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Mission Viejo HOA Next Monthly Meetings:

August 4th, 2025 at 6:30 pm
at the Mission Viejo Library

September 1st, 2025 at 6:30 pm
at the Mission Viejo Library

Treasurer's Report:

Balance of Funds: 20,169.79

Upcoming Payments:

6/14 Large-Item Trash Day
Volleyball equipment

Recent Expenditures:

\$200 Tips for Waste Connections
Large Item Pickup
\$35 Electronic Storefronts

Summer Vibes: Glow in the Park

Free Event for Teens: Join us for Summer Vibes! All activities, entertainment and prizes are free for teens and pre-teens ages 10 to 17. Wednesday, Aug. 6, 5 to 9 p.m.—Glow in the Park Bicentennial Park, 13655 E. Alameda Ave. Featuring... a DJ, glow in the dark mini golf course and LED glow games.

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Mission Viejo Moves Forward With City Collaboration To Enhance Our Community

As a community association, we are constantly exploring ways to maintain and improve the beauty and integrity of our Mission Viejo neighborhood with limited resources. Following the recent news that our annual neighborhood grant application was not funded by the City of Aurora this year, we took steps to engage with city officials to clarify responsibilities for the upkeep of our shared spaces. We are excited to share the very positive outcomes of these conversations.



For background, while our official status as a formal HOA was dissolved in the past, we have proudly continued to serve as a volunteer community group. Your support has enabled us to offer events like large-item trash pickups, holiday carriage rides, garden clubs, and more. This year, our focus expanded to address larger projects at the request of Mission Viejo residents, including finding solutions to the corroding brick columns along Buckley Road, our neighborhood signs, the fence at the Greenbelt near Mission Viejo Elementary, and weed control along Alicia Avenue.

Upon learning that our grant application—which has provided up to \$5,000 for beautification in past years—was denied, we immediately contacted our Ward V Councilmember, Angela Lawson. The response was nothing short of phenomenal. Within five minutes of our email, Councilmember Lawson had organized meetings with the Aurora City Manager and the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) to help us find a path forward.

We are pleased to report the following clarifications that will guide our community efforts:

Greenbelt Fence and Weed Control

The City of Aurora's PROS department has officially taken responsibility for the maintenance of the gates and fence along the Greenbelt on Alicia Avenue (across from Mission Viejo Elementary). Furthermore, they will manage the weed control along Alicia Avenue, ensuring these prominent areas will be properly maintained by the city.

Community Signs

The city has clarified that the ownership and

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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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Enhance Our Community, *continued from front page*

upkeep of the Mission Viejo community signs are the responsibility of the commercial property owners on whose lots the signs are placed. Armed with this information, we will be reaching out to these owners to propose a partnership. Our goal is to organize volunteer teams for painting and masonry work, hopefully sponsored by the property owners, to restore our signs to their former glory.

Brick Columns on Buckley Road

Responsibility for the iconic brick columns along Buckley Road has been returned to the individual homeowners on whose property the columns are located. We recognize that masonry work can be a daunting task, and we want to help. At our next HOA meeting, we will discuss potential options for organizing volunteer assistance for residents who would like

support in repairing their columns.

This entire process, though initiated by a setback, has ultimately strengthened our community's position and provided a clear, collaborative path forward. We extend sincere thanks to Councilmember Angela Lawson for providing the fastest and most effective response we have ever experienced from a representative. We also want to express our gratitude to Brian Green and Laura Perry from the City of Aurora for taking the time to tour our neighborhood and work with us to find solutions.

We are energized by these developments and look forward to working with all of you to continue making Mission Viejo a wonderful place to live. Please join us at the next community meeting to discuss these projects further!

Thanks all!

— Bryon Taylor, Mission Viejo HOA President



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Aurora City Council AT-LARGE

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Focusing on what's important to Aurora...

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As a successful small business owner and entrepreneur, Danielle knows firsthand what it takes to live within a

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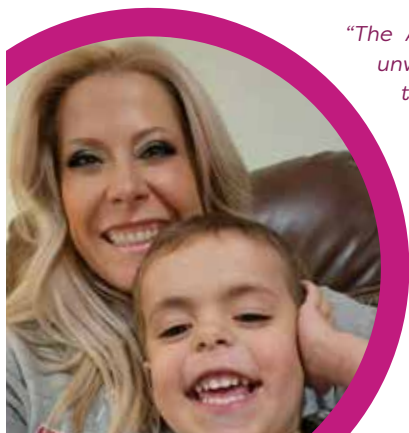
Danielle isn't a politician, she's a job creator and a single mom who works hard to live within her budget and believes government should do the same.

Development

Danielle will continue to ensure Aurora is one of the most business-friendly cities in the state and will continue to eliminate bureaucratic red tape and burdensome government regulations.

Revitalizing Neighborhoods

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Time To Think About Fall Blooming Bulbs

As we approach the peak of summer, sometimes it's hard to think about fall. Personally, fall is my favorite season, so I think about it a lot. Something I've always wondered about is the fall-blooming crocus, specifically the one that produces saffron. When I was asked to write this article about fall-blooming bulbs, that was the plant that immediately came to mind. What I didn't know much about were some of the other fall bloom-

ing bulbs such as autumn daffodils. That got me really excited. Daffs are some of my favorite spring bulbs. They're so bright and happy in the spring garden. But now I can have them in my fall garden as well? Just when everything else is worn out and going to bed for the winter, there are some exciting fall-blooming bulbs that you can plant now to enjoy before the cold weather really sets in.

