



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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Neighborhood Announcements:

Reminder: Dumpster Days: 10/21/23
Annual Hayride: 12/09/23, sign ups will become available in October
Next Monthly HOA board meeting: 8/7/23 @ 6:30pm at the Mission Viejo Library (room to the left side of entrance)
Did you know that you can check out pickle ball paddles and balls at the library? The courts are open and ready for your enjoyment. Anyone is able to check out pickleball equipment, as long as they are in good standing with the library.
Notes from July HOA Board meeting: Ben Baker elected secretary and Bryon Taylor elected to the board as a member-at-large for now.

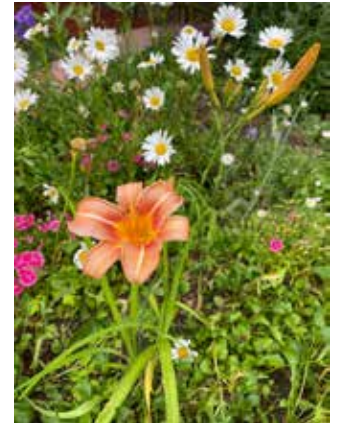
June 26, 2023 HOA Garden



And here is a beautiful Lily from the Garden!

Betty, Jerry and Lois weeded the garden on June 26 - making it look beautiful for the 4th of July weekend. They each worked two hours cleaning and weeding the garden. They collected two large bags of debris for the goats to enjoy.

If you appreciate this garden in Mission Viejo Park, please consider helping the committee. The more hands the easier it becomes to manage. Just email any HOA board member. Go to the website for contact information. Leave your name and contact number and a committee member will contact you. They usually work early mornings, approximately twice a month.



Prepare For Back To School

Back To School Shopping: Get your kids involved in back to school shopping and it won't seem like such a chore. Set spending limits for items such as clothing, shoes and backpacks and allow them to pick out what they like best, whether online or in a store. By doing this early, you'll avoid long lines at stores and anxiety at home in the days before classes commence. If your child must wear a uniform, make sure they have what they need before the first day. And don't forget to set up a comfortable home study space if they will be distance learning.

Create a Message Center: Life can be chaotic during the school year with all those online class meetings, sports practices and rehearsals. Create a message center so everyone in the family can keep track of schedules and appointments. You can build a home message center or purchase one that is ready to go.

Stock up on Supplies: Whether you home-school your child or send them off to a private or public school, there's a good chance they'll need some supplies. Many schools provide a list of everything your child will need. Stock up on pencils, erasers, markers and rulers now so they are ready to go on day one. And keep your school supplies organized so you can find everything when you need them.



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Beginning 1STBANK Balance – \$11,469.83

Ending 1STBANK Balance -- \$11,276.34

PayPal Balance at 06/30/2023 -- \$.00

(\$313.56 transferred to FirstBank)

Expenses this month included:

- Electronic Storefronts -- \$35.00
- QuickBooks -- \$57.06
- Security Self Storage (June) – \$205.00
- The UPS Store (14 months mailbox) -- \$336.00
- Web.com (domain registration) -- \$39.99
- Bank Fees (Visa debit cards) -- \$4.00
- Tips for dumpster day drivers -- \$120.00

Deposits and other additions:

- Dumpster Day Contributions -- \$290.00
- Transfer from PayPal -- \$313.56

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COMMITTEES

Welcome Committee: TBD

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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.

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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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!

Mission Viejo Resident Projects Showcase

One of our neighbors, Teri, recently completed a front yard project. Teri wanted to move away from a yard that needed a lot of maintenance and opted for a synthetic grass option. We personally think this was a great project and decided to showcase it on our August newsletter.

I have lived here just over 20 years and the yard was never really very appealing. The grass was sparse and I was always fighting weeds. After a few years of hot and dry summers, I found myself giving up. I hated trying to water and barely keeping anything alive. It seemed like such a waste of water. And as I have aged, it is not as easy to do yard work. I finally decided to get something with little or no maintenance. The landscaper I went with understood what I wanted. The thought of clearing it all away and starting fresh with no maintenance was a relief. The yard before was starting to look like no one lived here. Now I look outside and I don't see weeds taking over my yard and I don't feel embarrassed when I look at it.



