



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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National Thank You Note Day

National Thank-You Note Day on December 26th recognizes the time-honored tradition of thanking people for their gifts, hospitality, and generosity. It is a day to get some note cards, paper, pen, envelopes, and stamps to write those special thank-yous.



National Cocoa Day

December 13th ushers in a celebration worthy of the winter holidays with National Cocoa Day. What better way to warm up after a cold day outside?

Trash-Truck Day Was A Success!!

We had our Semi-Annual trash truck (Dumpster) Day in October, and many members took great advantage of it. One member came through the line 3 times since she couldn't bring everything at one time. Thanks to Holy Love for use of their parking lot! And thanks to all the volunteers that help make the day fun! You can gather your items for the next Dumpster Day in the Spring... OR... feel free to call Waste Connections and enjoy their curbside pickup of bigger items for only \$15!



Mission Viejo Real Estate News

The one thing we always hear is that there is a lack of inventory (or number of homes to sell). So even though interest rates were climbing, the lack of inventory kept all the house prices up... well until recently, when the inventory nearly doubled! The last Federal interest rate hike went up to 8%! This makes first-time homeownership very difficult. For example, a \$500k house with 10% down at 8% is \$3904/mo payment! Who can make that?! If you own your home and are enjoying \$1700/mo mortgage payments, count yourself lucky!! Here in Mission Viejo, we currently have 12 properties active to purchase with a median price of \$522k. There were 5 sold last month with an average of 27 days on the market.

— (written by Deb Kirschbaum, Realtor)

Treasurer's Report

MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2023

Beginning 1STBANK Balance -- \$15,694.78

Ending 1STBANK Balance -- \$15,338.53

PayPal Balance at 10/31/23 – Not updated this month.

Expenses this month included:

- Electronic Storefronts -- \$35.00
- QuickBooks -- \$62.25
- Security Self Storage (October) – \$205.00
- Bank Fees (Visa debit cards) -- \$4.00

Deposits and other additions:

- No Deposits This Cycle

Upcoming expense will be \$2,250.00 for Dumpster Day (Neighborhood Improvement Grant awarded \$2,100.00 for this event.)

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!



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.

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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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Mission Viejo Elementary News

Hello Neighbors. As we approach the holiday season, I hope everyone is making time to slow down and enjoy the magic of all of the holidays and time with treasured friends and family. I would like to send a huge thank you to all of you that joined us for our Fall Festival and Veterans Day Celebration. We enjoy having our neighbors participating in our learning community. The more adult role models we have for our children, the better! Here are a few events coming up in December:

- **December 7th:** Winter Choir Concert, 6:30 pm
- **December 11th:** Board of Education (BOE) Meeting, 7:00 pm
 - Location: Falcon Creek Middle School, 600 S. Genoa St, Aurora, CO 80016
- **December 14th:** Mission Viejo PASS Meeting, 6:00 pm
- **December 15th:** Oral Spelling Bee
- **December 16th:** "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.
- **December 18th:** Super Citizen (Grades PK-2), 8:30 am
- **December 19th:** Super Citizen (Grades 3-5), 8:30 am
- **December 25th-January 9th:** No School, Winter Break

If you would like to be our guest for any of these events, please contact the front office (720-886-8000) for more information. On behalf of the staff, students and of Mission Viejo Elementary, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season. — Your Neighbor, André Pearson, Principal

Mission Viejo Library: Dec. Programs

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Sat, Dec. 2 from 2-5 pm: Cozy Puzzle Hangout
 Fri, Dec. 15, all day Card Writing for Veterans

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:

Tues, Dec. 5 & 12, 10:30 am: Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)
 Thu, Dec. 7 & 14, 10:30 am: Storytime (ages 0-6)

PROGRAMS FOR

OLDER CHILDREN AND PRE-TEENS:

Wed, Dec. 6 at 4:30 pm: Perler Bead Club (ages 8-15)
 Wed, Dec. 13 at 4:30 pm: Marshmallow Animals & Hot Cocoa (ages 6-15)
 Sat, Dec. 16, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS:

Thu, Dec. 7 at 4:30 pm: Donut Snowmen & Snow Globes (ages 11-18)
 Thu, Dec. 14 at 4:30 pm: Oreo Cookie Pops (ages 11-18)
 Sat, Dec. 16 at 3:00 pm: Teen Movie Hangout (ages 11-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Mon, Dec. 4 & 11, 10:30 am: Coffee and Coloring
 Fri, Dec. 8 at 4:30 pm: Winter Crafting
 Sat, Dec. 9 at 4:00 pm: Adult Art: Diamond Dot Snowflakes
 Fri, Dec. 15 at 4:30 pm: Wrap and Chat

VIRTUAL/WEBEX PROGRAMS:

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

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Denver Botanic Gardens Blossoms of Light

A stroll through the Denver Botanic Gardens is a delightful way to celebrate the holiday season. The Blossoms of Light extravaganza is a twinkling and breathtaking twist on the already beautiful gardens, especially on a December evening.

