Trucks

If you're at home on trash collection days, you will notice Waste Connections is using new trucks in our neighborhood. These trucks have a mechanical arm that grabs trash / recycling containers from the side of the truck, lift it overhead and dump through the top of the truck before returning the container to the ground. All Waste Connections customers pay for trash and recycling in 96-gallon containers. Waste Connections is offering containers, free of charge: All you need to do is call and set up delivery.

Because of the way the trucks operate, all trash must be in a container, or it will not be picked up. This includes yard waste. The hope is the new trucks will save time and reduce injury, ultimately allowing the company to work with us to provide residents better rates.

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen 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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Trash, *continued from front page*

a lower rate for trash collection. Under the new contract, for example there are no administrative or fuel surcharges. Some residents have expressed that making the call has saved them from 10% to 60% from the bill they received. At the time this article was written for publication, we had reached agreement on some items, but are set to meet in the coming week in an effort to get an agreement on pricing for existing customers. When calling make sure Waste Connections knows you are part of Mission Viejo, so they can add you to the roster and give the Association the \$2.00 per household / per month as agreed upon within the contract.

The \$2.00 per household / per month adds up quickly and provides a minimum of \$19,000 per year for Association Activities and expenses. Dumpster Days, the Holiday Hay Ride and other events are funded through this program. If you are not part of the program, please consider contributing to the Association by sending us a check at: Mission Viejo HOA, 4244 S. Buckley Road #110, Aurora, CO 80013. The more people we have in the program the more events / activities we are able to offer. Another benefit of the program is reduced trash truck traffic on our streets, reducing trash truck speeds and wear and tear on residential streets.

Mission Viejo is Conducting a Waste Connections Audit

During our February Meeting we found that several members who indicated they had Waste Connections were not listed on the listing provided by the company. It uses the listing to provide us the \$2.00 per household / per month.

As a result, the new board, along with some volunteers will be reviewing the listings to ensure that all households are accounted for. Why are we telling you, and what do we need? Please email MVHOA.Audit@gmail.com by May, 15, 2026, with your name and service address if you use Waste Connections. We will compare all of the data we collect and ask Waste Connections to add any households to the listing to ensure we maximize contributions. If you don't have access to email, send us a postcard to the Association Mail Box at: MVHOA Attn: MV Audit, 4255 S. Buckley Road #110, Aurora, CO 80013 or come to the next HOA Meeting, sign in and provide us the information. We use these listing at Dumpster Days, so if you are new or know of an issue with your account, please bring your current trash contract with you to the event. We appreciate your assistance in making sure we are getting paid for your participation in the program.

The beautiful spring came, and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.

-Harriet Ann Jacobs

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Mission Viejo Library: March Programs

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

- Wed, Apr 1 at 4:30 p.m. Glitter Slime (ages 6-18)
- Wed, Apr 8 at 4:30 p.m. Perler Bead Club (ages 6-18)
- Wed, Apr 15 at 4:30 p.m. Clay Club (ages 6-18)
- Sat, Apr 18, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)
- Wed, Apr 22 at 4:30 p.m. Animal Bookmarks (ages 8-18)

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

- Thu, Apr 2 at 4:30 p.m. DIY Stress Balls (ages 12-18)
- Thu, Apr 9 at 4:30 p.m. DnD Character Creation (ages 12-18)
- Thu, Apr 16 at 4:30 p.m. Diamond Art Bookmarks (ages 12-18)
- Thu, Apr 23 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18)

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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.

When you have questions, Colorado State University Extension has research-based answers. Get answers to your horticulture questions by visiting ask.extension.org any time day or night.

– Fredricka Bogardus, Colorado Master Gardener

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