If you have a project you'd like us to showcase please send an email to president@missionviejohoa.org with a brief summary of the project and why you chose to do it. Send us a before and after picture.



Brake Safety Week, Aug. 20–26.

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ALL AGES:

Sat, Aug 5 at 4:30-6:00 End of Summer Party -
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Sat, Aug 5 at 6:00 End of Summer -
El Javi guitar performance
Tues, Aug 8 at 6:30 PM Aurora Rhythms concert series -
Sofia Talvik
Fri, Aug 25 at 4:30 PM Chaos Crafting



AGES 0-7:

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM Tots Tunes
Thursdays, 10:30 AM Storytime
Thu, Aug 17, 10:30 AM Special Storytime: Under the Sea
Sat, Aug 19, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog

AGES 8-15:

Wed, Aug 2 at 4:30 PM Papercraft Club
Wed, Aug 9 at 4:30 PM Perler Bead Club
Wed, Aug 16 at 4:30 PM Pony Bead Lizards & More
Wed, Aug 23 at 4:30 PM Clay Club
Wed, Aug 30 at 4:30 PM Shrinky Dinks

AGES 11-18:

Thu, Aug 3 at 4:30 PM Video Game Club
Thu, Aug 10 at 4:30 PM Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
Thu, Aug 17 at 4:30 PM Global Snack Fest
Sat, Aug 26 at 3:00 PM Teen Movie Hangout

ADULTS:

Mon, Aug 7 at 10:30 AM Watch and Discuss
Sat, Aug 12 at 4:00 PM Adult Art: Keepsake Boxes
Mon, Aug 14 at 10:30 AM Morning Craft and Coffee
Mon, Aug 28 at 10:30 AM Morning Game and Coffee

VIRTUAL/WEBEX:

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

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

National Water Quality Month

National Water Quality Month is dedicated to making the most of the relatively small amount of fresh water we have. Clean water is vital to our individual health, our collective agricultural needs, and our environment.

National Farmers Market Week, Aug. 6-12

National Farmers Market Week is a great opportunity to show the nation how much value markets bring to their communities. With fun events, specials, contests, and activities, the week helps to boost market attendance and visibility.

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10 Things To Do Before School Starts

Soak up the last few weeks of summer with these fun family outings. As you prepare to say goodbye to summer vacation, consider what is left on your list of things to do before school begins. Take a break from back-to-school shopping with these 10 fun ideas. Make the final days and weeks of summer memorable.

- 1. Take a hike.** Set aside a day for a kid-friendly hike, such as St. Mary's Glacier. For added fun, pack a lunch to enjoy at the top while you chat with your children about what they loved best about their summer.
- 2. Camp out.** Camping with little ones takes advanced planning, so aim for simple, carefree camping fun in your backyard. Invite a friend or two and play a game of tag with flashlights when it gets dark. Roast hot dogs and marshmallows in an outdoor fire pit or over the grill. Snuggle up under the stars, point out constellations or play a game of "would you rather" with your kids.
- 3. Bike along Platte River.** There are 28 miles of trail along the Platte River for families to enjoy together, whether you tackle the whole length or just a short portion of it. It's an outing filled with exercise and fresh air, and you can stop along the way as much as you like. Start the trail at the REI Denver flagship store and make your way through Denver to enjoy the city from a different perspective.
- 4. Check out a Rockies game.** Spend a day rooting for the home team. With Rockpile tickets priced so low, there's no reason not to head to the ballpark for a hot dog and some action-packed baseball with the whole family.