For over 30 years, lights have transformed this cultural pocket of Denver and become an annual tradition for many local families and friends. From Friday to Sunday, November 17th, 2023 to January 7th, 2024, enjoy warm drinks and holiday treats amongst the most festive lights, blossoms, and pathways in Colorado.



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Homemade Candy Canes

These homemade candy canes are SO much better than store-bought, and so fun to make! Just make sure you have a stick of butter handy to keep your hands buttered for pulling so it doesn't stick to you.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. peppermint extract
- 1 tsp. red food coloring



How To Make:

1. In heavy-bottomed large saucepan or small pot, combine first 4 ingredients and stir until sugar dissolves. Cook, without stirring to hard-ball stage. (265 degrees.)
2. Remove from heat and add peppermint extract. Divide into 2 portions, and add coloring to one part. Pour out onto buttered cookie sheets. (Pour half onto one sheet, then add coloring to the rest and then pour onto second sheet.) when it's cool enough to handle, start pulling each part separately. (Best done with 2 people, but if doing alone, go back and forth pulling each.)
3. When you feel like you just can't pull anymore, form into ropes and twist them together. Cut into 8" lengths, form into the shape of candy canes, and place on lightly buttered platter til fully hardened.



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7 Ways To Make The Holidays Safer For Pets

Nothing can spoil holiday cheer like an emergency visit to a veterinary clinic. These seven tips can help prevent a holiday disaster with your pets.

1. Keep people food out of the reach of your pet, and ask your guests to do the same.
2. Make sure your pet doesn't have any access to treats, especially those containing chocolate, xylitol, grapes/raisins, onions or other toxic foods.
3. Don't leave your pet alone in the room with lit candles, a decorated tree or potpourri.
4. Keep holiday plants (especially holly, mistletoe and lillies) out of reach of pets.
5. Consider leaving the tinsel off your tree if you have a cat.
6. Secure your Christmas tree to keep it from falling over if your dog bumps it or your cat climbs it. Hanging lemon-scented car air fresheners in the tree may deter your cat from climbing it.
7. Provide a safe place for your pet to escape the excitement (such as a kennel, crate, perching place, scratching post shelf or hiding place) if you're entertaining guests. If your pet is excitable or scared, consider putting your pet in another room with some toys and a comfortable bed.

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RENT vs SELL

The market needs more properties. Which one makes sense for you?

✓ Rent Paid = Steady Income

✓ Legacy Building for your family

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Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

You don't have to hit the slopes to have some cold, wintery fun. Check out these rinks to get your ice skating fix.

RINK AT BELMAR, LAKEWOOD

Admission (skate rental included): \$10 (\$8 for kids 12 and under; seniors and children two and under skate free) or \$6 if you bring your own skates. Park in the lot at Teller Street and West Virginia Avenue. Even in the daytime, the Rink at Belmar can get plenty of shade, so make sure you check the weather and bundle up. Extreme weather may close the rink, so check online or call ahead to make sure the rink is open as planned. Outdoor heaters and fire pits help friends or parents stay toasty.

SKATING IN THE SQUARE, ARVADA

Admission (skate rental included): \$10 (\$7 for kids 12 and under). Take the G Line to Olde Town Arvada, and you'll find a cozy little skating rink in the square on 57th Avenue, between the library and the pedestrian mall. Pick up your skates at the nearby shed and take to the (synthetic) ice.

PARKER ICE TRAIL, PARKER

Admission: \$9 (\$7 for kids 10 and under). **Skate rental:** \$4. The ice circles a center grassy area and is fenced in on both the inside and outside, offering more space for beginners to hold on as they get accustomed to the ice. Located at the edge of downtown Parker in Discovery Park (behind the library), the ice trail offers concessions, skating aids for new skaters, and a handful of fire pits and seating for spectators to keep warm.

DOWNTOWN DENVER RINK, DENVER

Admission: Free. **Skate rental:** \$11 (\$9 for kids 12 and under; fourth graders skate free). The downtown rink sits in Skyline Park, in the shadow of the Daniels & Fisher clocktower between the 16th Street Mall and 17th on Arapahoe Street. Open late on holidays and weekends, the rink offers concessions and locker storage for your belongings. Fourth graders skate free, and double-bladed skates are available in children sizes.

EVERGREEN LAKE, EVERGREEN

Admission: \$14 (children four and under skate free); \$20 with skate rental included. **Skate rental:** \$10. Winning the prize for best views while skating, Evergreen Lake is open throughout the winter as weather permits. Learn to Skate classes are available for children, and athletes can sign up for hockey and broomball online. Regulars or families can purchase 10-punch skate cards for \$120 (\$30 savings). Park at Evergreen Lake House or take the shuttle from Stagecoach Park lower parking lot on weekends and holidays.



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