Crocus Sativus. Photo: Wikipedia

First, let's talk about saffron crocus. *Crocus sativus* has been cultivated by humans for thousands of years for its stigmas, which are used in cooking as the spice saffron. You may have noticed how expensive saffron is in stores. It's more valuable by weight than gold. You can even grow it yourself under the proper conditions. It's hardy to Zone 6, so you need to plant it in a pot that is protected during winter, or in a covered, raised bed or a very warm, protected part of the garden. Unlike spring bulbs which need the chill of winter to induce blooming, fall-blooming crocus need a long period of hot and dry weather to bloom. Late summer is the ideal time to plant them, which makes now the time to plan your new saffron crocus crop. I have a very hot and dry spot in my yard where I plan to grow some this year.

Not interested in making your new fortune harvesting saffron? There are other cultivars of fall blooming crocus to check out. *Crocus speciosus* and *Crocus pulchellus* are hardy down to Zone 4 and Zone 5, respectively. Both come in a variety of colors to spice up the fall garden. All crocus bulbs are technically corms and should be planted both four to six inches deep, with space between them.

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Fall Bulbs, *continued from page 5*

Sternbergia Lutea. Photo: Pacific Bulb Society

Another exciting addition to the fall garden is the autumn daffodil. The most commonly available is a bright yellow crocus look-alike, *Sternbergia lutea*. It will require winter protection, as well, since it's hardy down to Zone 6. After falling into a Google search rabbit hole, it looks like some daffodil enthusiasts have been successfully hybridizing other fall-blooming daffodils that appear more like traditional daffs. Sadly, they don't seem to be readily available yet. Instead, check out colchicums with their lilac blossoms to mix with your autumn daffs.



**Autumn crocus (*Colchicum autumnale*).
Photo: gardenindelight.com**



Do these fall-blooming bulbs have you more excited about your fall garden? I know I'm looking forward to trying out some new varieties.

— By Sarah Henderson, Colorado Master Gardener

Mission Viejo Library Programs

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Sat, Aug. 16 at 10:30 a.m. 150 for 50 Fundraiser Launch

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:

Tue, Aug. 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m. Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)

Thu, Aug. 21 at 10:30 a.m. Sensory Storytime (ages 0-5)

Thu, Aug. 28 at 10:30 a.m. Special Storytime: Pets (ages 0-5)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, Aug 20 at 4:30 p.m. Papercraft Club (ages 6-18)

Wed, Aug 27 at 4:30 p.m. Terrarium Snack Craft (ages 6-18)

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, Aug 21 at 4:30 p.m. Squishy Painting (ages 12-18)

Thu, Aug 28 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18)

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The entire harvest season runs from late June to early October. While you can purchase Palisade peaches from almost any grocery store or at your local farmer's market, one of the most memorable ways is to pick your own. Choose from over 30 farms in the area, where you can schedule a time to stroll the fields and find the perfect peaches.

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In anticipation of another school season, not to mention all the shopping that comes with it, these first-day-of-school traditions and ideas will help get kids in the headspace for a new year.

- **Have a show-and-tell dinner on the first night.** Family dinners are always important, but make it a back-to-school tradition to allow the kids to tell you everything about their first day, from the friends they haven't seen over the summer to the classroom layout or what they had for lunch.

- **A day-one surprise.** Celebrate the first day in style with a visit from the First Day of School Fairy. She can deliver a few back-to-school school supplies and an encouraging note for the new year.

- **Customize something.** You can order specialized pencils with their name or label their new water bottle, but allowing your kids to stake their claim on school gear can help them feel confident about heading back to school.

- **Make an awesome breakfast.** You'll be throwing cereal and milk at the kids soon enough, so why not whip up a fancy breakfast for their first day? It'll keep your kids full, and make them look forward to getting up early!

- **Read a special book the night before.** Whether it's *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* or *Miss Nelson Is Missing!*, find a classic picture book that'll get your kids ready to start the new year.

- **Make a sundae bar.** This sweet, simple back-to-school tradition will calm anyone's jitters about heading back to school. Put your favorite toppings in jars and make them meaningful with labels encouraging the qualities you'd like to see demonstrated throughout the new year. Have your little

scholar cover their ice cream in kindness, bravery, obedience, and happiness, then top it off with sprinkles of love.

- **Celebrate School Year's Eve.** You celebrate New Year's Eve, so why not do the same for School Year's Eve? Get poppers or noisemakers, provide treats, and throw a little dance party. It'll get your students excited for what's to come, and it's a great way to include other fun first-day-of-school ideas on this list.

- **Have a back-to-school dinner.** Making a favorite meal and celebrating the start of another school year with an awesome dinner in their honor will always make your kids feel special.

- **Have a special activity for the end of the first day of school.** Whether you take them to their favorite park to burn off that first-day anxiety, have a craft planned, or grab an ice cream and talk, it's easy to make the first after-school afternoon unique.

- **Write a sidewalk chalk message.** If there's a sweeter first day of school tradition than a chalk message outside the front door, we haven't found it. Go all out or keep it simple—either way, it's an extra boost to help ease those first-day jitters. If your first day is distance learning, surprise the kids with a message they can see from the window or on a quick preschool start walk.

- **Pack a super special lunch.** Packing their lunch in a special lunchbox or bento box with a treat or a lunchbox joke is a great first-day-of-school idea! Get your kids involved by asking them what they want, and have them help you get it ready.

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