- 5. Catch a sunrise.** Whether you're peering over Lookout Mountain, posted up at Red Rocks Amphitheatre, driving up Guanella Pass, or cozied in your own backyard, a sunrise in Colorado is one of the most wonderful beauties to witness. Wake your kids up early just one morning (if they aren't already up) to share in the first light of the day. Just think, maybe they'll go to bed early that night, and you'll be on your way to an earlier bedtime schedule for school.
- 6. Pick some fruit.** August is the month for sweet strawberries and red raspberries at Berry Patch Farms in Brighton. Load up the car with the entire crew and head out into the fields to pick fresh berries.
- 7. Take a sunset stroll.** Walk around any of the metro area's beautiful parks in the evening. Choose one with a playground so the kids can play until the sun sets, then stop and admire the last rays as a family. It's a great time to share hopes for the next school year, too.
- 8. Spend the day at a mountain resort.** The winter slopes transform into family-friendly playgrounds each summer, with a plethora of activities the entire crew can enjoy. From scenic chairlift rides to hiking trails and alpine slides, there's a little something for everyone.
- 9. Drive up Trail Ridge Road.** Spend the day enjoying everything that Rocky Mountain National Park has to offer, including hiking around Bear Lake and searching for elk herds. Make the drive up Trail Ridge Road to stand above the treeline and gaze over miles and miles of mountains and sky. Let the kids take their best photos along the way. You must make a reservation to get into Rocky Mountain National Park.
- 10. Ride the Georgetown Loop.** A scenic ride on an old mining railroad is an exceptional way to close out the summer with your family. The Georgetown Loop takes reservations online, and for an additional fee, you can enjoy a tour of a mine while learning about the history of gold mining in Colorado.

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August Gardening Calendar

By Eileen Tully, Colorado Master Gardener, CSU

As gardeners, we enter a slower, more easy-going phase in the garden process. There's always something to do in the garden but we don't need to keep up the frenetic pace of planting-mulching-weeding that April and May demand. June's blooms may have faded, but with proper pruning some may make a reappearance in August. July's heat is over and there's still a lot of summer left.



- Peppers can be harvested anytime they achieve the size you need or want.
- Water tomatoes regularly until late August. After that, fruit will ripen more quickly when water is withheld.
- After harvesting and areas become empty sow cover crops, like annual rye grass, often called green manure, to build garden soil.

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In August harvesting our gardening efforts has begun, but we can take time to do it right, even enjoy the process. If we pay attention, August presents a wisdom not available any other time of year. The garden is maturing now. We can see our mistakes, our successes, and the intrusions on our efforts that nature presents on her own. In August there's time to look around and appreciate the garden...and then get back to work.

MAJOR CHORES FOR AUGUST

Vegetables:

- Plant spinach and lettuce mid-month for a fall harvest.
- Harvest cucumbers intended for slicing when they are 6 to 8 inches.
- Onions are ready to harvest when their green tops fall over. Lift the bulbs and brush off loose soil. Bring them to a protected area like a porch or covered shed. Lay them out in a single layer on a surface that permits ventilation top and bottom. When the outer skins have turned papery place them in a mesh bag or old panty hose and place them in a dark and cool place.

Lawn:

- Begin lawn renovation and repair. Build up low areas with garden soil and over-seed areas that are thin or bare.
- Attack persistent weeds like bindweed with a 2, 4-D product. But the ultimate goal is to grow a thick healthy turf that will choke out weeds.

Garden:

- Newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs need consistent watering to get established.
- Fertilize roses for the last time around August 15th. Fertilizing later may stimulate new succulent growth that could damage the plant if there is an early frost.
- Divide spring blooming perennials if needed. Ways to tell if a perennial needs to be divided is if the plant has a 'hole' in the middle and doesn't look as attractive as it used to, if blooms decrease or stop altogether or if the plant is crowding out neighboring plants.

Take advantage of plant sales. Usually starting mid-to-late-August and into September many nurseries will have plants sales with prices as much as 50% off.

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Back To School, *continued from front page*

Get a Lap Desk: A lap desk is perfect for doing school assignments on the go. It can function as a laptop stand, travel desk, breakfast table, kids study desk and much more. There's also extra storage space under the desktop. And the legs fold in flat, making these trays easy to store and portable. It's the perfect accessory for your school technology.

Prepare for Morning: Now's the time to prepare for those hectic early mornings. Get in the habit now of making lunches the night before. About two weeks before school starts, have your children go to bed a little earlier each night and wake up to an alarm clock so they're ready for the first day.

Get An Insulated Lunch Box: Back to school also means packing your child's lunch each morning. This insulated lunch box will keep everything cool (or warm) until they're ready to eat.

Make Sure Work is Completed: Was your child assigned school work to complete over the summer? Make sure they've done their reading and any summer homework packets.

Create a Backpack Station: Set up a backpack and coat station. This can be installed in an entryway or mudroom as a designated spot for kids to hang their belongings when they come home each day. It can also help cut down on clutter.

Choose Outfits: Get your kids in the habit of choosing clothes for the week on Sunday. Have your child lay out his or her clothes that they plan to wear the night before. Not only will this make mornings less chaotic, but it may even help cut down on your laundry throughout the week.

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It has been a pleasure working with Matthew Glassman. He is prompt and accommodating to our family's busy schedule. He also has been proactive, making sure he understands our needs and ensuring we are spending our time constructively, only on properties that make the mark. Not only is he professional, but practical, honest, and approachable, which is a hard quality to find in this business. I will be working with Matthew in the future and highly recommend his services! - Shay P.

Matt was extremely invested in helping us find the perfect home. He made himself available on evenings and weekends and worked around our availability to show us every house we were interested in looking at. He was friendly and a pleasure to work with! - Brooke A.

Matthew was a great asset selling our home. Selling our family home was not a easy decision or task. He helped in so many ways, and eased the pain of our sale and our move. When the buyers tried to play "hardball" he didn't budge. He knows the area in Aurora well and always responded quick to any questions or issues we had. We totally recommend him - and will gladly use him again if we ever are looking to move back to the area. Thanks!!! - Katie G.

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Global Fest

When: 19 August, 2023 11:00 - 6 p.m.

Where: Aurora Municipal Center - Great Lawn

Aurora is truly the world in a city, and nowhere is that more apparent than at Global Fest, the city’s annual signature event showcasing international cultures. After a successful celebration last year with over 10,000 attendees, Global Fest is back for its tenth year, with an exciting celebration from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway.

This unique multicultural event—presented by the city of Aurora—brings together the sights, sounds and flavors of nations around the world in celebration of the diverse cultures and communities that call Aurora home.

Global Fest offers entertainment for all ages with two stages of musical and dance performances, an international marketplace, art displays, kids’ activities, resources, food vendors and much more! Attendees will also experience a globally inspired fashion show and the exciting Parade of Nations procession with representation from dozens of countries.

Admission to Global Fest is free. Be sure to follow the city of Aurora’s social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn) for exciting updates!

— <https://www.auroragov.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=16446436>

Water Safety Tips

- DO learn to swim. If you like to have a good time doing water activities, being a strong swimmer is a must.
- DO take a friend along. Even though you may be a good swimmer, you never know when you may need help. Having friends around is safer and just more fun!
- DO know your limits. Watch out for the “too’s” - too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much hard activity.
- DO swim in supervised (watched) areas only, and follow all signs and warnings.
- DO wear a life jacket when boating, jet skiing, water skiing, rafting, or fishing.
- DO stay alert to currents. They can change quickly! If you get caught in a strong current, don’t fight it. Swim parallel to the shore until you have passed through it. Near piers, jetties (lines of big rocks), small dams, and docks, the current gets unpredictable and could knock you around. If you find it hard to move around, head to shore. Learn to recognize and watch for dangerous waves and signs of rip currents - water that is a weird color, really choppy, foamy, or filled with pieces of stuff.
- DO keep an eye on the weather. If you spot bad weather (dark clouds, lighting), pack up and take the fun inside.
- DON’T mess around in the water. Pushing or dunking your friends can get easily out of hand.
- DON’T dive into shallow water. If you don’t know how deep the water is, don’t dive.
- DON’T float where you can’t swim. Keep checking to see if the water is too deep, or if you are too far away from the shore or the poolside.

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